

Skills progression - Science



	Plants	Animals, including humans	Everyday materials (classifying an grouping)	Seasonal changes
Year I	 Name the petals, stem, leaf, bulb, flower, seed, stem and root of a plant Identify and name a range of common plants and trees Recognise deciduous and evergreen trees Name the trunk, branches and root of a tree Describe the parts of a plant (roots, stem, leaves, flowers) Name the main parts of a flowering plant 	 Point out some of the differences between different animals sort photographs of living things and non-living things Identify and name a variety of common animals (birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals, invertebrates) Describe how an animal is suited to its environment Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores Name the parts of the human body that they can see Draw & label basic parts of the human body Identify the main parts of the human body and link them to their senses Name the parts of an animal's body Name a range of domestic animals Classify animals by what they eat (carnivore, herbivore, omnivore) Compare the bodies of different animals Begin to classify animals according to a number of given criteria Point out differences between living and non-living things Name some parts of the human body that cannot be seen Say why certain animals have certain characteristics Name a range of wild animals 	Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made Describe materials using their senses Describe materials using their senses, using specific scientific words Explain what material objects are made from Explain why a material might be useful for a specific job Name some different everyday materials Sort materials into groups by a given criteria Explain how solid shapes can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching Describe things that are similar and different between materials Explain what happens to certain materials when they are cooled	 Observe changes across the four seasons Name the four seasons in order Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons Observe and describe how day length varies Observe features in the environment and explain that these are related to a specific season Observe and talk about changes in the weather Talk about weather variation in different parts of the world
		Liwing things and their habitats	Classifying and grouping materials Changing materials	
Year 2	 Describe what plants need to survive Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants Find out & describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy Describe what plants need to survive and link it to where they are found Explain that plants grow and reproduce in different ways 	 Describe what animals need to survive Explain that animals grow and reproduce Explain why animals have offspring which grow into adults Describe the life cycle of some living things Explain the basic needs of animals, including humans for survival Describe why exercise, balanced diet and hygiene are important for humans Explain that animals reproduce in different ways Match certain living things to the habitats they are found in Explain the differences between living and non-living things Describe some of the life processes common to plants and animals, including humans Decide whether something is living, dead or non-living Describe how a habitat provides for the basic needs of things living there Describe how plants and animals are suited to their habitat Name some characteristics of an animal that help it to live in a particular habitat Describe what animals need to survive and link this to their habitat 	 Explain how things move on different surfaces Explain how materials are changed by heating and cooling Explain how materials are changed by twisting, bending and stretching Tell which materials cannot be 	

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		Rocks	Forces and magnets	Light	
Year 3	Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants? (roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers) Explore the requirement of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) Explain how they vary from plant to plant Investigate the way in which water is transported within plants Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal Classify a range of common plants according to many criteria	 Explain the importance of a nutritionally balanced diet Describe how nutrients, water and oxygen are transported within animals and humans Identify that animals, including humans, cannot make their own food: they get nutrition from what they eat Describe and explain the skeletal system of a human Explain how the muscular system of a human Explain how the muscular and skeletal systems work together to create movement Classify living and non -living things by a number of characteristics that they have thought of Explain how certain living things depend on one another to survive 	magnets and which are not Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether	when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid object • Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change • Explain why lights need to be brighter or dimmer according to need • Explain the difference between transparent, translucent and opaque • Explain why lights need to be bright or dimmer according to need • Make a bulb go on and off	
lear 4		Animals including humans Living things and their habitats	States of matter	Sound	Electricity
		 Identify and name the basic parts of the digestive system in humans Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans Identify the digestive system in humans Identify the simple function of different types of teeth in humans Compare the teeth of herbivores and carnivores explain what a simple food chain shows Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey Classify living and non-living things by a number of characteristics that they have Explore and use a classification key to group, identify and name a variety of living things (plants, vertebrates, invertebrates) Compare the classification of common plants and animals to living things found in other places Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways Explore and use a classification key to group, identify and name a variety of living things (plants, vertebrates, invertebrates) Compare the classification of common plants and animals to living things Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of living things (plants, vertebrates, invertebrates) Compare the classification of common plants and animals to living things Recognise that living things invertebrates, invertebrates, invertebrates) Compare the classification of common plants and animals to living things Recognise that living things (paul spiral produces, invertebrates) Compare the classification of common plants and animals to living things Recognise that living things (paul spiral produces, invertebrates) 	 Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases Explain what happens to materials when they are heated or cooled Measure or research the temperature at which different materials change state in degrees Celsius Use measurements to explain changes to the state of water Identify the part that evaporation and condensation has in the water cycle Associate the rate of evaporation with temperature Group and classify a variety of materials according to the impact of temperature on them Explain what happens over time to materials such as puddles on the playground or 	 how they are made Associate some sounds with something vibrating Compare sources of sound and explain how the sounds differ Explain how to change a sound (louder/softer) Recognise how vibrations from sound travel through a medium to an ear Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produce it Find patterns between the volume of the sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source 	 in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit Associate a switch opening with whether or not lamp lights in a simple series circuit Recognise some common conductors and insulators

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Explain how a bulb might get lighter

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	 Explain how people, weather and the environment can affect living things Explain how certain living things depend on one another to survive 	Name and group a variety of living things based on feeding patterns	washing hanging on a line Relate temperature to change of state of materials	 Explain how you could change the pitch of a sound Investigate how different materials can affect the pitch and volume of sounds Explain why sound gets fainter or louder according to distance Explain how pitch and volume can be changed in a variety of ways Work out which materials give the best insulation for sound 	 Recognise if all metals are conductors of electricity Work out which metals can be used to connect across a gap in a circuit Explain why cautions are necessary for working safely with electricity
Year 5	Animals including humans	Living things and their habitats	Properties and changes to materials	Earth and space	Forces
	 Describe the changes experienced in puberty Draw a timeline to indicate stages in the growth and development of humans 	Describe the differences in the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds Describe the life cycles of common plants Explore the work of well know naturalists and animal behaviourists Observe the local environment and draw conclusions about life cycles Compare the life cycles of plants and animals in their local environment with the life cycles of those around the world	 Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets Explain how some materials dissolve in liquid to form a solution Describe how to recover a substance from a solution Use their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving, evaporating Give reasons, based on evidence for comparative and fair tests for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals wood and plastic Describe changes using scientific words (evaporation, condensation) Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes Explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials, and that this kid of change is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda Use the terms 'reversible' and 'irreversible' Describe methods for separating mixtures Work out which materials are most effective for keeping us warm of something cold Use their knowledge of materials to suggest ways to classify Explore the work of chemists who created new materials 	apparent movement of the sun across the sky Compare the time of day at different places on earth Create shadow clocks Begin to understand how older civilizations used the sun to create astronomical clocks Explore the work of some scientists	Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the earth because of the force of gravity acting between the earth and the falling object Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect Describe and explain how motion is affected by forces Design very effective parachutes Work out how water can cause resistance to floating objects Explore how scientists helped to develop the theory of gravitation

Year 6 Evolution and inheritance	Animals including humans Living things and their habitats	Light	Electricity
Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the earth millions of years ago Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents Give reasons why offspring are not identical to each other or to their parents Explain the process of evolution and describe the evidence for this Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution Talk about the work of Charles Darwin, Mary Anning and Alfred Wallace Explain ow some living things adapt to survive in extreme conditions Analyse the advantages and disadvantages of specific adaptations Begin to understand what is meant by DNA	Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function Describe the ways in which nutrients and water and transported within animals, including humans Explain why classification is important Readily group animals into reptiles, amphibians, birds and mammals Sub divide their original groupings and explain their divisions Group animals into vertebrates and invertebrates Find out about the significance of the work of scientist O Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences including microorganisms, plants and animals Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics Explore the work of medical pioneers and recognise how much we have learnt about our bodies Compare the organ systems of humans to other animals Make a diagram of the human body and explain how different parts work and depend on one another Name the major organs of the human body Locate the major human organs Make a diagram that outlines the main parts of a body	Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects a seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye Explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to object and then to our eyes Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadow have the same shape as the objects that cast them Explain how different colours of light can be created Use and explain how simple optical instruments work Explore a range of phenomena including rainbows, colours on soap bubbles, objects looking bent in water and coloured filters	simple electric series circuit (cells, wires, bulbs, switches, buzzers) • Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers, the on/off position of switches • Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram • Make their own traffic light system or something similar • Explain the danger of short circuits • Explain what a fuse is • Explain how to make changes in a circuit • Explain the impact of changes in a circuit • Explain the effect of changing the voltage of a battery