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|  | **Science: Working Scientifically** | | | | | |
|  | **Features** | | | | | |
| **Key Stage 1 National Curriculum Programme of Study** | | **Lower Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Programme of Study** | | **Upper Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Programme of Study** | |
| During years 1 and 2, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content:   * asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways * observing closely, using simple equipment * performing simple tests * identifying and classifying * using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions * gathering and recording data to help in answering questions. | | During years 3 and 4, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content:   * asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them * setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests * making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers * gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions * recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables * reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions * using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions * identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes * using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings. | | During years 5 and 6, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content:   * planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary * taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate * recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs * using test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests * reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations * identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments. | |
| Across the key stages the National Curriculum’s skills progression are included within the following (PSTT) Enquiry Skills strands:   * Asking questions and recognising they can be answered in different ways * Making predictions * Engaging in practical enquiry to answer questions * Making observations and taking measurements * Recording and presenting evidence * Evaluating and raising further questions and predictions * Communicating findings | | | | | |
| Skills are dependent on specific knowledge. A skill is the capacity to perform and in order to perform a deep body of knowledge needs to be acquired and retained. | | | | | |
| These knowledge statements should be what pupils retain for ever. In other words, this knowledge is within their long-term memory and will be retained. | | | | | |
| When considering pupils’ improvement in subject specific vocabulary, pupils could be provided with a knowledge organiser which contains all words used for computing for their age group. | | | | | |
| **EYFS** | **Year 1** | **Year 2** | **Year 3** | **Year 4** | **Year 5** | **Year 6** |
|  | **NOTE: These opportunities for working scientifically should be provided across years 1 and 2 so that the expectations in the programme of study can be met by the end of year 2. Pupils are not expected to cover each aspect for every area of study.** | | **NOTE: These opportunities for working scientifically should be provided across years 3 and 4 so that the expectations in the programme of study can be met by the end of year 4. Pupils are not expected to cover each aspect for every area of study.** | | **NOTE: These opportunities for working scientifically should be provided across years 5 and 6 so that the expectations in the programme of study can be met by the end of year 6. Pupils are not expected to cover each aspect for every area of study.** | |
| **Skills**  Icon  Description automatically generated  **EYFS**  ***Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions.***  **PSTT** | **Asking questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways \*Plan** | | | | | |
| ***NC:***  ***Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways\**** | | ***NC:***  ***Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them\**** | | ***NC:***  ***Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions\**** | |
| * While exploring the world, the children develop their ability to ask questions (such as what something is, how things are similar and different, the ways things work, which alternative is better, how things change and how they happen). Where appropriate, they answer these questions\*   • The children answer questions developed with the  teacher often through a scenario\*  • The children are involved in planning how to use  resources provided to answer the questions using  different types of enquiry, helping them to recognise  that there are different ways in which questions can  be answered\* | | • The children consider their prior knowledge when asking questions. They independently use a range of question stems. Where appropriate, they answer these questions\*  • The children answer questions posed by the teacher\*  • Given a range of resources, the children decide for themselves how to gather evidence to answer the question. They identify the type of enquiry that they have chosen to answer their question\* | | • Children independently ask scientific questions. This may be stimulated by a scientific experience or involve asking further questions based on their developed understanding following an enquiry\*  • Given a wide range of resources the children decide for themselves how to gather evidence to answer a scientific question. They choose a type of enquiry to carry out and justify their choice\* | |
|  | **Developing Scientific Literacy by understanding and using scientific vocabulary and carrying out research for scientific inquiry** | | | | | |
|  | | ***NC:***  ***Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them\****  They recognise when secondary sources can be used to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical work. They identify the type of enquiry that they have chosen to answer their question\* | | ***NC:***  ***Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions\****  They recognise how secondary sources can be used to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical work\* | |
| Icon  Description automatically generated  **EYFS**  ***Show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.***  ***Be confident to try new activities…***  ***Use a range of small tools…***  ***Safely use and explore a variety of materials.***  **PSTT** | **Engaging in practical enquiry to answer questions\*Plan** | | | | | |
| ***NC:***  ***Performing simple tests\****   * The children use practical resources provided to gather evidence to answer questions generated by themselves or the teacher. They carry out: tests to classify; comparative tests; pattern seeking enquiries; and make observations over time\* | | ***NC:***  ***Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests\****  • The children select from a range of practical resources to gather evidence to answer questions generated by themselves or the teacher\*  • They follow their plan to carry out: observations and tests to classify; comparative and simple fair tests; observations over time; and pattern seeking\*  **Explanatory note:** A comparative test is performed by changing a variable that is qualitative e.g. the type of material, shape of the parachute. This leads to a ranked outcome.  A fair test is performed by changing a variable that is quantitative e.g. the thickness of the material or the area of the canopy. This leads to establishing a causative relationship\* | | ***NC:***  ***Planning different types of scientific enquiries, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary\****  • The children select measuring equipment to give the most precise results e.g. ruler, tape measure or trundle wheel, force meter with a suitable scale\*  • During an enquiry, they make decisions e.g. whether they need to: take repeat readings (fair testing); increase the sample size (pattern seeking); adjust the observation period and frequency (observing over time); or check further secondary sources (researching); in order to get accurate data (closer to the true value)\* | |
| ***NC:***  ***Identifying and classifying\****   * Children use their observations and testing to compare objects, materials and living things. They sort and group these things, identifying their own criteria for sorting\* * They use simple secondary sources (such as identification sheets) to name living things. They describe the characteristics they used to identify a living thing\* | |
| Icon  Description automatically generated  **EYFS**  ***Use a range of small tools…***  ***Safely use and explore a variety of materials.***  **PSTT** | **Making observations and taking measurements\*Plan** | | | | | |
| ***NC:***  ***Observing closely, using simple equipment\**** | | ***NC:***  ***Making systematic and careful observations, and where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers\**** | | ***NC:***  ***Taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings where necessary\**** | |
| • Children explore the world around them. They make careful observations to support identification, comparison and noticing change. They use appropriate senses, aided by equipment such as magnifying glasses or digital microscopes, to make their observations\*  • They begin to take measurements, initially by comparisons, then using non-standard units\* | | • The children make systematic and careful observations\*  • They use a range of equipment for measuring length, time, temperature and capacity. They use standard units for their measurements\* | | • The children select measuring equipment to give the most precise results e.g. ruler, tape measure or trundle wheel, force meter with a suitable scale\*  • During an enquiry, they make decisions e.g. whether they need to: take repeat readings (fair testing); increase the sample size (pattern seeking); adjust the observation period and frequency (observing over time); or check further secondary sources (researching); in order to get accurate data (closer to the true value)\* | |
| Icon  Description automatically generated  **EYFS**  ***Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.***  **PSTT** | **Recording and presenting evidence\*Plan** | | | | | |
| ***NC: Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions\**** | | ***NC: Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions\****  ***NC: Recording finding using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts and tables\**** | | ***NC: Recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar charts and line graphs\**** | |
| * The children record their observations e.g. using photographs, videos, drawings, labelled diagrams or in writing\*. * They record their measurements e.g. using prepared tables, pictograms, tally charts and block graphs\* * They classify using simple prepared tables and sorting rings\* | | • The children sometimes decide how to record and present evidence. They record their observation e.g. using photographs, videos, pictures, labelled diagrams or writing. They record their measurements e.g. using tables, tally charts and bar charts (given templates, if required, to which they can add headings). They record classifications e.g. using tables, Venn diagrams, Carroll diagrams\*  • Children are supported to present the same data in different ways in order to help with answering the question\* | | • The children decide how to record and present evidence. They record observations e.g. using annotated photographs, videos, labelled diagrams, observational drawings, labelled scientific diagrams or writing. They record measurements e.g. using tables, tally charts, bar charts, line graphs and scatter graphs. They record classifications e.g. using tables, Venn diagrams, Carroll diagrams and classification keys\*  • Children present the same data in different ways in order to help with answering the question\* | |
| Icon  Description automatically generated  **EYFS**  ***Participate in***  ***discussions,***  ***offering their***  ***own ideas,***  ***using recently***  ***introduced***  ***vocabulary.***  ***Offer***  ***explanations***  ***for why things***  ***might happen***  ***…***  **PSTT** | **Evaluating and raising further questions and predictions\*Plan** | | | | | |
| ***Using their observations to suggest answers to questions.* \*PSTT** | | ***NC: Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions\****  • They identify ways in which they adapted their method as they progressed or how they would do it differently if they repeated the enquiry\*  • Children use their evidence to suggest values for different items tested using the same method e.g. the distance travelled by a car on an additional surface\*  • Following a scientific experience, the children ask further questions which can be answered by extending the same enquiry\* | | ***NC: Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations\****  • They evaluate, for example, the choice of method used, the control of variables, the precision and accuracy of measurements and the credibility of secondary sources used\*  • They identify any limitations that reduce the trust they have in their data\*  ***NC: Using test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests\****  • Children use the scientific knowledge gained from enquiry work to make predictions they can investigate using comparative and fair tests\* | |
| Icon  Description automatically generated  **EYFS**  ***Participate in***  ***discussions,***  ***offering their***  ***own ideas,***  ***using recently***  ***introduced***  ***vocabulary.***  ***Offer***  ***explanations***  ***for why things***  ***might happen***  ***…***  ***Express their***  ***ideas and***  ***feelings about***  ***their***  ***experiences.***  ***Know some***  ***similarities***  ***and***  ***differences …***  ***drawing on***  ***their***  ***experiences.***  **PSTT** | **Answering questions and concluding\*Plan** | | | | | |
| ***NC: Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions\****  • Children use their experiences of the world around them to suggest appropriate answers to questions. They are supported to relate these to their evidence e.g. observations they have made, measurements they have taken or information they have gained from secondary sources\*  • The children recognise ‘biggest and smallest’, ‘best and worst’ etc. from their data\* | | ***NC: Using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings\****  • Children answer their own and others’ questions based on observations they have made, measurements they have taken or information they have gained from secondary sources. The answers are consistent with the evidence\*  ***NC: Identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes\****  • Children interpret their data to generate simple comparative statements based on their evidence. They begin to identify naturally occurring patterns and causal relationships\*  ***NC: Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions\****  • They draw conclusions based on their evidence and current subject knowledge\* | | ***NC: Identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments\****  • Children answer their own and others’ questions based on observations they have made, measurements they have taken or information they have gained from secondary sources. When doing this, they discuss whether other evidence e.g. from other groups, secondary sources and their scientific understanding, supports or refutes their answer\*  • They talk about how their scientific ideas change due to new evidence that they have gathered\*  • They talk about how new discoveries change scientific understanding\*  ***NC: Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations\****  • In their conclusions, children: identify causal relationships and patterns in the natural world from their evidence; identify results that do not fit the overall pattern; and explain their findings using their subject knowledge\* | |
| Icon  Description automatically generated | **Communicating their findings\*Plan** | | | | | |
|  |  | ***NC: Reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions\****  • They communicate their findings to an audience both orally and in writing, using appropriate scientific vocabulary\* | | ***NC: Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations\****  • They communicate their findings to an audience using relevant scientific language and illustrations\* | |

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EYFS Early Learning Goals linked to Working Scientifically Skills

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