

Progression of skills –Science

	Curriculum intent:
	At Shawclough Primary School, our children are SCIENTISTS! Our intent is to give every child a broad and balanced Science
Shawclough Community School	curriculum which enables them to confidently explore and discover what is around them, so that they have a deeper
Independent anquirers Effective participators Reflective learners	understanding of the world we live in. We want our children to love science. We want them to have no limits to what their
Creative thinkers Self managers Team workers	ambitions are and grow up wanting to be astronauts, forensic scientists, toxicologists or microbiologists. We want our children to remember their science lessons in our school, to cherish these memories and embrace the scientific
	opportunities they are presented with! To achieve this, it involves exciting, practical hands on experiences that encourage
	curiosity and questioning. Our aim is that these stimulating and challenging experiences help every child secure and extend
	their scientific knowledge and vocabulary, as well as promoting a love and thirst for learning. At Shawclough, we have a
	coherently planned and sequenced curriculum which has been carefully designed and developed with the need of every
	child at the centre of what we do. We want to equip our children with not only the minimum statutory requirements of the
	science National Curriculum but to prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.
	For the youngest children, understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and
	community. The frequency and range of children's personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world
	around them- from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of society such as police officers,
	nurses and firefighters. In addition, listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their
	understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. As well as building important
	knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that supports understanding across domains. Enriching and widening
	children's vocabulary will support later reading comprehension



	Intended experiences Nursery	Intended experiences Reception	Early Learning Goal
Understanding the world- The Natural world	 To explore natural and man-made materials To talk about natural materials using a wide vocabulary linked to all my senses. To show care for their environment and plants and care for plants. To describe some life cycles. To talk about what they can see outside using a wide vocabulary. To change materials e.g. adding water to cornflour, mixing paint etc. 	 To describe what they can see, hear and feel outside. To talk about the area they live in, including the weather etc. To talk about forces they feel e.g. push, pull etc. To talk about the differences in materials. To describe animals and plants (both from photos and real life experiences). To describe their own environment and local area. To describe another environment e.g. desert, Artic etc. To talk about the weather linked to seasonal change and talk about changes e.g. freezing, melting (linked to baking, paint mixing, mud play, etc.) 	Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter



	National Curriculum	Year 1	Vocabulary
	Working scientifically		
•	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	Ask simple scientific questions Use simple equipment to make observations Carry out simple tests Identify and classify things Suggest what I have found out Use simple data to answer questions	Questions, answers, equipment, gather, measure, record, results, sort, group, test, explore, observe, compare, describe, similar/ities, different/ces, beaker, pipette, syringe.
•	Plants identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees		Names of: wild plants, garden plants, flowering plants, trees, leaf, flower, blossom, petal, fruit, berry, root, bulb, seed, trunk, branch, stem bark, stalk, vegetable.
•	Animals, including humans identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals	Name a variety of animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Classification of animals based on their diet	Body, head, neck, arms, elbows, legs, knees, face, ears, eyes, eyebrows,
•	identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores	Classification of animals into categories (including teeth, tong	eyelashes, nose, hair, mouth, teeth, tongue, feet, toes, fingers, pails, apklos, calf
•	describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals including pets)	fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.) Describe common animals linking them to find common structures.	fingers, nails, ankles, calf, thigh, hips, waist, trunk, chest, shoulders, back, hands, wrist, tail, wing, claw, fin, scales, feathers, fur, beak,



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 identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense Everyday materials distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties 	Name, draw and label the basic parts of the body. Link the senses to the appropriate body part. Use their senses to compare different textures, sounds, tastes, smells, sight. Distinguish between an object and the material it is made from. Identify and name everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock. Describe the simple properties of a variety of everyday materials. Compare and group a variety of everyday objects based on the materials they are made from.	senses, hearing, seeing, touching. Object, material, wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock, brick, paper, fabric, elastic, foil, cardboard, rubber, wool, clay, hard, soft, stretchy, stiff, bendy, waterproof, absorbent, tear, rough, smooth, shiny, dull, see through, not see through.
 Seasonal changes observe changes across the 4 seasons observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies 	Observe and comment on changes in the seasons. Name the seasons and suggest the type of weather in each season. Comment on how day length varies within each season.	Season, Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter, weather, hot, warm, cool, cold, sunnyu, cloudy, windy, rainy, snowing, hailing, sleet, frost, fog, mist, icy, rainbow, thunder, lightning, storm, light, dark, day, night.



National Curriculum	Year 2	Vocabulary
Working scientifically		
 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 	Ask simple scientific questions Use simple equipment to make close observations Carry out simple tests Identify and classify things Using my tests and observations to suggest what I have found out Gather, record and use data to answer questions.	Previous vocab plus observe changes over time, notice patterns, secondary sources, hand lenses, egg timers, identify, classify, data.
 Living things and their habitats explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food 		Living, dead, never been alive, names of local habitats, land, woodland, meadow, name micro habitats, under log, stony path, under bushes, suited, basic needs, depend, food, food chain, shelter.
 Plants observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants 		Seeds, bulbs, water, light, growth, healthy, shoot, seedling.



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 find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy 	
 Animals, including humans notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene 	Offspring, life cycles, grow, change, adults, basic needs, water, food, air survival, exercise, food types (fruit and veg, bread, rice, pasta milk, dairy, foods high in fat and sugar, meat, fish, eggs, beans), hygiene.
 Uses of everyday materials identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching 	Suitable/unsuitable, use, object, material, property, wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock, fabrics, hard, soft, stretchy, flexible, waterproof, absorbent, transparent, translucent, opaque, shape, change, twist, squash, bend, stretch, roll, squeeze.



	National Curriculum	School Year 3	Vocabulary
	Working Scientifically		
•	Y3/4 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	Ask relevant scientific questions Use observations and knowledge to answer scientific questions Set up a simple enquiry to explore a scientific question Set up a test to compare two things Set up a fair test and explain why it is fair Make careful and accurate observations, including the use of standard units Use equipment, including thermometers and data loggers to make measurements Gather, record, classify and present data in different ways to answer scientific questions Use diagrams, keys, bar charts and tables; using scientific language Use findings to report in different ways, including oral and written explanations, presentation Draw conclusions and suggest improvements Make a prediction with a reason Identify differences, similarities and changes related to an enquiry.	Previous vocab plus scientific enquiry changes over time, notice patterns, secondary sources, comparative tests, fair tests, careful, accurate, observations, equipment, gather, measure, record, data, evidence, results, keys, bar charts, table, results, conclusions, predictions, support, thermometers.
•	PLANTS identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant		Leaf, flower, blossom, petal, fruit, root, bulb, seed trunk, branch, stem, water, light, air, nutrients, soil, fertiliser, grow, healthy, transported, life cycle, pollination, seed formation, seed dispersal.



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 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 	
 ANIMALS, including humans identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement 	Nutrition, food types, carbohydrates, protein, vitamins and minerals, fat, sugar, fruits and veg, dietary fibre, water, balanced diet, skeleton, muscles, support, protection, movement, names of bones, vertebrate, invertebrate. Function of the skeleton- protect our organs (skull- brain, ribs- heart and lungs, spine- spinal cord) support our bodies (clavicle/ collarbone-the shoulders, pelvis- upper body, femur- weight of our body when we walk, run, jump or stand, tibia holds our weight hen we stand, patella- knee joint.) let us move.
 ROCKS compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter 	Rock, stone, pebble, boulder, soil, fossils, grains, crystals, texture, absorb water, let water through, marble, chalk, granite, sandstone, slate, sandy soil, clay soil, chalky soil, peat.



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 LIGHT recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light notice that light is reflected from surfaces recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change 	Light, light source, darkness, reflect, reflective, mirror, shadow, block, direction, transparent, opaque, translucent.
 FORCES and MAGNETS compare how things move on different surfaces notice that some forces need contact between 2 objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials describe magnets as having 2 poles predict whether 2 magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing 	Force, contact force, non contact force, magnetic force, magnet, strength, bar/ring/button/horseshoe magnets, attract, repel, magnetic material, metal, iron, steel, non magnetic, poles, north/south pole.



	National Curriculum	School Year 4	Vocabulary
	Working Scientifical	ly	
•	Y3/4 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	Use diagrams, keys, bar charts and tables; using scientific language Gather, record, classify and present data in different ways to answer scientific questions Use equipment, including thermometers and data loggers to make measurements Make careful and accurate observations, including the use of standard units Set up a fair test and explain why it is fair. Set up a test to compare two things Set up a simple enquiry to explore a scientific question Use observations and knowledge to answer scientific questions Ask relevant scientific questions Use diagrams, keys, bar charts and tables; using scientific language Use findings to report in different ways, including oral and written explanations, presentation Draw conclusions and suggest improvements Make a prediction with a reason Identify differences, similarities and changes related to an enquiry	Previous vocab plus enquiry types Increase, decrease, identify, classify, order, notice patterns, relationships, appearance, present results, data loggers.



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Living things and their habitats Pupils should be taught to:	Classification keys, environment, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, vertebrates, invertebrates, names of them,
 recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. 	human impact, positive, negative (impact).
 Animals, including humans describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey 	Digestive system, nutrition, mouth, teeth, canine, incisor, molar, pre-molar, saliva, tongue, tip, tear, chew, grind, cut, oesophagus (gullet), stomach, small intestine, large intestine, rectum, anus, carnivore, herbivore, omnivore, producer, consumer, predator, prey, food chain.
States of matter	States of matter, solid, liquid,
 Pupils should be taught to: compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C) 	gas, air, oxygen, powder, grainular/grain, crystals, change state, ice/water/steam, water vapour, heating, cooling, temperature, degrees celsius, melt, freeze, solidify, melting point, boil, boiling point, evaporation, condensation,



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 identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature 	water cycle, precipitation, transpiration.
 Sound Pupils should be taught to: identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases 	Sound, sound source, noise, vibration, travel, solid, liquid, gas, pitch, tune, high, low, volume, loud, quiet, fainter, muffle, strength of vibrations, insulation, instrument, percussion, strings, bass, woodwind, tuned instrument.
 Electricity Pupils should be taught to: identify common appliances that run on electricity construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers identify whether or not a lamp will light 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 and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors 	Electricity, appliance, device, mains, plus, electrical circuit, complete circuit, circuit diagram, circuit symbol, components cell, battery, positive/negative, connect, connection, short circuit, wire, crocodile clip, bulb, bright/dim, switch, buzzer, motor, faster/slower, conductor, insulator, metal/non metal.



	National Curriculum	Year 5	Vocabulary
	Working Scientifica	lly	
Y5/6 • • •	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 a 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	Read, spell and pronounce scientific vocabulary accurately Relate the outcome from an enquiry to scientific knowledge, in order to state whether evidence supports or refutes an argument or theory Explain a conclusion from an enquiry Explain causal relationships in an enquiry Report findings from enquiries in a range of ways Use the outcome of test results to make predictions and set up a further comparative fair test make Record date and results using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs Measure accurately and precisely, using a range of equipment Control variables in an enquiry Plan different types of scientific enquiry.	Previous vocab plus, notice patterns, relationships independent variable, dependent variable, controlled variable, accuracy, precision, degree of trust, classification keys, scatter graphs, line graphs, causal relationships, support/refute, data loggers.
-	hings and their habitats should be taught to:		Life cycle, reproduction, sexual, asexual, germination, pollination, seed formation,
•	describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals		seed dispersal, pollen, stamen, stigma, plantlets, runners, mammal, amphibian, insect, bird, fish, reptile, eggs, live young.



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Animals, including humans		
Pupils should be taught to:		
 describe the changes as humans develop to old age 		
Properties and changes of materials		Y4 plus rigid, hard, soft,
 compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic 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 kind of change is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda 		stretchy, flexible, waterproof, absorbent, electrical/thermal conductivity, melting, dissolve, solution, insoluble, solute, solvent, particle, mixture, filtering, sieving, residue, reversible/non reversible changes, new material, burning, rusting.
Earth and space		Earth, planets, sun, solar
Pupils should be taught to:		system, moon, celestial body, spherical, rotation, spin, night and day, names of planets,
 describe the movement of the Earth and other planets 		dwarf planet, orbit, geocentric
relative to the sun in the solar system		model, heliocentric model,
describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth		shadow clocks, sundials, astronomical clocks.



 describe the sun, Earth and moon as approximately spherical bodies use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky 			
Forces	To explain that unsupported objects fall towards	Fall, Earth, gravity, weight,	
Pupils should be taught to:	the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object. To demonstrate the effects of air resistance,	mass, air resistance, water resistance, friction, moving surfaces, mechanisms, levers,	
 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 	water resistance and fractions, that act between moving surfaces. To show that some mechanisms, including leavers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect. To explain the scientific findings of known scientists.	pulleys, gears, force, transfers.	



	National Curriculum	nunity Nool Year 6	Vocabulary
	Working Scientifically		
Y5/6	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 a 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	Plan different types of scientific enquiry Control variables in an enquiry Measure accurately and precisely, using a range of equipment Record data and results using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs. Use the outcome of text to make predictions and set up a further comparative fair test Report findings from enquiries in a range of ways Explain a conclusion from an enquiry. Explain casual relationships in an enquiry. Relate the outcome from an enquiry to scientific knowledge in order to state whether evidence supports or refutes an argument or theory. Read, spell and pronounce scientific vocabulary accurately.	Previous vocab plus opinion/fact, confidently name scientific enquiry types.
 Animals including humans Pupils should be taught to: identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood 			Circulatory system, heart, blood, blood vessels, pumps, oxygen, carbon dioxide, lungs, nutrients, water, diet, exercise, drugs, lifestyle,
•	recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function		evolution, suited/suitable, adapted, adaptation, offspring, reproduction,



describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans	variation, inherit, inheritance, fossils.
Evolution and inheritance	Adaption, evolution,
Pupils should be taught to:	characteristics, genetics, survival.
 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 identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution 	
Light	Light, light source, darkness,
Pupils should be taught to:	reflect, reflective, shadow, block, absorb, direction,
 recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are 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 objects and then to our eyes use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them 	transparent, opaque, translucent.
Electricity	Electricity, appliance, device,
Pupils should be taught to:	electrical circuit, complete circuit, circuit diagram, circuit symbol, components, cell,
 associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with 	battery, positive, negative,
the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit	terminal, connection, short
compare and give reasons for variations in how components	circuit, wire, crocodile clip,
function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches	bulb, bright/dim, switch,
and the onjoin position of switches	buzzer, volume, motor,



 use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram 	conductor, insulator, voltage, current, resistance.
 Living things and their habitats. Pupils should be taught to: describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals. give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics. 	Organism, micro-organism, fungus, mushrooms, classification keys, environment, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, vertebrates, invertebrates, name some of these, arachnid, mollusc, insect, crustacean.