

St. Bridget's Catholic Primary School – Science Overview and Working Scientifically



	Reception		Year 1		Year 2
		Seasonal Changes: Children will know: the names of the four seasons, what the weather is like in the different seasons and why day becomes night.	Children will be able to: -Observe changes across the 4 seasons -Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies Working Scientifically Skills: Links to: EYFS ELG: The World	Living things and their Habitats: Children will know: the difference between alive and not alive and what living thigs have in common. Where plants and animals live and what plants and animals are in our local environment. What food chains are and how they are connected. Why plants and animals need each other.	Children will be able to: -Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been aliveIdentify 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 otherIdentify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats -Describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals,
Autumn	ELG: The Natural World Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.	Plants: (Trees): Children will know: what makes a tree, what trees are in my local environment and what's the difference between trees (Deciduous and Evergreen)	Children will be able to: -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 Working Scientifically Skills:		using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food. Working Scientifically Skills: Links to: Year 1 Plants, Everyday materials, and Animals, including humans
	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	Animals including Humans: Children will know: what an animal is, the different types of animals and similarities and differences. What food tells us about an animal. What makes us an animal and what senses we have.	Children will be able to: -Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammalsIdentify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Working Scientifically Skills: Links to: EYFS ELG's for The World and Managing Self	Animals including Humans: Children will remember what an animal is. Children will know: How animals change as they mature and how we change as we mature. What animals need to stay alive. The importance of keeping healthy, why we need to exercise and why we eat different types of food.	Chilren will be able to: -Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adultsFind 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. Working Scientifically Skills: Links to Year 1 Animals including humans and Plants. Year 2 Living things and their habitats.
Spring		Everyday materials Children will know: what the different materials are and what things are made of. How to describe different materials. Which materials are waterproof. Which are opaque and transparent. What material is best for the job and why.	Children will be able to: -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, based on their simple physical properties Working Scientifically skills:	Uses of everyday materials: Children will know: what different materials are used for (categorising and comparing) What happens when we squash, bend, twist or stretch a material. Which material is right for the job. What is the most absorbent material and who invented waterproofing.	Children will be able to: -Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular usesFind out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. Working Scientifically Skills: Links to: Year 1 Everyday Materials
Summer		Plants: (Flowers): Children will know: what the parts of a plant are, what wild plants are and where to find them. Which plants are common and where to find them.	Children will be able to: -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 Working Scientifically Skills:	Plants: Children will know: how seeds germinate and what happens. What happens when a bulb sprouts. What plants need to thrive and be healthy and what happens when they don't get what they need. How healthy or unhealthy plans are in the school environment.	Children will be able to: -Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plantsFind out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy Working Scientifically Skills: Links to: Y1 Science Animals and living things, use of everyday materials and Plants.Y2 Science Animals, including humans, use of everyday materials and Lliving things and their habitats.
	Biology The study of living things (organisms), their structure and environments.	Physics The study of matter, forces and motion, sound, light and waves, electricity and magnetism and Earth in Space.	Chemistry The study of the comparison, behaviour and properties of matter and of the elements of the Earth and its atmosphere. Asking simple a and recognisi they can be ans different v	S. Usestions ing that wered in Observing closely, using simple equipment Performing simple test	will be taught a variety of approaches to answer relevant Using their observations Gathering and recording

		Year 3	Year 4		
	Rocks: Children will know: how rocks are formed, the different types of rocks and if rocks can change. How to test a rock to see if it is chalk or limestone. What soil is and how fossils are formed. Animals, including Humans:	Children will be able to: -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. Working Scientifically Skills:	Living things and their Habitats: Children will know: the characteristics of living things. Which animals are vertebrates and invertebrates. What classification is and how to use a key. What groups plants are classified in. What happens if an environment in a habitat changes. States of Matter:	Children will be able to: -Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of waysExplore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environmentRecognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things Working Scientifically Skills:	
	Children will know: how the food we eat affects us. Where my skeleton is and what it does. Where my muscles are and what they do.	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. Working Scientifically Skills: Links to Year1 & Year 2 Animals, including Humans	and gasses are. What matter is and what 'state' means. How materials change state (melting, evaporating, condensing).	-Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gasesObserve 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) -Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature. Working Scientifically Skills: Links to Year 1 Everyday materials, Year 2 Uses of Everyday materials & Year 3 Rocks	
\$	Forces and Magnets: Children will know: what contact forces and non-contact forces are and how they are different. How surfaces affect the motion of an object and how friction affects moving objects. How magnets attract and repel and which materials are magnetic.	Children will be able to: -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. Working Scientifically Skills:	Animals, including Humans: Children will know: what types of teeth humans have and how our mouth and teeth help with digestion. That teeth can tell us what an animal eats. The parts of the digestive system and how the digestive system works.	Children will be able to: -Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functionsDescribe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans. Working Scientifically Skills: Links to Year1, Year 2 & Year 3 Animals, including Humans	
	Light: Children will know: that we need light to see things, how shadows are formed and what happens to the size of a shadow when the object moves closer to or further away from a light source.	Children will be able to: -Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of lightNotice that light is reflected from surfacesRecognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyesRecognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque objectFind patterns in the way that the size of shadows change. Working Scientifically Skills: Working Scientifically Skills:	Animals, including Humans: Children will know: what food chains are and how to construct a food chain. How the teeth, digestion and food chains are connected.	Children will be able to: -Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey. Working Scientifically Skills: Links to Year1, Year 2 & Year 3 Animals, including Humans	
	Plants: Children will know: the parts of a flowering plant and what they do. If all plants need the same to thrive. How leaves make food and how water moves through a plant. What flowers do and what pollination is.	Children will be able to: -Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowersExplore 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 plantInvestigate the way in which water is transported within plantsExplore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. Working Scientifically Skills:	Electricity: Children will know: the appliances that use electricity and what sort of power makes them work. The components of a simple series circuit. The effects of changing circuit components and batteries.	Children will be able to: -Identify common appliances that run on electricityConstruct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzersIdentify 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 batteryRecognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuitRecognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors. Working Scientifically Skills:	
•			Sound: Children will know: what sound is and how it travels. What the pitch and loudness of sound is. Children will be able to: -Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibratingRecognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the earFind patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced itFind patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced itRecognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. Working Scientifically Skills Links to Year 3 Light, Year 4 States of Matter and Electricity		
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			Set up simple Ask relevant practical enquir questions and comparati and fair tests	ries units, using a present data in a scientific written suggest similarities or veriety of ways to language, explanations, improvements, changes related to beloin answering drawings labelled displays or new questions and simple scientific	

