

SUBJECT: SCIENCE

Year Group	YEAR 8						
Rationale	The year eight science course at St. Edmund Arrowsmith aims to build on the science content pupils have studied at key stage two and in year seven.						
	Pupils will further develop their knowledge and understanding of the subject and continue to develop their practical skills. Students will carry out investigations, write scientifically and continue to explore the fundamental areas of science which include interdependence, disease, the reactions of metals and acids, electricity and waves. Pupils will also develop their knowledge and understanding of key scientific terminology, how to use their numeracy skills in science and the most effective ways to review and embed the knowledge and skills they have gained.						
	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Spr Term 2	ring Term 1 Spring	Term 2 Summer Te	rm Summer Term 2		
	All pupils complete Physics Unit Two first, and then work through the other units in rotation during the course the year. Pupils will study chemistry unit two during Y8 as they did not have the opportunity to study this con during the last academic year due to the national lockdown.						
Topic/Unit	Physics Unit Two	Chemistry Unit Two	Physics Unit Three	Biology Unit Three	Chemistry Unit Three		
Knowledge	 Series Circuits Parallel Circuits Current Potential Difference Conductors and Insulators Resistance Electrostatic Forces Magnetic Force Electromagnets 	 States of Matter Changes of State Mixtures Filtration Crystallisation Distillation Chromatography Earth's Atmosphere Global Warming Structure of the Earth Rocks & the Rock Cycle Composites, Polymers & Ceramics 	 Sound Waves Frequency of Sound Waves Electromagnetic Waves Reflection Refraction Colour Radioactivity Waves and Hazards 	 Variation Classification Food Chains & Webs Pyramids of Biomass Quadrats & Transects Adaptations of Animals & Plants Micro-organisms & Disease Defence against Disease Vaccination 	 Chemical and Physical Changes State Symbols Acids and Bases pH Scale Acid Rain Neutralisation Reactions of acids Exothermic and Endothermic Reactions Reactivity Series Displacement Reactions 		
Skills	Pupils will be given the opportunity to investigate series and parallel circuits. Pupils will continue to develop their working scientif- ically skills through completion of a practical write up using success criteria. Pupils will develop their skills to under- take and write up an experiment to inves- tigate how the number of turns effects the strength of an electromagnet Pupils will identify variables, write a method, carry out a risk assessment, record and display their results, write a conclusion and evaluate their experiment, consid-	 Pupils will be given the opportunity to investigate how to separate different mixtures using filtration, crystal- lisation and chroma- tography. Pupils will continue to develop their working Scientif- ically skills through completion of a practical write up using success criteria. Pupils will develop their skills to undertake and write up an experiment to investigate how many dyes different inks contain. Pupils will identify variables, write a method, carry out a risk assessment, record and display 	Pupils will be given the opportunity to investigate sound and light waves. Pupils will continue to develop their working scientifically skills through completion of a practical write up using success criteria. Pupils will develop their skills to undertake and write up an experiment to investigate how materials affect energy transfer by radiation. Pupils will identify variables, write a method, carry out a risk assessment, record and display their results, write a conclusion and evaluate their	Pupils will be given the opportunity to investigate how diseases spread and how to measure the distribution of organisms. Pupils will continue to develop their working scientifically skills through completion of a practical write up using success criteria. Pupils will develop their skills to undertake and write up an experiment to investigate the distribution of grass cover as you move away from a tree. Pupils will identify variables, write a method, carry out a risk assessment,	Pupils will be given the opportunity to investigate the difference between acids and alkalis, the reactivity of different metals and the difference between endothermic and exothermic reactions. Pupils will continue to develop their working scientifically skills through completion of a practical write up using success criteria. Pupils will develop their skills to undertake and write up an experiment to investigate the temperature change when different metals react with acid.		

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Assess- ments	 Practical Write Up: Pupils will carry out a practical investigation investigating how the number of turns effects the strength of an electromagnet, using criteria provided, produce a full written account of their experiment and their findings. End of Unit Test: Physics Unit Two 	 Practical Write Up: Pupils will carry out a practical investigation comparing different inks to see how many dyes they contain and then, using criteria provided, produce a full written account of their experiment and their findings. End of Unit Test: Chemistry Unit Two 	 Practical Write Up: Pupils will carry out a practical investigation to investigate how different materials affect energy transfer by radiation and then, using criteria provided, produce a full written account of their experiment and their findings. End of Unit Test: Physics Unit Three 	 Practical Write Up: Pupils will carry out a practical investigation using quadrats and a transect to measure the grass cover as you move away from a tree and then, using criteria provided, produce a full written account of their experiment and their findings. End of Unit Test: Biology Unit Three 	 Practical Write Up: Pupils will carry out a practical investigation comparing the temperature rise for the reactions of different metals and then, using criteria provided, produce a full written account of their experiment and their findings. End of Unit Test: Chemistry Unit Three 				