SCIENCE KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS PROGRESSION



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

Our school values: Respect • Kindness • Challenge • Forgiveness • Perseverance

		Early Years	Year One	Year Two
Knowledge progression	Plants	Plants "What do things need to grow?" - Plant seeds and care for growing plants Observe plants and recognise different seeds - Understand the key features of a life cycle of a plant and the changes that happen - Begin to understand how to care for the natural environment.	 Plants "Identifying Plants" Know what a plant is and that it grows from a seed. Know about a variety of common garden plants, be able to identify some of their features, and why they are appealing to people, e.g. easy to grow, or attracts insects. Consider how the seeds of wild plants — which they grew from — came to be there. Know how plants may be sorted. Identify and name trees, and know some differences between deciduous and evergreen trees. Identify the main parts of a variety of plants and be able to label these and describe their functions. Identify ways in which plants change over time and grow. 	Plants "Growing Plants" - Understand that different seeds grow into different plants and to describe them. - Understand that plants can be grown from bulbs. - Know why and how seeds are dispersed. - Investigate and know which conditions affect germination. - Know and be able to describe how a plant changes as it matures.
	Animals including humans	Animals, including humans "All about me" and "Life Cycles" - Begin to name basic body parts – sing songs, games in PE - Begin to compare themselves to others. - Explore some senses – touch, taste, smell – snack time - Know how to keep healthy - hygiene - Understand the key features of a life cycle of an animal, including a human.	 Animals, including humans "My Body" and "Identifying Animals" Be able to identify, name and label body parts. Know what parts of our bodies we use for different activities. Know and talk about the five senses. Identify and name a variety of common animals, including from the UK. 	Animals, including humans "Growth and Survival" - Know about the offspring of a variety of different animals. - Know about the different ways in which animals reproduce. - Know how humans grow as they get older. - Know what animals, including humans, need to survive.

		 Identify and compare a variety of common UK birds and reptiles. Identify and compare a variety of common UK fish and amphibians. Identify and sort carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Know how to take care of animals. Collect data about animals and answer questions. 	 Know how the environment is a factor in survival for animals, including humans. Know how to eat a healthy, balanced diet. Know why exercise is important to keep our bodies healthy.
Force	Forces "How Things Move" - Begin to think about what a push and pull are – apply and explore in play - Begin to think about what makes things move faster/further.		
Mate	erials	 Materials "Everyday materials" Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. Identify and name a variety of materials, eg. wood, plastic, metal, rock. Describe simple physical properties of everyday materials. Compare and group together materials based on simple physical properties. 	 Materials "Uses of materials" Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, inc. wood, rock, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper, cardboard for particular uses. Know how some shapes of materials can be changed.
Living thing and t habit	"Animals and hibernation" their - Begin to explore habitats of common	-	Living things and their habitats "Living Things and Their Habitats" - Explore and compare things that are living, dead or have never been alive. - Explore that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and

	Understand that some animals hibernate and what they do to prepare and why – stories -		describe how habitats provide for the basic needs of animals and plants and how they depend upon each other. Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats. Describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name sources of food.
Seasons	Seasons	Seasons	
	"The four seasons"	"Seasonal Changes"	
	- Name the four seasons	- Observe changes across four seasons.	
	 Discuss related weather/activities with each season 	 Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons. 	
	- Discuss clothes we wear in different	associated with the seasons.	
	seasons		
	 Link to snow/ice/water – changing state 		
	– experiment		
	- Use vocabulary associated with freezing		
	and melting		

		Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Knowledge Progression	Plants Animals, inc humans	Plants "How Plants Grow" Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants – roots, stem, leaves, flowers. Know what plants need to live and how this varies from plant to plant – air, light, water, nutrients, space. Know how water is transported within plants. Know the part flowers play in the life cycle of plants, including pollination, seed formation and dispersal. Animals, inc. humans "Health and Movement"	Animals, inc. humans	Animals, inc. humans	Animals, inc humans
	inc humans	 Know that animals, inc. humans need the right type and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food, they get nutrition from what they eat. Know that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. 	 "Eating and Digestion" Describe the basic function of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans. Identify the different type of teeth in humans and their simple function. Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey. 	 "Change and Reproduction" Describe the changes as humans develop to old age. 	 "Healthy Bodies" Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood and blood vessels. Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function. Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are

Living		Living Things and Their Habitats	Living Things and Their Habitats	transported within animals, including humans. Living Things and Their Habitats
Things an Their Habitats	d	 "Living In Enviroments" 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. 	 "Life Cycles" Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. Describe the life process of reproductions in some animals and plants. 	 "Classifying Organisms" 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.
Forces	 Forces and Magnets "Forces and Magnets" Compare how things move of different surfaces. Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance. Observes how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others. Compare and group together a variety of everyday 		 Forces "Forces In Action" Explain that unsupported objects fall towards Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object. Identify the effects of air resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces. Recognise that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears allow a 	

	materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and id some magnetic materials. - Know that magnets have two poles. - Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.	smaller force to have a greater effect.
Light	Light "Light and Shadow" - Know that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. - Know that light is reflected from surfaces. - Know that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect eyes. - Know that shadows are formed when light from a light sources is blocked by an opaque object. - Know that there are and demonstrate the patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.	Light "Seeing Light" - Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines. - Use the idea that line 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.

Sound		 Sound "Changing Sound" Identify how sounds are made. Know 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 features of the object that produced it. Recognise that sounds get fainter as distance from the source increases. 	
Rocks	Rocks "Rocks, Fossils and Soils" - Know how to compare and group together different kinds of rocks based on appearance and simple physical properties. - Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when living things are trapped within rock. - Know that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.		

States of	f	States of Matter	
Matter	'	"States of Matter"	
Iviattei		- Compare and group materials	
		together, according to	
		whether they are solids, liquid	
		or gas.	
		- 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.	
		- Identify the part played by	
		evaporation and	
		condensation in the water	
		cycle and associate the rate of	
		evaporation with	
		temperature.	
Material	ls		Properties and Changes of
			Materials
			"Properties and Changes of
			Materials"
			- 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 this kind of change is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda.
Electricity	Electricity	Electricity
	"Circuits and Conductors"	"Changing Circuits"
	- Identify common appliances	- Associate the brightness of a
	that run on electricity.	lamp or the volume of a
	- Construct a simple series	buzzer with the number and
	electrical circuit, identifying	voltage of cells used in a
	and naming its basic parts,	circuit.

	 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. 		 Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches. Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.
Earth and Space		 Earth and Space "Earth and Space" Describe the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun in the solar system. Describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth. Describe the sun, Earth and moon as approximately spherical bodies. Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and apparent movement of the sun across the sky. 	

Evolution and Inheritance	Evolution and Inheritance "Evolution and Inheritance" - 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.

	EYFS	KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
PLAN	Set and work towards simple goals, being able to wait for what they want and control their immediate impulses when appropriate;	Ask simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways	 Ask relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests 	Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary
DO	 Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants; Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary; Make observations of animals and plants Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function; 	 Observe closely, using simple equipment. Perform simple tests Identify and classify 	Make systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, take accurate measurements using standard units, use a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers	➤ Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate
RECORD	Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.	➤ Gather and record data to help in answering questions	 Gather, record, classify and present data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions Record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts and tables 	Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs
REVIEW	 Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary 	Use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions	 Report on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or 	Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests

- Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps;
- 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.
- *Updated in line with new EYFS Framework

- presentations of results and conclusions
- Use results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions
- ➤ Identify differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes
- Use straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings
- ➤ Report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written form such as displays and other presentations
- ➤ Identify specific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments