

Coads Green Primary School Science Vertical Skills Progression Map

Science Sk	kills Progression – KS1	and KS2				
	ool Leader/l Key Stage Leader	Name/ Signature/ Date:				
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Monitoring	regularly monitor the delivery Map to check the implementati					
		ng, learning evidence and pupil knowledge will take place as part of good practice by subject and school leaders ill be used to inform in school/ MAT CPD subject training.				
Curriculum Statement	Purpose of Study A high-quality science education provides the foundations for understanding the world through the specific disciplines of biology, chemist physics. Science has changed our lives and is vital to the world's future prosperity, and all pupils should be taught essential aspects of the known					
National Curriculum 2014	methods, processes and uses of recognise the power of rational	of science. Through building up a body of key foundational knowledge and concepts, pupils should be encouraged to explanation and develop a sense of excitement and curiosity about natural phenomena. They should be encouraged to used to explain what is occurring, predict how things will behave, and analyse causes.				
	Aims					
		The national curriculum for science aims to ensure that all pupils: • develop scientific knowledge and conceptual understanding through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics				
	develop understanding	 develop understanding of the nature, processes and methods of science through different types of science enquiries that help them to answer scientific questions about the world around them 				
	-	scientific knowledge required to understand the uses and implications of science, today and for the future				
	Scientific knowledge and conce					
	that they develop secure unde	ribe a sequence of knowledge and concepts. While it is important that pupils make progress, it is also vitally important extanding of each key block of knowledge and concepts in order to progress to the next stage. Insecure, superficial				
	build up serious misconceptio	enuine progression: pupils may struggle at key points of transition (such as between primary and secondary school) ons, and/or have significant difficulties in understanding higher-order content. Pupils should be able to describe haracteristics in common language, but they should also be familiar with, and use, technical terminology accurately and				
	science, including collecting, pr	o an extended specialist vocabulary. They should also apply their mathematical knowledge to their understanding of resenting and analysing data. The social and economic implications of science are important but, generally, they are in the wider school curriculum: teachers will wish to use different contexts to maximise their pupils' engagement with				

and motivation to study science.

The nature, processes and methods of science

'Working scientifically' specifies the understanding of the nature, processes and methods of science for each year group. It should not be taught as a separate strand. The notes and guidance give examples of how 'working scientifically' might be embedded within the content of biology, chemistry and physics, focusing on the key features of scientific enquiry, so that pupils learn to use a variety of approaches to answer relevant scientific questions. These types of scientific enquiry should include observing over time; pattern seeking; identifying, classifying and grouping; comparative and fair testing (controlled investigations); and researching using secondary sources. Pupils should seek answers to questions through collecting, analysing and presenting data. 'Working scientifically' will be developed further at key stages 3 and 4, once pupils have built up sufficient understanding of science to engage meaningfully in more sophisticated discussion of experimental design and control.

Spoken language

The national curriculum for science reflects the importance of spoken language in pupils' development across the whole curriculum – cognitively, socially and linguistically. The quality and variety of language that pupils hear and speak are key factors in developing their scientific vocabulary and articulating scientific concepts clearly and precisely. They must be assisted in making their thinking clear, both to themselves and others, and teachers should ensure that pupils build secure foundations by using discussion to probe and remedy their misconceptions.

School curriculum

The programmes of study for science are set out year-by-year for key stages 1 and 2. Schools are, however, only required to teach the relevant programme of study by the end of the key stage. Within each key stage, schools therefore have the flexibility to introduce content earlier or later than set out in the programme of study. In addition, schools can introduce key stage content during an earlier key stage if appropriate. All schools are also required to set out their school curriculum for science on a year-by-year basis and make this information available online.

Assessment

By the end of each key stage, pupils are expected to know, apply and understand the matters, skills and processes specified in the relevant programme of study

Key Stage 1

The principal focus of science teaching in key stage 1 is to enable pupils to experience and observe phenomena, looking more closely at the natural and humanly constructed world around them. They should be encouraged to be curious and ask questions about what they notice. They should be helped to develop their understanding of scientific ideas by using different types of scientific enquiry to answer their own questions, including observing changes over a period of time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, carrying out simple comparative tests, and finding things out using secondary sources of information. They should begin to use simple scientific language to talk about what they have found out and communicate their ideas to a range of audiences in a variety of ways. Most of the learning about science should be done through the use of first-hand practical experiences, but there should also be some use of appropriate secondary sources, such as books, photographs and videos.

'Working scientifically' is described separately in the programme of study but must always be taught through and clearly related to the teaching of substantive science content in the programme of study. Throughout the notes/guidance, examples show how scientific methods and skills might be linked to specific elements of the content. Pupils should read and spell scientific vocabulary at a level consistent with their increasing word reading and spelling knowledge at key stage 1.

Pupils should read and spell scie	entific vocabulary at a level consiste	ent with their incr	reasing word reading	ng and spelling knowledge at key s	tage 1.
		National Co	urriculum 2014		
		Key	Stage 1		
	Learning Intentions			Non-Statutory	
	should be taught about:				
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.			They should experience different types of scientific enquiries, including practical activities, and begin to recognise ways in which they might answer scientific questions. They should use simple features to compare objects, materials and living things and, with help, decide how to sort and group them, observe changes over time, and, with guidance, they should begin to notice patterns and relationships.		
	A. Woi	rking Scientifica	ally - Learning Pro	ogression	
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Planning Investigations (Y1)	Progression Statement	Working Towa	ards	Working At	Working Beyond
		-	erstand that be answered by	Pupil can, with prompting, ask simple questions that can be tested, e.g. about plants growing in their habitat.	Pupil can ask simple questions that can be tested.
Pupils can plan an enquiry	Suggest ways of answering a question		prompting, offer ng evidence to tion.	Pupil can offer ways of gathering evidence to answer a question, e.g. by deciding on the best material to use for a	Pupil can suggest different ways of answering question.

				particular application.	
Conducting Investigation (Y1)	Progression Statement	Working Toward	ls	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils can use equipment to take measurements	Make relevant observations	Pupil can examin when prompted.	•	Pupil can examine objects to note key features, e.g. observe growth of plants they have planted.	Pupil can examine carefully, e.g. using hand lens.
	Conduct simple tests, with support	Pupil can recogn scientific test.	ise a simple	Pupil can, with support, conduct simple tests, e.g. comparing the properties of different materials.	Pupil can conduct simple tests.
Recording Evidence (Y1)	Progression Statement	Working Toward	ls	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils record work with diagrams and label them	With prompting, suggest how findings could be recorded	Pupil can recognise the purpose of an experiment.		Pupil can, with prompting, identify what might usefully be recorded, e.g. drawing structures of plants or recording changing day length.	Pupil can, with assistance, draw and label diagrams.
	Pupils process findings to develop conclusions and identify causal relationships	Recognise finding	gs	Pupil can, with prompting, identify key findings from an enquiry.	Pupil can identify key findings from an enquiry, e.g. noting how plants have changed over time.
Conclusions/Predictions (Y1)	Progression Statement	Working Toward	ls	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils can analyse data	Gather and record data	Pupil can collect prompted.	data, when	Pupil can collect data, e.g. comparing and contrasting familiar plants.	Pupil can collect data relevant to the answering of questions.
Pupils can draw conclusions	Use observations to suggest answers to questions	Pupil can. with prompting, suggest answers to enquiry questions using data.		Pupil can suggest answers to enquiry questions using data, e.g. describe how to group plants.	Pupil can answer enquiry questions using data and ideas.
	Scien	ice Content – Nat Yea		um 2014	
Pupils should be taught about:			11 1	Non-Statutory	1
deciduous and evergree	riety of common wild and garden p en trees e basic structure of a variety of co	_	and a	Is should use the local environment answer questions about plants grow re possible, they should observe the	ving in their habitat.

plants, including trees.	 that they have planted. They should become familiar with common names of flowers, examples of deciduous and evergreen trees, and plant structures (including leaves, flowers (blossom), petals, fruit, roots, bulb, seed, trunk, branches, stem). Pupils might work scientifically by observing closely, perhaps using magnifying glasses, and comparing and contrasting familiar plants; describing how they were able to identify and group them, and drawing diagrams showing the parts of different plants including trees. Pupils might keep records of how plants have changed over time, for example the leaves falling off trees and buds opening; and compare and contrast what they have found out about different plants.
 Biology Animals Including Humans identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets) identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. 	 Pupils should use the local environment throughout the year to explore and answer questions about animals in their habitat. They should understand how to take care of animals taken from their local environment and the need to return them safely after study. Pupils should become familiar with the common names of some fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including those that are kept as pets. Pupils should have plenty of opportunities to learn the names of the main body parts (including head, neck, arms, elbows, legs, knees, face, ears, eyes, hair, mouth, teeth) through games, actions, songs and rhymes. Pupils might work scientifically by using their observations to compare and contrast animals at first hand or through videos and photographs, describing how they identify and group them; grouping animals according to what they eat; and using their senses to compare different textures, sounds and smells
 Chemistry Every-day 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. 	 Pupils should explore, name, discuss and raise and answer questions about everyday materials so that they become familiar with the names of materials and properties such as: hard/soft; stretchy/stiff; shiny/dull; rough/smooth; bendy/not bendy; waterproof/not waterproof; absorbent/not absorbent; opaque/transparent. Pupils should explore and experiment with a wide variety of materials, not only those listed in the programme of study, but including for example: brick, paper, fabrics, elastic, foil. Pupils might work scientifically by: performing simple tests to explore questions, for example: 'What is the best material for an umbrella?for

Physics Seasonal Changes observe changes across the four seasons observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.			Pupils season the Su Pupils weath	should observe and talk about cha	anges in the weather and the that it is not safe to look directly at s. ng tables and charts about the appens in the world around them,
	B. Sc	ience Content - L	earning Progr	ression	
		Yea	r 1		
Biology - Plants (Y1)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	5	Working At	Working Beyond
Life exists in a variety of forms	Identify and name a variety of	Identify and name	e a limited	Identify a range of local plants.	Identify and notice similarities
and goes through cycles	common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees	,			between various local plants.
	Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees	Identify and description of a conflowering plant.		Name parts of a range of familiar plants.	Identify and notice similarities in the structure of various local plants.
	Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive	Sort items into 'or 'never lived'.	nce living' and	Compare/contrast a collection of items, sorting into categories 'living', 'dead' and 'things that have never been alive'.	Research further examples to add to the categories: 'living', 'dead' and 'things that have never been alive'.
Biology – Animals (Y1)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	5	Working At	Working Beyond
Life exists in a variety of forms and goes through cycles	Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals	Identify and name number of comm		Name a variety of common animals.	Identify common features of the main groups of vertebrates.
	Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores	Recognise the diff between carnivor and omnivores.		Identify and group a range of familiar animals.	Suggest whether an unfamiliar animal might be a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore.
Biology – Human Body (Y1)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	5	Working At	Working Beyond

Identify key features of one or

two common animals.

Identify key features of a range

of common animals.

structure of a variety of

of systems, each with its own

Compare key features of familiar

and unfamiliar animals.

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	amphibians, reptiles, birds and			
	mammals, including pets)	Danish and afthe house	Delete en de efithe browner	Constant beautiful and a second
	Identify, name, draw and	Describe each of the human	Relate each of the human	Suggest how the senses are used
	label the basic parts of the	senses.	senses to organs.	in an activity such as eating.
	human body and say which			
	part of the body is associated			
	with each sense			
Chemistry – Materials (Y1)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Materials have physical	Distinguish between an object	Identify the material from	Correctly identify both object	Compare the same object made
properties which can be	and the material from which it	which an object has been	and material.	from different materials in terms
investigated and compared	is made	made.		of its effectiveness.
	Identify and name a variety	Identify and name a limited	Identify and name a range of	Identify typical uses of a range of
	of everyday materials, including	range of materials.	materials.	materials.
	wood, plastic, glass, metal,			
	water and rock			
	Describe the simple physical	Recognise that a material has	Describe a range of properties	Compare the physical properties
	properties of a variety of	properties.	of a variety of materials.	of different everyday materials.
	everyday materials			
	Compare and group together a	Compare and contrast two	Classify a variety of materials	Use simple physical properties to
	variety of everyday materials	everyday materials.	into groups based on physical	suggest classification of
	on the basis of their simple		properties.	materials
	physical properties			
Physics-Seasonal Changes (Y1)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Day, night, month, seasonal	Observe changes across	Recognise that there are	Describe seasonal changes.	Recognise changes within
change & year are caused by	the four seasons	seasonal changes.		seasons as well as between
the position/movement of the				seasons.
Earth				
	Observe/describe weather	Recognise that day length	Relate weather patterns and	Make and test predictions
	associated with the seasons	alters in different seasons.	day length to seasons.	relating to changing day length
	and how day length varies			and weather patterns
	A. Wor	king Scientifically - Learning Pr	ogression	
		Year 2		
Planning Investigations (Y2)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils can ask questions	Ask simple questions	Pupil can, with prompting, ask	Pupil can ask simple questions	Pupil can, with support, develop
-		simple questions that can be	that can be tested, e.g. about	relevant, testable questions.

		tested.	the local environment and how organisms depend on each other.	
Pupils can plan an enquiry	Recognise that questions can be answered in different ways	Pupil can offer way of gathering evidence to answer a question.	Pupil can suggest different ways of answering a question, e.g. testing the suitability of materials for different purposes.	Pupil can plan enquiry, such as a comparative or fair test.
Conducting Experiments (Y2)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils can use equipment to take measurements	Observe closely using simple equipment.	Pupil can examine objects closely, e.g. pebbles.	Pupil can examine carefully, e.g. using a hand lens.	Pupil can observe carefully and suggest useful measurements, e.g. examine a leaf and suggest measuring its length.
	Perform simple tests	Pupil can, with support, conduct simple tests.	Pupil can conduct simple tests, e.g. setting up comparative tests to show that plants need water and light.	Pupil can conduct a series of simple tests.
Recording Evidence (Y2)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils record work with diagrams and label them	Record and communicate their findings in a range of ways and begin to use simple scientific language	Pupil can, with prompting, identify what might usefully be recorded.	Pupil can, with assistance, draw and label diagrams, e.g. recording plants changing over time, starting from seed/bulb.	Pupil can, with prompting, draw and label diagrams.
Reporting Findings (Y2)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils process findings to develop conclusions and identify causal relationships	Identify and classify	Pupil can identify key findings from an enquiry.	Pupil can identify and group key outcomes from enquiry, e.g. describing conditions in different habitats and how these affect the numbers and types of organisms.	Pupil can, with prompting, suggest what an enquiry shows.
Conclusions/Predictions (Y2)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils can analyse data	Gather and record data to help answer questions	Pupil can collect data.	Pupil can collect data relevant to the answering of questions, e.g. seeing how the shapes of some materials can be changed.	Pupil can recognise patterns that relate to scientific ideas, when prompted.

Pupils can draw conclusions	Use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions	Pupil can suggest enquiry question	s using data.	Pupil can answer enquiry questions using data and ideas, e.g. to help decide how the properties of certain materials make them suitable for certain applications.	Pupil can, with support, use evidence to produce simple conclusion.
	Scie	ence Content – Nat Yea		um 2014	
Biology Living Things and Their explore and compare to and things that have not identify that most living describe how different kinds of animals and point identify and name a varincluding microhabitat	he differences between things that ever been alive g things live in habitats to which the habitats provide for the basic need lants, and how they depend on ea priety of plants and animals in their	hey are suited and eds of different ch other r habitats,	chara They with Pupil or ho small	s should be introduced to the idea to acteristics that are essential for keep should raise and answer questions the life processes that are common s should be introduced to the terms ome of a variety of plants and animal habitat, for example for woodlice us should raise and answer questions them to identify and study a variety	that all living things have certain oing them alive and healthy. that help them to become familiar to all living things. If the health of the
	ple food chain, and identify and na		habit plant Pupil less f ocea Pupil to wl findir place decic ques (e.g. habit	cat and observe how living things de its serving as a source of food and she is should compare animals in familial familiar habitats, for example, on the in, in the rainforest. Is might work scientifically by sortine ther they are living, dead or were negs using charts. They should descript things, exploring questions for example they are dead in winter?' and talk tions. They could construct a simple grass, cow, human). They could descript as and micro-habitats (under log, cout how the conditions affect the nuals that live there.	pend on each other, for example, elter for animals. In habitats with animals found in e seashore, in woodland, in the ang and classifying things according never alive, and recording their be how they decided where to mple: 'Is a flame alive? Is a about ways of answering their e food chain that includes humans cribe the conditions in different on stony path, under bushes) and
Biology Plants observe and describe h	now seeds and bulbs grow into ma	iture plants	-	s should use the local environment different plants grow.	throughout the year to observe

find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.	 Pupils should be introduced to the requirements of plants for germination, growth and survival, as well as to the processes of reproduction and growth in plants. Note: Seeds and bulbs need water to grow but most do not need light; seeds and bulbs have a store of food inside them. Pupils might work scientifically by observing and recording, with some accuracy, the growth of a variety of plants as they change over time from a seed or bulb or observing similar plants at different stages of growth; setting up a comparative test to show that plants need light and water to stay healthy.
Biology 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.	 Pupils should be introduced to the basic needs of animals for survival, as well as the importance of exercise and nutrition for humans. They should also be introduced to the processes of reproduction and growth in animals. The focus at this stage should be on questions that help pupils to recognise growth; they should not be expected to understand how reproduction occurs. The following examples might be used: egg, chick, chicken; egg, caterpillar, pupa, butterfly; spawn, tadpole, frog; lamb, sheep. Growing into adults can include reference to baby, toddler, child, teenager, adult. Pupils might work scientifically by observing, through video or first-hand observation and measurement, how different animals, including humans, grow; asking questions about what things animals need for survival and what humans need to stay healthy; and suggesting ways to find answers to their questions.
 Chemistry 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. 	 Pupils should identify and discuss the uses of different everyday materials so that they become familiar with how some materials are used for more than one thing (metal can be used for coins, cans, cars and table legs; wood can be used for matches, floors, and telegraph poles) or different materials are used for the same thing (spoons can be made from plastic, wood, metal, but not normally from glass). They should think about the properties of materials that make them suitable or unsuitable for particular purposes and they should be encouraged to think about unusual and creative uses for everyday materials. Pupils might find out about people who have developed useful new materials, for example John Dunlop, Charles Macintosh or John McAdam. Pupils might work scientifically by comparing the uses of everyday

materials in and around the school with materials found in other places (at home, the journey to school, on visits, and in stories, rhymes and songs); observing closely, identifying and classifying the uses of different materials, and recording their observations.

B. Science Content - Learning Progression

Year 2

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Biology - Living Things and their Habitats, Plants, Animals	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
including Humans (Y2)				
Habitats provide living things with what they need	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 that a habitat supplies living things with what they need.	Explain how, for a named animal or plant, it gets what it needs from its habitat and other living things that are there.	Explain why there may be a limit as to how many of a certain living thing can live in a particular area.
	Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro habitats	Identify a limited range of living things in their habitats.	Identify a range of living things in habitats of various sizes.	Identify a range of living things and suggest why they may be found in that habitat.
	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	Identify a predator–prey relationship.	Construct a simple food chain and identify what is eating what.	Suggest, within a simple food chain, what might happen if one of the living things becomes scarce.
	Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy	Find out one thing that plants need to grow and stay healthy.	Explore and identify what plants need to thrive.	Identify the effects of a shortage of each of the things that plants need to grow and stay healthy
Life exists in a variety of forms and goes through cycles – Plants	Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants	Identify that seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants.	Describe stages of development of a full-grown plant.	Compare and contrast the growth patterns of different types of plants.
Life exists in a variety of forms and goes through cycles –	Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which	Recognise that all animals, including humans, have	Describe the relationship between adult animals and	Compare and contrast adults and their offspring for different

Animals	grow into adults	offspring.	their offspring.	animals.
	Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air)	Identify the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air).	Identify human's basic needs.	Suggest how the basic needs of different animals influences their choice of habitat.
The human body has a number	Describe the importance for	Recognise the importance to	Describe the importance of a	Suggest effects of poor diet and
of systems, each with its own	humans of exercise, eating	humans of exercise, diet and	healthy diet and exercise.	hygiene.
function	the right amounts of different	hygiene.		
	types of food, and hygiene			
Chemistry - Uses of Everyday	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Materials (Y2)				
Materials have physical properties which can be investigated and compared	Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching	Identify that the shape of some objects can be changed.	Describe changes achieved by applying forces in different directions.	Identify that some changes to shapes are permanent and others are temporary, and that this can influence their uses.
The physical properties of materials determine their uses	Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses	Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.	Select and justify a material for a particular use.	For particular materials in particular uses, identify limitations as well as suitability.

N.B. No Physics Covered in N/C in Year 2 however schools may have chosen to add Physics into Year 2 to secure progression across the school e.g. light and sound/ electricity/ forces and movement

Lower Key Stage 2

The principal focus of science teaching in lower key stage 2 is to enable pupils to broaden their scientific view of the world around them. They should do this through exploring, talking about, testing and developing ideas about everyday phenomena and the relationships between living things and familiar environments, and by beginning to develop their ideas about functions, relationships and interactions. They should ask their own questions about what they observe and make some decisions about which types of scientific enquiry are likely to be the best ways of answering them, including observing changes over time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, carrying out simple comparative and fair tests and finding things out using secondary sources of information. They should draw simple conclusions and use some scientific language, first, to talk about and, later, to write about what they have found out.

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Pupils should read and spell scientific vocabulary correctly and with confidence, using their growing word reading and spelling knowledge.

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Working Scientifically – Learning Progressio	n
Lower Key Stage 2	

Learning Intentions Pupils should be taught about

Non-Statutory

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.

- Pupils in years 3 and 4 should be given a range of scientific experiences to enable them to raise their own questions about the world around them.
- They should start to make their own decisions about the most appropriate type of scientific enquiry they might use to answer questions; recognise when a simple fair test is necessary and help to decide how to set it up; talk about criteria for grouping, sorting and classifying; and use simple keys.
- They should begin to look for naturally occurring patterns and relationships and decide what data to collect to identify them.
- They should help to make decisions about what observations to make, how long to make them for and the type of simple equipment that might be used.
- They should learn how to use new equipment, such as data loggers, appropriately.
- They should collect data from their own observations and measurements, using notes, simple tables and standard units, and help to make decisions about how to record and analyse this data.
- With help, pupils should look for changes, patterns, similarities and differences in their data in order to draw simple conclusions and answer questions.
- With support, they should identify new questions arising from the data, making predictions for new values within or beyond the data they have collected and finding ways of improving what they have already done.
- They should also recognise when and how secondary sources might help them to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical investigations.
- Pupils should use relevant scientific language to discuss their ideas and communicate their findings in ways that are appropriate for different audiences.
- 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 a	area of study.					
	A. Wor	king Scientifically - Learning Pro	ogression					
	Year 3							
Planning Investigations (Y3)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond				
Pupils ask questions	Ask relevant questions when prompted	Pupil can ask simple questions that can be tested.	Pupil can, with support, develop relevant, testable questions, e.g. what happens to shadows when the light source moves.	Pupil can develop relevant, testable questions.				
Pupils can plan an enquiry	Set up simple and practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests	Pupil can suggest different ways of answering question.	Pupil can plan enquiry, such as comparative or fair test, e.g. comparing the effect of different factors on plant growth.	Pupil can plan investigations using different types of scientific enquiry.				
Pupils can identify and manage variables	Set up comparative tests	Pupil can, with support, set up a comparative test.	Pupil can set up a comparative test, e.g. how far things move on different surfaces.	Pupil can set up comparative and fair tests.				
Conducting Experiments (Y3)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond				
Pupils can use equipment to take measurements	Make systematic observations, using simple equipment	Pupil can use various equipment, with assistance, e.g. a thermometer.	Pupil can use various equipment, as instructed, e.g. using a hand lens to examine rocks.	Pupil can use various equipment, as instructed, repeatedly and with care.				
Pupils explore how to improve the quality of data	Use standard units when taking measurements	Pupil can recognise some standard measurements, e.g. cm.	Pupil can use standard measurements when taking measurements, e.g. measuring distances between a light source and an object.	Pupil can recognise the importance of using standard units.				
Recording Evidence (Y3)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond				
Pupils record work with diagrams and label them	Record findings in various ways	Pupil can, with assistance, draw and label diagrams.	Pupil can, with prompting, draw and label diagrams, e.g. to show how water travels in a plant.	Pupil can use words and diagrams to record findings.				
Pupils can display data using labelled diagrams, keys, tables and bar charts	With prompting, suggest how findings may be tabulated	Pupil can recognise the function of a table.	Pupil can, with prompting, use tables to record evidence, e.g. recording what happens when	Pupil can use various ways to record evidence.				

				various rocks are rubbed together.	
Pupils can display data using line graphs	With prompting, use various ways of recording, grouping and displaying evidence	ways of gathering and gdisplaying evidence. v		Pupil can, with prompting, gather and display evidence in various ways, e.g. about the ways that magnets behave in relation to each other.	Pupil can use various ways to record, group and display evidence.
Reporting Findings (Y3)	Progression Statement	Working Toward	ls	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils process findings to develop conclusions and identify causal relationships	With prompting, suggest conclusions from enquiries	Pupil can, with prompting, suggest what enquiry shows.		Pupil can, with prompting, write a conclusion based on evidence, e.g. exploring the strengths of different magnets.	Pupil can write a conclusion based on evidence.
Pupils use displays and presentations to report on findings	Suggest how findings could be reported	Pupil can, with support, indicate findings from an enquiry that could be reported.		Pupil can indicate findings from an enquiry that could be reported, e.g. answering questions about how rocks are formed.	Pupil can present findings either in writing or orally.
Conclusions/Predictions (Y3)	Progression Statement	Working Towards		Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils can analyse data	Gather and record data about similarities, differences and changes	Pupil can collect data relevant to the answering of questions.		Pupil can, with prompting, recognise patterns that relate to scientific ideas, e.g. investigating the behaviour of magnets.	Pupil can recognise patterns that relate to scientific ideas.
Pupils can draw conclusions	With prompting, suggest conclusions that can be drawn from data	Pupil can answer enquiry questions using data and ideas.		Pupil can, with support, use evidence to produce a simple conclusion, e.g. changes that occur when rocks are in water.	Pupil can use evidence to produce a simple conclusion.
Pupils can develop investigation further	Suggest possible improvements or further questions to investigate	Pupil can with prompting, suggest how an investigation could be extended.		Pupil can suggest how an investigation could be extended, e.g. suggesting creative uses for different magnets.	Pupil can use evidence to suggest further relevant investigations.
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		Yea	ar 3		
Pupil	Learning Intentions Is should be taught about			Non-Statutory	

Biology 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
- 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.

- Pupils should be introduced to the relationship between structure and function: the idea that every part has a job to do.
- They should explore questions that focus on the role of the roots and stem in nutrition and support, leaves for nutrition and flowers for reproduction. Note: Pupils can be introduced to the idea that plants can make their own food, but at this stage they do not need to understand how this happens.
- Pupils might work scientifically by: comparing the effect of different factors on plant growth, for example, the amount of light, the amount of fertiliser; discovering how seeds are formed by observing the different stages of plant life cycles over a period of time; looking for patterns in the structure of fruits that relate to how the seeds are dispersed. They might observe how water is transported in plants, for example, by putting cut, white carnations into coloured water and observing how water travels up the stem to the flowers.

Biology 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.
- Pupils should continue to learn about the importance of nutrition and should be introduced to the main body parts associated with the skeleton and muscles, finding out how different parts of the body have special functions.
- Pupils might work scientifically by identifying and grouping animals with and without skeletons and observing and comparing their movement; exploring ideas about what would happen if humans did not have skeletons. They might compare and contrast the diets of different animals (including their pets) and decide ways of grouping them according to what they eat. They might research different food groups and how they keep us healthy and design meals based on what they find out.

Chemistry 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.

- Linked with work in geography, pupils should explore different kinds of rocks and soils, including those in the local environment.
- Pupils might work scientifically by observing rocks, including those used in buildings and gravestones, and exploring how and why they might have changed over time; using a hand lens or microscope to help them to identify and classify rocks according to whether they have grains or crystals, and whether they have fossils in them. Pupils might research and discuss the different kinds of living things whose fossils are found in sedimentary rock and explore how fossils are formed. Pupils could explore different soils and identify similarities and differences between them and investigate what happens when rocks are rubbed together or what

	changes occur when they are in water. They can raise and answer questions about the way soils are formed.
 Physics 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. 	 Pupils should explore what happens when light reflects off a mirror or other reflective surfaces, including playing mirror games to help them to answer questions about how light behaves. They should think about why it is important to protect their eyes from bright lights. They should look for, and measure, shadows, and find out how they are formed and what might cause the shadows to change. Note: Pupils should be warned that it is not safe to look directly at the Sun, even when wearing dark glasses. Pupils might work scientifically by looking for patterns in what happens to shadows when the light source moves or the distance between the light source and the object changes.
 Physics Forces and Magnets compare how things move on different surfaces notice that some forces need contact between two 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 two poles predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing. 	 Pupils should observe that magnetic forces can act without direct contact, unlike most forces, where direct contact is necessary (for example, openin a door, pushing a swing). They should explore the behaviour and everyday uses of different magnets (for example, bar, ring, button and horseshoe). Pupils might work scientifically by: comparing how different things move and grouping them; raising questions and carrying out tests to find out how far things move on different surfaces and gathering and recording data to find answers their questions; exploring the strengths of different magnets and finding a fair way to compare them; sorting materials into those that are magnetic and those that are not; looking for patterns in the way that magnets behave in relation to each other and what might affect this, for example, the strength of the magnet or which pole faces another; identifying how these properties make magnets useful in everyday items and suggesting creative uses for different magnets.

B. Science Content - Learning Progression

Year 3					
Biology - Plants (Y3)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond	
Habitats provide living things	Explore the requirements of	Suggest how one of the	Explain what all plants need to	Compare the requirements of	
with what they need	plants for life and growth (air,	requirements for plants to stay	flourish and recognise how	different plants and link these to	
	light, water, nutrients from soil,	healthy could be explored.	these requirements vary in	particular habitats.	
	and room to grow) and how		amount.		

	they vary from plant to plant			
Life exists in a variety of forms	Identify and describe the	Identify different parts of a	Describe what each part of a	Suggest why parts may vary in
and goes through cycles –	functions of different parts of	flowering plant: roots,	flowering plant does.	size and shape from one species
Plants	flowering plants: roots,	stem/trunk, leaves and flowers.		of flowering plant to another.
	stem/trunk, leaves and flowers			
	Investigate the way in which	Identify that water is	Explain, with the aid of a	Suggest how this process might
	water is transported within	transported within plants.	diagram or plant, how water is	vary from one type of plant to
	plants		carried up from the soil.	another.
	Explore the part that flowers	Describe the processes of	Explain how pollination, seed	Suggest why pollination, seed
	play in the life cycle of	pollination, seed formation and	formation and seed dispersal	formation and seed dispersal
	flowering plants, including	seed dispersal.	play a role in the reproduction	may vary from one type of plant
	pollination, seed formation and		of flowering plants.	to another.
	seed dispersal			
Biology - Animals including Humans (Y3)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Life exists in a variety of forms	Identify that animals, including	Identify that animals, including	dentify that animals, including Describe why animals depend	
and goes through cycles -	humans, need the right types	humans, need the correct	on the correct nutrition.	important.
Animals	and amount of nutrition, and	nutrition.		
	that they cannot make their			
	own food; they get nutrition			
	from what they eat			
The human body has a number	Identify that humans and	Recognise that humans and	Explain which parts of the	Compare the ways that the
of systems, each with its own	some other animals have	some other animals have	skeleton provide support and	skeletons of different animals
function	skeletons and muscles for	skeletons and muscles.	protection, and how they allow	provide support, protection and
	support, protection and		for movement.	movement.
	movement			
Chemistry – Rocks (Y3)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Different rocks have different	Describe in simple terms how	Understand that fossils indicate	Explain how fossils are formed.	Explain the importance of
properties and the formation	fossils are formed when things	the shape of previous life		studying fossils.
of soil & fossils can be	that have lived are trapped	forms.		
explained	within rock			
	Recognise that soils are made	Describe the appearance of	Describe how soil is made.	Compare different soils in terms
	from rocks and organic matter	soil, recognising that it is a		of composition.
		mixture of materials.		
Materials have physical	Compare and group together	Identify that rocks vary in terms	Examine and test rocks,	Suggest uses for different kinds
properties which can be	different kinds of rocks on the	of appearance and physical	grouping them according to the	of rocks based on their

investigated and compared	basis of their appearance and simple physical properties	properties.	results.	properties.
Physics – Forces (Y3)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
There are contact and non- contact forces; these affect the motion of objects	tact forces; these affect the tion of objects different surfaces move differently on different surfaces.		Compare how an object, such as a toy car, will move on different surfaces.	Predict how an object will move on other surfaces and suggest why.
	Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance	Recognise that magnetic forces don't require physical contact.	Recognise the difference between contact and contact forces.	Explore how magnetic attraction and repulsion are affected by distance.
	Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others	Identify that magnets affect each other.	Describe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract magnetic materials.	Explore whether some magnets are stronger than 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	Recognise that some materials are magnetic and that others are not.	Group materials on the basis of testing for being magnetic.	Identify some applications of magnets and magnetic materials.
	Describe magnets as having two poles	Recognise the term 'magnetic pole'.	Describe and identify the poles of a magnet.	Explore the similarities and differences between the two poles.
	Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing	Recognise that magnets affect each other differently, depending on which poles are facing.	Predict outcomes of a particular arrangement of magnets.	Apply ideas about the interaction of magnets to contexts such as toys.
Physics – Light and Sound (Y3)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Light & sound can be reflected & absorbed and enable us to see & hear	Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light	Identify that light is necessary for vision.	Relate being able to see to the presence of light.	Recognise that vision involves light travelling to the eyes.
	Notice that light is reflected from surfaces	Identify that mirrors reflect light.	Describe how some objects reflect light.	Recognise that some surfaces are better at reflecting light than other.
	Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their	Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous.	Describe how and why our eyes should be protected from sunlight.	Explain why sunlight can be dangerous and how types of protection works.

	eyes			
	Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid	Recognise that light cannot pass through some objects.	Explain how shadows are made.	Suggest how light is travelling to form a shadow.
	object Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change	Identify that the size of shadows can be changed.	Describe how to change the size of a shadow.	Relate position of an object and position of a screen to the size of the shadow.
	A. Wor	king Scientifically - Learning Pro	ogression	
		Year 4		
Planning investigations (Y4)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils can ask questions	Ask relevant questions	Pupil can, with support, develop relevant, testable questions.	Pupil can develop relevant, testable questions, e.g. based on observations of animals.	Pupil can develop a range of relevant testable questions.
Pupils can plan an enquiry	Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions	Pupil can plan enquiries, such as a comparative or fair test.	Pupil can plan investigations using different types of scientific enquiry, e.g. exploring various materials by observing change over time, running comparative tests and conducting surveys.	Pupil can, with support, answer questions using evidence gathered from different types of scientific enquiry.
Pupils can identify and manage variables	Set up simple and practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests	Pupil can set up a comparative test.	Pupil can set up comparative and fair tests, e.g. finding patterns in the sounds made by elastic bands of different thicknesses.	Pupil can, with prompting, identify and manage variables.
Conducting Experiments (Y4)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils can use equipment to take measurements	Make systematic and careful observations using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers	Pupil can use various equipment, as instructed, e.g. a thermometer.	Pupil can use various equipment, as instructed, repeatedly and with care, e.g. thermometers.	Pupil can select and use various equipment repeatedly and with care, e.g. measuring jug to measure volume, and discuss alternatives.
Pupils explore how to improve the quality of data	Take accurate measurements using standard units, where appropriate	Pupil can use standard measurements when taking measurements.	Pupil can recognise the importance of using standard units and measures accurately, e.g. measuring temperature	Pupil can take measurements that are precise as well as accurate.

			when investigating its effect on	
			washing drying.	
Recording Evidence (Y4)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils record work with	Record findings using simple	Pupil can, with prompting,	Pupil can use words and	Pupil can start to use labelled
diagrams and label them	scientific language, drawings	draw and label diagrams.	diagrams to record findings,	diagrams to show more complex
	and labelled diagrams		e.g. how habitats change	outcomes.
			during the year.	
Pupils can display data using	Record findings using keys, bar	Pupil can, with prompting, use	Pupil can use various ways to	Pupil can, with prompting, use
labelled diagrams, keys, tables	charts, and tables	tables to record evidence.	record evidence, e.g.	various ways to record complex
and bar charts			comparing the teeth of	evidence.
			herbivores and carnivores.	
Pupils can display data using	Gather, record, classify and	Pupil can, with prompting,	Pupil can use various ways to	Pupil can use line graph to
line graphs	present data in a variety of	gather and display evidence in	record, group and display	record basic data.
	ways to help to answer	various ways.	evidence, e.g. grouping and	
	questions		classifying various materials.	
Reporting Findings (Y4)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils process findings to	Report on findings from	Pupil can, with prompting,	Pupil can write a conclusion	Pupil can, with prompting, write
develop conclusions and	enquiries, including oral and	write a conclusion based on	based on evidence, e.g. effect	a conclusion using evidence and
identify causal relationships	written explanations, of results	evidence.	on brightness of bulbs if more	identifying causal links.
	and conclusions		cells are added.	
Pupils use displays and	Report on findings from	Pupil can indicate findings from	Pupil can present findings	Pupil can, with support, display
presentations to report on	enquiries using displays or	an enquiry that could be	either in writing or orally, e.g.	and present key findings from
findings	presentations	reported.	relating to investigating which	enquiries orally and in writing.
			materials are conductors.	
Conclusion/Predictions (Y4)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils can analyse data	Identify differences, similarities	Pupil can, with prompting,	Pupil can recognise patterns	Pupil can arrange data to make
	or changes related to simple	recognise patterns that relate	that relate to scientific ideas,	clear key characteristics.
	scientific ideas and processes	to scientific ideas.	e.g. finding out which materials	
			make better earmuffs.	
Pupils can draw conclusions	Use straightforward scientific	Pupil can, with support, use	Pupil can use evidence to	Pupil can show how evidence
	evidence to answer questions	evidence to produce a simple	produce a simple conclusion,	supports a conclusion.
	or to support their findings	conclusion.	e.g. the effect of temperature	
			on various substances.	
Pupils can develop	Use results to draw simple	Pupil can suggest how an	Pupil can use evidence to	Pupil can suggest further
investigation further	conclusions, make predictions	investigation could be	suggest further relevant	relevant comparative or fair
	for new values, suggest	extended.	investigations, e.g. making own	tests.

improvements and raise further	instruments, using ideas about
questions	pitch and volume.
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	Year 4
Learning Intentions	Non-Statutory
Pupils should be taught about	
 Piology Living Things and their Habitats recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and nativariety of living things in their local and wider environment recognise that environments can change and that this can somet dangers to living things. 	 They should identify how the habitat changes throughout the year.
Biology Animals Including Humans describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive shumans identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple for construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying prodipredators and prey.	and small and large intestine and explore questions that help them to understand their special functions. Pupils might work scientifically by comparing the teeth of carnivores and herbivores and suggesting reasons for differences; finding out what damages teeth and how to look after them. They might draw and discuss their ideas about the digestive system and compare them with models or images.
Chemistry States of Matter	 Pupils should explore a variety of everyday materials and develop simple

- 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)
- identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

- descriptions of the states of matter (solids hold their shape; liquids form a pool not a pile; gases escape from an unsealed container).
- Pupils should observe water as a solid, a liquid and a gas and should note
 the changes to water when it is heated or cooled. Note: Teachers should
 avoid using materials where heating is associated with chemical change,
 for example, through baking or burning.
- Pupils might work scientifically by grouping and classifying a variety of different materials; exploring the effect of temperature on substances such as chocolate, butter, cream (for example, to make food such as chocolate crispy cakes and ice-cream for a party). They could research the temperature at which materials change state, for example, when iron melts or when oxygen condenses into a liquid. They might observe and record evaporation over a period of time, for example, a puddle in the playground or washing on a line and investigate the effect of temperature on washing drying or snowmen melting.

Physics Sound

- 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.

Physics Electricity

- 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

- Pupils should explore and identify the way sound is made through vibration in a range of different musical instruments from around the world; and find out how the pitch and volume of sounds can be changed in a variety of ways.
- Pupils might work scientifically by finding patterns in the sounds that are made by different objects such as saucepan lids of different sizes or elastic bands of different thicknesses. They might make earmuffs from a variety of different materials to investigate which provides the best insulation against sound. They could make and play their own instruments by using what they have found out about pitch and volume
- Pupils should construct simple series circuits, trying different components, for example, bulbs, buzzers and motors, and including switches, and use their circuits to create simple devices.
- Pupils should draw the circuit as a pictorial representation, not necessarily
 using conventional circuit symbols at this stage; these will be introduced in
 year 6. Note: Pupils might use the terms current and voltage, but these
 should not be introduced or defined formally at this stage.
- Pupils should be taught about precautions for working safely with electricity.
- Pupils might work scientifically by observing patterns, for example, that bulbs get brighter if more cells are added, that metals tend to be

conductors of electricity, and that some materials can, and some cannot be used to connect across a gap in a circuit.

B. Science Content - Learning Progression Year 4 **Biology - Biology Living Things Working Towards Working At Working Beyond Progression Statement** and their Habitats (Y4) Living things can be classified Suggest different ways of Recognise that living things can Suggest a way of grouping Suggest why some ways of according to observable be grouped in a variety of ways living things, e.g. sort shells by sorting the same group of living grouping living things may be features things, e.g. grouping birds more useful than others, e.g. colour. according to where they live, why grouping by number of legs what they eat and size of is an easy aid to identification. adults. Explore and use classification Use classification keys to group Use classification keys to group Devise own classification keys to keys to help group, identify and and identify members from a and identify members from a group living things. name a variety of living things small group of living things. range of familiar and less in their local and wider familiar living things. environment Habitats provide living things Recognise that environments Describe how environments Describe examples of living Describe examples of living with what they need can change and that this can things that are threatened by might change. things adapting to sometimes pose dangers to changes to environments, e.g. environmental change, e.g. living things. owls and habitat loss. urban foxes, and examples of extinction due to environmental change. **Biology - Animals Including Working Towards Working At Working Beyond Progression Statement** Humans (Y4) The human body has a number Identify what each of the Explain why the simple functions Describe the simple functions of Describe the purpose of the of systems, each with its own the basic parts of the digestive digestive system in humans. principal organs in the digestive of the basic parts of the digestive function system in humans are necessary. system in humans system do. *Identify the different types of* Recognise that humans have Describe the function of each Explain why humans have teeth in humans and their different types of teeth. type of tooth in the human different types of teeth. skull. simple functions Construct and interpret a Understand the roles of Use a food chain to represent Suggest what might happen in a variety of food chains, food chain if the population of producers, predators and prey. predator-prey relationships. one of the organisms changes. identifying producers, predators and prey

Chemistry – States of Matter (Y4)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Materials have physical properties which can be investigated and compared	Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases	Recognise the state of matter of different materials.	Group materials according to their state of matter.	Recognise that some materials (e.g. toothpaste) cannot be easily classified as solid. liquid or gas.
Materials can exist in different states and that these states can sometimes be changed	Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature	Relate the terms 'evaporation' and 'condensation' to water.	Describe how evaporation and condensation happen in the water cycle, and how temperature affects evaporation.	Apply the relationship between rate of evaporation with temperature to everyday contexts.
	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)	Recognise that materials may change state.	Identify changes of state and research values of degrees Celsius at which changes happen.	Suggest patterns in which kinds of materials change state at higher or lower temperatures.
Physics – Light and Sound (Y4)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Light & sound can be reflected & absorbed and enable us to see & hear	Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating	Identify how an object may vibrate.	Explain, with reference to vibrations, how an object makes a sound.	Group sound-making objects in terms of how they make sounds.
	Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear	Recognise that the ear detects vibrations.	Describe the role of a medium in the transmission of sound.	Compare the effectiveness of different media in terms of their ability to transmit sound.
	Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases	Suggest why some sounds are louder than others.	Describe the effect of moving further from the source of a sound.	Explain with reference to examples how sounds get fainter as the distance from the source increases.
	Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it	Recognise that the pitch of a sound can be varied.	Explain with reference to a particular object how the pitch of the sound can be changed.	Identify generic features that cause the pitch of a note to be changed.
	Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it	Recognise that the volume of a sound can be varied.	Explain with reference to a particular object how the volume of the sound can be changed.	Identify generic features that cause the volume of a note to be changed.

Physics – Electricity (Y4)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Electricity can make circuits	Identify common appliances	Recognise that some	List examples of appliances that	Compare and contrast
work and can be controlled to	that run on electricity	appliances run on electricity.	run on electricity.	appliances that run on mains
perform useful functions				electricity with those that run on
				batteries.
	Construct a simple series	Construct a simple circuit.	Construct a simple circuit and	Identify the functions of
	electrical circuit, identifying and		name its components.	components within a circuit.
	naming its basic parts,			
	including cells, wires, bulbs,			
	switches and buzzers			
	Recognise some common	Identify metal as a conductor.	Sort materials into conductors	Investigate graphite as a
	conductors and insulators, and		and insulators, identifying	conductor and relate to other
	associate metals with being		metals as conductors.	materials.
	good conductors			
	Identify whether or not a lamp	Understand that a complete	Predict whether a particular	Explain why certain
	will light in a simple series	circuit is needed for a circuit to	arrangement of components	arrangements will not result in
	circuit, based on whether or not	operate.	will result in a bulb lighting.	the bulb lighting.
	the lamp is part of a complete			
	loop with a battery			
	Recognise that a switch opens	Describe the function of a	Predict how the operation of a	Explain how altering the location
	and closes a circuit and	switch.	switch will affect bulbs lighting.	of a switch affects the operation
	associate this with whether or			of the circuit.
	not a lamp lights in a simple			
	series circuit			

Upper Key Stage 2

The principal focus of science teaching in upper key stage 2 is to enable pupils to develop a deeper understanding of a wide range of scientific ideas. They should do this through exploring and talking about their ideas; asking their own questions about scientific phenomena; and analysing functions, relationships and interactions more systematically. At upper key stage 2, they should encounter more abstract ideas and begin to recognise how these ideas help them to understand and predict how the world operates. They should also begin to recognise that scientific ideas change and develop over time. They should select the most appropriate ways to answer science questions using different types of scientific enquiry, including observing changes over different periods of time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, carrying out comparative and fair tests and finding things out using a wide range of secondary sources of information. Pupils should draw conclusions based on their data and observations, use evidence to justify their ideas, and use their scientific knowledge and understanding to explain their findings. 'Working and thinking scientifically' is described separately at the beginning of the programme of study but must always be taught through and clearly related to substantive science content in the programme of study. Throughout the notes and guidance, examples show how scientific methods and skills might be linked to specific elements of the content.

Pupils should read, spell and pronounce scientific vocabulary correctly.

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	Working Scientifically Upper Key Stage 2					
		Pupils ideas a appropriate app	In years 5 and 6 should use their sand raise different kinds of questic priate type of scientific enquiry to hise when and how to set up comportables need to be controlled and should use and develop keys and offy, classify and describe living thing that might be found in the natural should make their own decisions all measurements to use and how long eat them; choose the most approparements and explain how to use it should decide how to record data for the same as the should decide how to record data for the same as	cience experiences to: explore ons; select and plan the most use to answer scientific questions; parative and fair tests and explain and why. ther information records to gs and materials, and identify aral environment. bout what observations to make, gs to make them for, and whether oriate equipment to make accurately. From a choice of familiar actionships in their data and identify deas. when further tests and e which secondary sources will be		
		 They should use relevant scientific language and illustrations to discuss, communicate and justify their scientific ideas and should talk about how scientific ideas have developed over time. 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 fo every area of study. 		deas and should talk about how e. ically should be provided across the programme of study can be		
	A. \	Working Scientifi	•			
			Year 5			
Planning investigations (Y5)	Progression Statement	Working Toward	ls	Working At	Working Beyond	
Pupils can plan an enquiry	With prompting, plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions	Pupil can plan investigations using different types of scientific enquiry.		Pupil can, with support, can answer questions using evidence gathered from	Pupil can answer questions using evidence gathered from different types of scientific	

Pupils can identify and manage variables	With prompting, recognise and control variables where necessary	Pupil can set up comparative and fair tests.	different types of scientific enquiry, e.g. comparing life cycles of different plants using change over time, surveys and secondary research. Pupil can, with prompting, identifies and manages variables, e.g. when exploring	Pupil can identify and manage variables.
		=	falling paper cones.	
Conducting Experiments (Y5)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils can use equipment to take measurements	Select, with prompting, and use appropriate equipment to take readings	Pupil can, following discussion, follow guidance to use equipment, e.g. timer.	Pupil can, following discussion of alternatives, selects appropriate equipment, e.g. using a shadow stick and measuring length and angle of shadow.	Pupil can use appropriate equipment, such as meter rule, to take measurements, such as distance travelled.
Pupils explore how to improve the quality of data	Take precise measurements using standard units	Pupil can recognise importance of using standard units and measures accurately.	Pupil can take measurements that are precise as well as accurate, e.g. measuring the force needed to pull different shapes of boat through the water.	Pupil can consider how by modifying instrument or technique, measurements can be improved.
Pupils understand the role of repeat readings	Take and process repeat readings	Pupil can, with prompting, can take repeat readings.	Pupil can know how to process repeat readings, e.g. when timing falling objects.	Pupil can identify situations in which taking repeat readings will improve the quality of evidence.
Recording Evidence (Y5)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils record work with diagrams and label them	Record data and results	Pupil can use words and diagrams to record findings.	Pupil can start to use labelled diagrams to show more complex outcomes, e.g. comparing the time of day at different places on the earth.	Pupil can use labelled diagrams to show more complex outcomes.
Pupils can display data using labelled diagrams, keys, tables and bar charts	Record data using labelled diagrams, keys, tables and charts	Pupil can use various ways to record evidence.	Pupil can, with prompting, use various ways to record complex evidence, e.g. when investigating how gears and levers enable a small force to	Pupil can use various ways, as appropriate, to record complex evidence.

			have a larger effect.	
Pupils can display data using line graphs	Use line graphs to record data	Pupil can, with prompting, line graphs.		Pupil can use line graphs to display complex data.
Reporting Findings (Y5)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils process findings to develop conclusions and identify causal relationships	Report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions and, with prompting, suggest causal relationships	Pupil can write a conclusio based on evidence.	Pupil can, with prompting, write a conclusion using evidence and identifying causal links, e.g. investigating what makes a parachute fall quicker.	Pupil can write a conclusion using evidence and identifying causal links.
Pupils use displays and presentations to report on findings	With support, present findings from enquiries orally and in writing	Pupil can present findings either in writing or orally.	Pupil can, with support, display and present key findings from enquiries orally and in writing, e.g. suggesting reasons for similarities and differences between various animals.	Pupil can display and present key findings from enquiries orally and in writing.
Pupils explain confidence in findings	With prompting, identify that not all results may be trustworthy	Pupil can indicate individuate results that might be suspe	1 ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' '	Pupil can, in conclusions, indicate how trustworthy they are.
Conclusions/Predictions (Y5)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils can draw conclusions	Suggest how evidence can support conclusions	Pupil can, with prompting, show how evidence suppo conclusion.	Pupil can show how evidence supports a conclusion, e.g. researching gestation periods of various mammals and relating them to adult mass.	Pupil can identify how an idea is supported or refuted by evidence.
	Suggest further comparative or fair tests	Pupil can, with prompting, suggest further relevant comparative or fair tests.	Pupil can suggest further relevant comparative or fair tests, e.g. when testing materials for various properties to determine their suitability for an application.	Pupil can use evidence to suggest further comparative or fair tests that would develop the investigation.
	Scien	ce Content – National Cur	riculum 2014	
		Year 5		
	tent Learning Intentions should be taught about:		Non-Statutor	1

Biology Living Things and their Habitats Pupils should study and raise questions about their local environment describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an throughout the year. insect and a bird They should observe life-cycle changes in a variety of living things, for describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. example, plants in the vegetable garden or flower border, and animals in the local environment. They should find out about the work of naturalists and animal behaviourists, for example, David Attenborough and Jane Goodall. Pupils should find out about different types of reproduction, including sexual and asexual reproduction in plants, and sexual reproduction in animals. **Pupils might work scientifically by** observing and comparing the life cycles of plants and animals in their local environment with other plants and animals around the world (in the rainforest, in the oceans, in desert areas and in prehistoric times), asking pertinent questions and suggesting reasons for similarities and differences. They might try to grow new plants from different parts of the parent plant, for example, seeds, stem and root cuttings, tubers, bulbs. They might observe changes in an animal over a period of time (for example, by hatching and rearing chicks), comparing how different animals reproduce and grow. **Biology** Animals including Humans Pupils should draw a timeline to indicate stages in the growth and development of humans. describe the changes as humans develop to old age. They should learn about the changes experienced in puberty. **Pupils could work scientifically by** researching the gestation periods of other animals and comparing them with humans; by finding out and recording the length and mass of a baby as it grows. **Chemistry** Properties and Changes of Materials Pupils should build a more systematic understanding of materials by exploring and comparing the properties of a broad range of materials, compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity including relating these to what they learnt about magnetism in year 3 and about electricity in year 4. (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and They should explore reversible changes, including, evaporating, filtering, sieving, melting and dissolving, recognising that melting and dissolving are describe how to recover a substance from a solution different processes. use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be Pupils should explore changes that are difficult to reverse, for example, separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating burning, rusting and other reactions, for example, vinegar with bicarbonate give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the

of soda.

They should find out about how chemists create new materials, for

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.
- example, Spencer Silver, who invented the glue for sticky notes or Ruth Benerito, who invented wrinkle-free cotton. Note: Pupils are not required to make quantitative measurements about conductivity and insulation at this stage. It is sufficient for them to observe that some conductors will produce a brighter bulb in a circuit than others and that some materials will feel hotter than others when a heat source is placed against them. Safety guidelines should be followed when burning materials.
- Pupils might work scientifically by: carrying out tests to answer questions, for example, 'Which materials would be the most effective for making a warm jacket, for wrapping ice cream to stop it melting, or for making blackout curtains?' They might compare materials in order to make a switch in a circuit. They could observe and compare the changes that take place, for example, when burning different materials or baking bread or cakes. They might research and discuss how chemical changes have an impact on our lives, for example, cooking, and discuss the creative use of new materials such as polymers, super-sticky and super-thin materials.

Physics 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 the apparent movement of the sun across the sky

- Pupils should be introduced to a model of the Sun and Earth that enables them to explain day and night.
- Pupils should learn that the Sun is a star at the centre of our solar system and that it has eight planets: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune (Pluto was reclassified as a 'dwarf planet' in 2006).
- They should understand that a moon is a celestial body that orbits a planet (Earth has one moon; Jupiter has four large moons and numerous smaller ones). Note: Pupils should be warned that it is not safe to look directly at the Sun, even when wearing dark glasses.
- Pupils should find out about the way that ideas about the solar system have developed, understanding how the geocentric model of the solar system gave way to the heliocentric model by considering the work of scientists such as Ptolemy, Alhazen and Copernicus.
- Pupils might work scientifically by: comparing the time of day at different places on the Earth through internet links and direct communication; creating simple models of the solar system; constructing simple shadow clocks and sundials, calibrated to show midday and the start and end of the school day; finding out why some people think that structures such as Stonehenge might have been used as astronomical clocks.
- Pupils should explore falling objects and raise questions about the effects

Physics Forces

- 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.
- of air resistance.
- They should explore the effects of air resistance by observing how different objects such as parachutes and sycamore seeds fall.
- They should experience forces that make things begin to move, get faster or slow down.
- Pupils should explore the effects of friction on movement and find out how it slows or stops moving objects, for example, by observing the effects of a brake on a bicycle wheel.
- Pupils should explore the effects of levers, pulleys and simple machines on movement.
- Pupils might find out how scientists, for example, Galileo Galilei and Isaac
 Newton helped to develop the theory of gravitation.
- Pupils might work scientifically by exploring falling paper cones or cupcake cases and designing and making a variety of parachutes and carrying out fair tests to determine which designs are the most effective. They might explore resistance in water by making and testing boats of different shapes. They might design and make products that use levers, pulleys, gears and/or springs and explore their effects.

B. Science Content - Learning Progression Year 5 ology - Living Things and Progression Statement Working Towards Working

Biology - Living Things and	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
their Habitats, Animals				
including Humans (Y5)				
Life exists in a variety of forms	Describe the differences in the	Explain what a life cycle is, e.g.	Identify similarities and	Suggest similarities in the life
and goes through cycles -	life cycles of a mammal, an	that kittens grow into cats,	differences in two different life	cycles of a number of
Animals	amphibian, an insect and a bird	have kittens and die.	cycles, e.g. sparrow and	vertebrates, e.g. comparison of
			butterfly, with reference to	dog, human and bird embryos.
			eggs and intermediate stages.	
	Describe the changes as	Identify that people change as	Describe the changes as	Suggest why some of the
	humans develop to old age	they age, e.g. recognise	humans develop to old age, e.g.	changes that take place in
		differences in appearance,	trends in changes to size,	humans happen, e.g. suggest
		abilities etc.	weight, mobility etc.	why babies have
				disproportionately large heads
The human body has a number	Describe the life process of	Describe the life process of	Describe in sequence the	Compare the process of
of systems, each with its own	reproduction in some plants	reproduction in humans.	stages of reproduction in some	reproduction in animals and
function	and animals		plants and animals, e.g. dog	plants, e.g. compare and

			and a thistle.	contrast fertilisation.
Chemistry – States of Matter (Y5)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Materials have physical properties which can be investigated and compare	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	Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their appearance and feel.	Test and sort a range of materials based on their physical properties.	Suggest why those properties might influence the selection of those materials for certain uses.
	Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution	Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution.	Describe how some materials, e.g. sugar, will dissolve and can be retrieved.	Identify that some soluble materials are more soluble than others.
	Use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating	Suggest how mixtures might be separated.	Justify separation techniques proposed, with reference to materials being separated.	Explain why a particular separation method might be more effective.
	Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes	Understand that some processes are reversible.	Show how the original materials can be retrieved from each of these changes.	Classify various processes relating to materials as reversible or irreversible.
	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.	Understand that burning is irreversible.	Identify reactants and products of chemical changes and recognise these as being irreversible.	Provide examples of when changes being irreversible are a good thing, e.g. making bricks, or not, e.g. non-biodegradable plastic bags.
The physical properties of materials determine their uses	Give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic	Give reasons for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic.	Use evidence to justify the selection of a material for a purpose.	Suggest limitations of the uses of selected materials based on test results.

Physics – Earth and Space (Y5)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
There are contact and non-	Explain that unsupported	Describe the effect of gravity	Explain that gravity causes	Recognise that gravity acts
contact forces; these affect the motion of objects	objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object	on unsupported objects.	objects to fall towards Earth.	between all masses, e.g. the Sun and the Earth.
	Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces	Recognise that motion may be resisted by forces.	Describe how motion may be resisted by air resistance, water resistance or friction.	Identify ways in which forces that oppose motion may be useful (e.g. bicycle handlebar grips) or a nuisance (e.g. bicycle chain).
	Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect	Recognise that simple machines transfer force.	Describe how some devices may turn a smaller force into a larger one.	Explain, with reference to everyday contexts, why a force multiplier might be useful.
Day, night, month, seasonal change & year are caused by the position and movement of the Earth	Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system	Recognise that the planets move, relative to the Sun.	Draw a diagram or use a model to describe planetary orbits.	Identify that the further out a planet is, the longer its orbit is around the Sun.
	Describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth	Recognise that the Moon moves relative to the Earth.	Draw a diagram or use a model to describe the Moon's orbit around the Earth.	Relate the Moon's orbit of the Earth to the Earth's orbit of the Sun.
Day, night, month, season change, and year are cause by the position change and movement of the Earth.	Describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies	Sketch the outlines of the Sun, Earth and Moon.	Describe the Sun, Earth & Moon as spheres.	Recognise that many heavenly bodies are approximately spherical.
	Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky	Relate day and night to the apparent position of the Sun.	Use a diagram or model to explain why the Sun seems to travel across the sky, and what causes day and night.	Explain the effect of a planet in the solar system rotating at a different rate to Earth.
	A. Wor	king Scientifically - Learning Pro Year 6	ogression	
Planning Investigations (Y6)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils can plan an enquiry	Plan different types of scientific		Pupil can answer questions	Pupil can suggest which type of

Pupils can identify and manage variables	enquiries to answer questions Recognise and control variables where necessary	answer questions using evidence gathered from different types of scientific enquiry. Pupil can, with prompting, identifies and manages variables.	using evidence gathered from different types of scientific enquiry, e.g. operation of circulatory system from experiment, survey and secondary research. Pupil can identify and manage variables, e.g. distances and sizes in shadow formation.	enquiry is likely to be more successful at providing answers to a particular question. Pupil can identify and manage variables and recognises variables that cannot be easily managed.
Conducting Experiments (Y6)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils can use equipment to take measurements	Take measurements using a range of scientific equipment	Pupil can, following discussion of alternatives, select appropriate equipment, e.g. measuring jug to measure volume.	Pupil can use appropriate equipment, such as meter rule, to take measurements, such as distance travelled by light.	Pupil can recognise limitations of available equipment, e.g. accuracy of balance.
Pupils explore how to improve the quality of data	Take measurements with increasing accuracy and precision	Pupil can take measurements that are precise as well as accurate.	Pupil can consider how by modifying instrument or technique, measurements can be improved, e.g. when recording route of light rays	Pupil can evaluate different techniques, with reference to accuracy and precision.
Pupils understand the role of repeat readings	Take repeat readings when appropriate	Pupil can know how to process repeat readings.	Pupil can identify situations in which taking repeat readings will improve the quality of evidence, e.g. investigating the behaviour of components in a circuit.	Pupil can explain why repeatedly taking repeat readings is of little value.
Recording Evidence (Y6)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils record work with diagrams and label them	Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels	Pupil can start to use labelled diagrams to show more complex outcomes.	Pupil can use labelled diagrams to show complex outcomes, e.g. relating specific adaptations of organisms to environmental factors.	Pupil can explain why a labelled diagram may be particularly effective.
Pupils can display data using labelled diagrams, keys, tables and bar charts	Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels,	Pupil can, with prompting, uses various ways to record complex evidence.	Pupil can use various ways, as appropriate, to record complex evidence, e.g. in the	Pupil can evaluate various ways of recording complex data.

	classification keys, tables and bar charts		construction of a key to aid plant identification.	
Pupils can display data using line graphs	Record data and results of increasing complexity using line graphs	Pupil can use a line graph to record basic data.	Pupil can use line graphs to display complex data, e.g. size of object in relation to the size of the shadow it casts.	Pupil can explain the advantages of using line graphs.
Reporting Findings (Y6)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils process findings to develop conclusions and identify causal relationships	Report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions and causal relationships	Pupil can, with prompting, write a conclusion using evidence and identifying causal links.	Pupil can write a conclusion using evidence and identifying causal links, e.g. in the design of a periscope.	Pupil can suggest possible limits to causal relationships.
Pupils use displays and presentations to report on findings	Report and presents findings from enquiries in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentation	Pupil can, with support, display and present key findings from enquiries orally and in writing.	Pupil can display and present key findings from enquiries orally and in writing, e.g. deciding how well classifications fit unfamiliar animals and plants.	Pupil can evaluate the best way of displaying and presenting key findings
Pupils explain confidence in findings	Report and present findings from enquiries, including explanations of, and degree of, trust in results	Pupil can, with support, indicate why some results may not be entirely trustworthy.	Pupil can, in conclusions, indicate how trustworthy they are, e.g. in relating brightness of bulb to voltage supplied.	Pupil can, in conclusions, indicate, if appropriate, why the results may not be entirely trustworthy.
Conclusions/Predictions (Y6)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Pupils can draw conclusions	Identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments	Pupil can show how evidence supports a conclusion.	Pupil can identify how an idea is supported or refuted by evidence, e.g. selective breeding to produce animals or plants with desirable characteristics	Pupil can suggest how factors other than evidence may support or oppose an idea.
Pupils can develop investigation further	Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests	Pupil can suggest further relevant comparative or fair tests.	Pupil can use evidence to suggest further comparative or fair tests that would develop the investigation, e.g. in the design of rear-view mirrors for cars.	Pupil can evaluate which further comparative or fair tests would be particularly useful.

Science Content – Na	tional Curriculum 2014
Ye	ar 6
Content Learning Intentions Pupils should be taught about:	Non-Statutory
Biology Living Things and their Habitats describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.	 Pupils should build on their learning about grouping living things in year 4 by looking at the classification system in more detail. They should be introduced to the idea that broad groupings, such as microorganisms, plants and animals can be subdivided. Through direct observations where possible, they should classify animals into commonly found invertebrates (such as insects, spiders, snails, worms) and vertebrates (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals). They should discuss reasons why living things are placed in one group and not another. Pupils might find out about the significance of the work of scientists such as Carl Linnaeus, a pioneer of classification. Pupils might work scientifically by using classification systems and keys to identify some animals and plants in the immediate environment. They could research unfamiliar animals and plants from a broad range of other habitats and decide where they belong in the classification system
Biology Animals including Humans identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans	 Pupils should build on their learning from years 3 and 4 about the main body parts and internal organs (skeletal, muscular and digestive system) to explore and answer questions that help them to understand how the circulatory system enables the body to function. Pupils should learn how to keep their bodies healthy and how their bodies might be damaged – including how some drugs and other substances can be harmful to the human body. Pupils might work scientifically by exploring the work of scientists and scientific research about the relationship between diet, exercise, drugs, lifestyle and health.
Piology 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	 Building on what they learned about fossils in the topic on rocks in year 3, pupils should find out more about how living things on earth have changed over time. They should be introduced to the idea that characteristics are passed from parents to their offspring, for instance by considering different breeds of dogs, and what happens when, for example, labradors are crossed with poodles.

different ways and that a	adaptation may lead to evolution.		anima examp of insu Pupils Annin ideas under Pupils local a	should also appreciate that variation is more or less able to survive in paper, by exploring how giraffes' neck alating fur on the arctic fox. In might find out about the work of pagend about how Charles Darwin at on evolution. Note: At this stage, pastand how genes and chromosome might work scientifically by obsertant and how they are adapted ome living things are adapted to suble, cactuses, penguins and camels	articular environments, for as got longer, or the development coalaeontologists such as Mary and Alfred Wallace developed their aupils are not expected to ses work. Trying and raising questions about to their environment; comparing urvive in extreme conditions, for
 use the idea that light traseen because they give of explain that we see thing eyes or from light source use the idea that light traseen 	 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 			tages and disadvantages of specific et rather than four, having a long of tendrils on climbing plants, bright should build on the work on light is should talk about what happens an might work scientifically by decides son cars; designing and making a ppears to travel in straight lines to igate the relationship between light shadow puppets. They could exten g a range of phenomena including es, objects looking bent in water and to explain why these phenomena of	or a short beak, having gills or ly coloured and scented flowers. in year 3, exploring the way that flection and shadows. d make predictions. ling where to place rear-view periscope and using the idea that explain how it works. They might at sources, objects and shadows by d their experience of light by rainbows, colours on soap and coloured filters (they do not
	B. Sc	ience Content -			,
			ar 6		
Biology - Living Things and their Habitats, Evolution and Inheritance (Y6) Progression Statement Working Toward Working Towar		Working Toward	ds	Working At	Working Beyond
Living things can be classified according to observable features Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and			gs are	Use similarities and differences in observable features to decide how living things should be grouped, e.g. a cat is a	Explore why some living things, such as the duck billed platypus, don't neatly fit into one group.

mammal because it is warm

based on similarities and

	differences, including micro-		blooded and gives birth to live	
	organisms, plants and animals		young.	
	Give reasons for classifying	State how plants and animals	Explain why certain features	Explain why other features are
	plants and animals based on	can be classified using specific	are useful in classifying living	less useful as a basis for
	specific characteristics	characteristics.	things, e.g. backbones in	classification, such as size or
			animals and flowers in plants.	colour.
Living things exhibit variation	Recognise that living things	Recognise that fossils provide	Use fossils as evidence that	Suggest possible reasons for
and adaptation and these may	have changed over time and	information about living things	living things have changed over	changes to living things over
lead to evolution	that fossils provide information	from millions of years ago, e.g.	time, e.g. explain that these	time, e.g. why penguins can't fly
	about living things that	understand that they are	have died out and others have	but are good at swimming.
	inhabited the Earth millions of	preserved remains of extinct	taken their place.	
	years ago	living things.		
	Recognise that living things	Recognise that living things	Recognise that offspring	Recognise that selective
	produce offspring of the same	produce offspring of the same	normally vary from each other	breeding may result in offspring
	kind, but normally offspring	kind, but normally offspring	and from their parents, e.g.	with certain features, e.g.
	vary and are not identical to	vary, e.g. that puppies have	that puppies vary from each	pedigree dogs with a certain
	their parents	common features but are not	other and from their parents.	shape or colour.
		identical.		
	Identify how animals and plants	Identify ways in which certain	Describe examples of a living	Give examples of living things
	are adapted to suit their	animals and plants are adapted	thing that has adapted to live in	that have evolved in different
	environment in different ways	to suit their environment in	a particular habitat and evolved	ways, e.g. different types of
	and that adaptation may lead	different ways.	as a result, e.g. a polar bear or	finch.
	to evolution		cactus.	
Biology – Animals including	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Humans (Y6)				
The human body has a number	Identify and name the main	Name the main parts of the	Describe what heart, blood	Explain some characteristics of
of systems, each with its own	parts of the human circulatory	human circulatory system, e.g.	vessels and blood do, e.g. carry	the heart, blood vessels and
function	system, and describe the	heart, arteries, veins.	oxygen to all parts of the body.	blood, e.g. explain that the
	functions of the heart, blood			arteries are thicker because they
	vessels and blood			carry blood at a higher pressure.
	Recognise the impact of diet,	Recognise that diet, exercise,	Suggest how their bodies are	Explain how decisions about
	exercise, drugs and lifestyle on	drugs and lifestyle impact on	affected by substances and	lifestyle can affect the quality of
	the way their bodies function	the way the body functions,	actions, e.g. that a high fat diet	life, e.g. recognise that making
		e.g. knowing that exercise	coupled with little exercise is	excessive use of convenience
		changes the body.	likely to lead to obesity.	foods may introduce more
				additives into the diet.

Physics – Light (Y6)	Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans Progression Statement	Describe that nutrients and water are transported within humans. Working Towards	Describe with aid of diagrams the route that water takes within animals, e.g. through the human body. Working At	Compare the ways in which nutrients and water are transported in two animals that are quite different. Working Beyond
Light and sound can be	Recognise that light appears to	Recognise that light travels	Represent light using straight	Recognise that even when light
reflected and absorbed and	travel in straight lines	from one point to another.	line ray diagrams.	changes in direction, the path is
enable us to see and hear				still continuous.
	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	Recognise that some objects reflect light.	Draw diagrams using straight lines showing light travelling to the eye.	Draw diagrams using straight lines showing light reflecting off objects and 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	Describe how light travels from light sources to our eyes.	Explain how we can see an object by referring to light travelling into the eye.	Refer to the idea that some objects may be better reflectors than others.
	Use the idea that light travels in	Relate the shape of shadows to	Draw a diagram showing an	Use a diagram to explain that
	straight lines to explain why	the shape of the object that	object, shadow and light to	although a shadow is the same
	shadows have the same shape	makes them.	relate object shape to shadow	shape as the object, it may not
	as the objects that cast them		shape.	be the same size.
Physics – Electricity (Y6)	Progression Statement	Working Towards	Working At	Working Beyond
Electricity can make circuits	Associate the brightness of a	Recognise that changing the	Explain how number and	Relate the number or voltage of
work and can be controlled to	lamp or the volume of a buzzer	number and voltage of cells	voltage of cells affects the lamp	cells to the number and
perform useful functions	with the number and voltage of cells used in a circuit	may alter the operation of a circuit.	or buzzer.	operation of bulbs or buzzers that can be run from them.
	Compare and give reasons for	Identify the function and	Explain the use of switches,	Explain the effect of changing
	variations in how components	operation of different	how bulbs can be made	the order of the components in a
	function, including the	components.	brighter and buzzers made	circuit.
	brightness of bulbs, the		louder.	0.00.00
	loudness of buzzers and the			
	on/off position of switches			
	Use recognised symbols when	Understand that components	Represent a circuit that has	Design circuits using symbols.
	representing a simple circuit in	can be represented by symbols.	been constructed using	
	a diagram		symbols.	

