

Concepts	Early Years	Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)	Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)	Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)
Working Scientifically	Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.	 Ask simple questions. Observe closely, using simple equipment. Perform simple tests. Identify and classify. Use observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions. Gather and record data to help in answering questions. 	 Ask relevant questions. Set up simple, practical enquiries and comparative and fair tests. Make accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, e.g. thermometers and data loggers. Gather, record, classify and present data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions. Record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, bar charts and tables. Report on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays 	 Plan enquiries, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary. Use appropriate techniques, apparatus, and materials during fieldwork and laboratory work. Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision. Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, bar and line graphs, and models. Report findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations of results, explanations involving causal relationships, and conclusions.



			or presentations of results and conclusions. • Use results to draw simple conclusions and suggest improvements, new questions and predictions for setting up further tests. • Identify differences, similarities or changes related to simple, scientific ideas and processes. • Use straightforward, scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.	 Present findings in written form, displays and other presentations. Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests. Use simple models to describe scientific ideas, identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.
<u>Biology:</u> Understand plants	Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments,	Identify and name a variety of common plants, including garden plants, wild plants and trees and those classified as deciduous and evergreen. • Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common	 Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem, leaves and flowers. Explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) 	 Relate knowledge of plants to studies of evolution and inheritance. Relate knowledge of plants to studies of all living things.



	drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.	 flowering plants, including roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers. Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. 	 and how they vary from plant to plant. Investigate the way in which water is transported within plants. Explore the role of flowers in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. 	
Understand animals and humans	Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their	 Identify and name a variety of common animals that are birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates. Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. 	 Identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amounts of nutrition, that they cannot make their own food and they get nutrition from what they eat. Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey. Identify that humans and some animals have skeletons 	 Describe the changes as humans develop to old age. Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. Recognise the importance of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way the human body functions.



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		different types of food and hygiene.		
Investigate living things	Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.	 Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, that are dead and that have never been alive. Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants and how they depend on each other. Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats. Describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name 	 Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. Explore and use classification keys. Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to specific habitats. 	 Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics. Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.



		different sources of food.		
Understand evolution a inheritance	nd	• Identify how humans resemble their parents in many features	 Identify how plants and animals, including humans, resemble their parents in many features. Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. Identify how animals and plants are suited to and adapt to their environment in different ways. 	 Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents. Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.
<u>Chemistry:</u>	Understand some important processes	• Distinguish between an object and the	Rocks and Soils	• Compare and group together everyday materials based on
Investigate materials	and changes in the natural world around them, including the	material from which it is made.	 Compare and group together different kinds 	evidence from comparative and fair tests, including their hardness,



	Identify and name a		
seasons and	• Identify and name a	of rocks on the basis of their	solubility, conductivity
changing states of	variety of	simple, physical properties.	(electrical and thermal),
matter.	everyday materials,		and response to magnets.
	including wood, plastic,	 Relate the simple physical 	
	glass, metal, water and	properties of some rocks to	 Understand how some
	rock.	their formation (igneous or	materials will dissolve in liquid
		sedimentary).	to form a solution and describe
	 Describe the simple 		how to recover a substance
	physical properties of	 Describe in simple terms 	from a solution.
	a variety of everyday	how fossils are formed when	
	materials.	things that have lived are	 Use knowledge of solids,
		trapped within sedimentary	liquids and gases to decide
	 Compare and group 	rock.	how mixtures might be
	together a variety		separated, including through
	of everyday materials on	 Recognise that soils are 	filtering, sieving
	the basis of their	made from rocks and organic	and evaporating.
	simple physical	matter.	. 2
	properties.		 Give reasons, based on
		States of Matter	evidence from comparative
	 Find out how the 		and fair tests, for the
	shapes of solid objects	 Compare and group 	particular uses of everyday
	made from some	materials together,	materials, including
	materials can be	according to whether they	metals, wood and plastic.
	changed by squashing,	are solids, liquids or gases.	
	bending, twisting and		• Demonstrate that dissolving,
	stretching.	• Observe that some	mixing and changes of state
		materials change state	are reversible changes.
	 Identify and compare 	when they are heated or	
	the suitability of a	cooled, and measure	• Explain that some changes
	variety of everyday	the temperature at which this	result in the formation of new
	materials, including	happens in degrees Celsius	materials, and that this kind of
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		wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick/rock, and paper/cardboard for particular uses.	(°C), building on their teaching in mathematics. • Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.	change is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning, oxidisation and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda
Physics: Understa moveme forces ar magnets	nt, and changes in the	 Notice and describe how things move, using simple comparisons such as faster and slower. Compare how different things move 	 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 	 Magnets Describe magnets as having two poles. Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing. 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 effect of drag forces, such as air resistance,



			 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 	 water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces. Describe, in terms of drag forces, why moving objects that are not driven tend to slow down. Understand that force and motion can be transferred through mechanical devices such as gears, pulleys, levers and springs. Understand that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect
Understand light and seeing	Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.	• Observe and name a variety of sources of light, including electric lights, flames and the Sun, explaining that we see things because light travels from them to our eyes	 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. 	 Understand that light appears to travel in straight lines. Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen



		 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 a solid object. Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change. 	 because they give out or reflect light into the eyes. Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them, and to predict the size of shadows when the position of the light source changes. Explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to objects and then to our eyes.
Investigate sound and hearing	• Observe and name a variety of sources of sound, noticing that we hear with our ears	 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.
Understand electrical circuits	 Identify common appliances that run on electricity. Construct a simple series electrical circuit. 	 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. 	 Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit. Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches. Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.



			 Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors. 	
Understand the Earth's movement in space	Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.	 Observe the apparent movement of the Sun during the day. Observe changes across the four seasons. Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies. 	 Describe the movement of the Earth relative to the Sun in the solar system. Describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth. 	 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.

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