

Curriculum Overview for Science

Nursery	Humans Changing Materials		Sound Electricity	Changing M	Materials	Animal L	ife Cycles	Light and Dark Plants	Forces
		Season Awareness							
Reception	Humans	Living th	s, excluding humans ings and their habitats asonal Changes	Soun Ligh		Life C Pla		Changing Materials	Forces Animals, Excluding humans
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Year 1	Animals including humans					Everyday materials			
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Year 2	Animals, including humans				Uses of Everyday materials		Living things & their habitats		
						Plants			
Year 3	Forces & Magnets Animals, including hur		humans			Pla	ants	Light	
Year 4	Living Thi	ngs & their itats			States o	f matter	Sor	und	Electricity
Year 5	Earth &	Earth & space Forces			Properties of mat	& changes terials			Animals, including humans
Year 6	Lig	ght	Electricity		Living thir		Evolution & inheritance		Animals, including humans

		Early Ye	are		
Educational Programmes (Statutory)	Understanding the World Understanding the world involves guid personal experiences increases their ki members of society such as police offic foster their understanding of our cultu their familiarity with words that suppo-	ing children to make sense of their p nowledge and sense of the world arc ers, nurses and firefighters. In addit rally, socially, technologically and eco	hysical world and their commu und them – from visiting parks, on, listening to a broad selectio blogically diverse world. As well	libraries and n of stories, no as building in	museums to meeting important on-fiction, rhymes and poems will mportant knowledge, this extends
		Characteristics of Ef	fective Learning		
Children	Playing and Exploring investigate and experience things, and 'ha	ave a go' Children concentra	ive Learning te and keep on trying if they ties, and enjoy achievements	Children hav	ating and Thinking Critically ve and develop their own ideas, make een ideas, and develop strategies for doing things
Nursery (Non-statutor y Development Matters)	Nursery (Non-statutor y Development 3-4 year olds will be learning to: Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal. Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials				
	What adults might do to	Knov Common Misconceptions	v <mark>ledge and Skills</mark> Possible Eviden	ce	Vocabulary
Animals excluding Humans	encourage scientific enquiry Observing over time How does the change over time? Researching using secondary sources Find out more about the life cycles of the animals observed. Classification Match animals and their young.	Some children may think: all animals lay eggs the young animal is fully formed inside an egg and just waiting to hatch	Can name and describe an have encountered. Can talk about how they ca eggs/animals. Can describe how the anim changed over time.	ared for the	egg, chick, bird, caterpillar, cocoon, chrysalis, butterfly, frog spawn, tadpole, froglet, frog, grow, change, die, names of animals and their young, fur, feathers, scales, tail, wings, beak, claws, paws, hooves,

		the young animal is fully formed inside an egg and just grows until it is big enough to hatch animals are assembled from body parts within the egg all animal young are just small versions of the adult and get bigger animals such as cows and hens "make" milk and lay eggs for us [humans] humans are not animals.	Can match animals to their young and name them.	swim, walk, run, jump, jump, fly, patterns, spots, stripes Expose children to supplementary vocabulary such as: life cycle, mane, webbed feet
Humans	Classification Sort images of humans according to their age. Sort using different senses. Which do you like/not like? Observing over time How does a baby change over time? Research using secondary sources Find out about the human life-cycle from an expectant mother, parent with a baby and elderly person.	Some children may think: babies are in a mummy's stomach.	Can talk about how they have changed since they were babies. Can describe humans at different ages/life stages. Can talk about how they look after themselves and compare this to how a baby is looked after. Can compare smells, sounds, tastes and textures. Can talk about what they see when using a magnifying glass or an app on a tablet. Can talk about how they use their senses when exploring the world around them and natural objects.	grow, change, baby, toddler, child, adult, old person, smell, taste, touch, feel, hear, see, blind, deaf Expose children to supplementary vocabulary such as: life cycle, senses, elderly, die (if appropriate)
Living things and their habitats	Classification Find and identify natural objects to include in the collection. Which natural objects are from plants, animals or neither?	Some children may think: shells are only found at the beach feathers are from dead birds.	Can name and describe objects in the collection, including patterns they notice on them. Can group similar objects together. Can draw natural objects, including some patterns observed on them. Can identify natural objects that have come from plants and animals. Children do not damage the living things they encounter in the natural environment. Children show care and encourage others to care for things they encounter in the natural environment.	Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as: natural, plant, animal, leaves, seeds, conkers, acorns, twigs, bark, shells, feathers, pebbles, stones, same, different, pattern Expose children to supplementary vocabulary such as: living, dead, similar
Materials, including	Classification Sort materials using simple properties.	Some children may think that: a material is better to use because it is 'bigger' not thicker, rigid etc.	Can name the material they are using.	Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as:

changing materials	Observing over time How does the cake mixture change? How does chocolate change when heated? How does fruit juice change when put in the freezer? How does fruit change when blended?	the material is 'box' not cardboard.	Can talk about one property of a material. Can talk about ingredients for recipes. Can talk about how mixtures change when ingredients are added. Can talk about how materials change when cooked. Can talk about how materials change when heated. Can talk about how materials change when frozen.	mix, stir, cook, hot, oven, microwave, change, burn, melt, hard, runny, set, freeze, freezer, cold, blended, hard, soft, bendy, stiff, wobbly, wood, plastic, paper, card, fabric Expose children to supplementary vocabulary such as: solid, liquid, rigid, stronger, weaker
Electricity	Classification Identify objects that use electricity to work. Identify devices that use batteries and/or mains electricity.	Some children may think: all batteries can be recharged rechargeable devices do not have batteries.	Can identify devices that use batteries. Can identify devices that use mains electricity. Can switch battery-powered devices on and off. Can describe what electrical devices do.	Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as: battery, plug, socket, electricity, wire, sound, light, move Expose children to supplementary vocabulary such as: mains electricity, device, appliance, electrical
Light	Comparative testing Compare the shape of shadows made by different objects. Classification Which objects/materials make dark shadows? Observing over time How does a toy's shadow change during the day? Researching using secondary sources Find out about shadows.	Some children may think: shadows are only caused by the Sun all shadows are black.	Can point out shadows in the playground. Can explain when shadows can be seen in the playground. Can talk about how shadows changes during the day. Can identify the light source and the object making a shadow. Can identify shadows that are dark and pale.	Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as: Sun, sunny, light, shadow, shady, clouds, torch, see-through, non-see-through, source, light source Expose children to supplementary vocabulary such as: casting a shadow, pale, dark, transparent, opaque
Forces	Comparative testing Compare the path of different wind-up toys. Compare how far different wind-up toys move. Compare the speed and direction of gears. Compare how easy or hard it is to lift an object with or without a pulley. Compare how easy it is to ride a scooter or bike on different surfaces.	Some children may think: big objects sink heavy objects sink an object such as an ice cube which is partially submerged is floating and sinking at the same time.	Can identify objects that float and sink. Can identify objects whose shape can be changed and talk about how they changed their shape. Can describe what they feel when exploring magnets. Can describe what they feel and see when pushing, pulling, bending and twisting objects e.g. springs, elastics, wind-up toys, gears, pulleys etc.	Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as: object, float, sink, water, up, down, top, bottom, push, pull, magnet, spring, squash, bend, twist, stretch, turn, spin, smooth, rough, fast, slow Expose children to supplementary vocabulary such as: rising, falling, attract, repel, faster, slower, pulley, gear, elastic

Sound	Classification Sort objects according to whether they float or sink. Sort objects/materials according to whether their shape can be changed. Comparative testing Compare the sound produced by shakers made with different materials. Compare the sound produced by different drums. Compare the sound produced by different elastic bands on their 'guitar'.	Some children may think: for a sound to be heard the listener has to actively concentrate on it first sounds travel only to someone who is listening for them sounds cannot go through obstacles volume and pitch are the same thing not all sounds are caused by vibrations.	Can describe what they feel when riding bikes and scooters on different surfaces and ramps. Can make sounds using a range of objects. Can recognise and describe the sounds made by different objects.	Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as: sound, noise, loud, quiet, high, low, music, bang, blow, pluck, soft, hard, fast, slow, names of instruments Expose children to supplementary vocabulary such as: musician, notes, vibrate, vibration, pitch, rhythm, pulse, volume		
Reception (Non-statutor y Development Matters)	Reception children will be learning to: Understanding the World Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live. Talk about members of their immediate family and community. Name and describe people who are familiar to them					
		Knowledge				
	What adults might do to encourage scientific enquiry	Common Misconceptions	Possible Evidence	Vocabulary		
Animals, excluding humans	Classification Sort animals according to where they live. Researching using secondary sources Learn how animals from a different habitat are cared for.	Some children may think: animals are furry and have four legs a bee is not an animal because it is an insect	Can name and describe animals that live in different habitats. Can describe different habitats. Can talk about animals that are active at night.	Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as: names of animals, live, on land, in water, jungle, desert, North Pole, South Pole, sea, hot, cold, wet, dry, snow, ice		

	Learn about animals in a different habitat. Find out about nocturnal animals.	animals adapt to their surroundings, e.g. a brown bear turns white and becomes a polar bear animals living in the soil breathe by coming to the surface dragons and other mythical creatures are real animals.		Expose children to supplementary vocabulary such as: environment, polar regions, ocean, camouflage
Humans	Classification Sort images of people according to their characteristics. Researching using secondary sources Find out information from visitors (dentist, nurse etc.). Pattern seeking Are taller children faster? Are taller children stronger?	Some children may think: sons look like their fathers and daughters look like their mothers.	Can describe themselves, family, friends and community. Can create pictures of themselves, family, friends and community and identify their distinguishing features. Can talk about what they see when using a mirror. Can compare hand, foot and fingerprints and talk about how they are different. Can talk about how they look after themselves and how other people look after them.	Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as: hair (black, brown, dark, light, blonde, ginger, grey, white, long, short, straight, curly), eyes (blue, brown, green, grey), skin (black, brown, white), big/tall, small/short, bigger/smaller, baby, toddler, child, adult, old person, old, young, brother, sister, mother, father, aunt, uncle, grandmother, grandfather, cousin, friend, family, boy, girl, man, woman Expose children to supplementary vocabulary such as: bald, elderly, wrinkles, male, female, freckles
Living things and their habitats	Classification Name and describe plants and animals they find in the school grounds. Pattern seeking Look for minibeasts in different areas of the school grounds. Look for plants in different areas of the school grounds.	Some children may think: trees are not plants trees are not living as they do not seem to change or grow weeds are bad plants.	Can name and describe plants and animals in the school grounds and their environment. Can talk about how another environment is different to their surrounding natural environment. Children do not damage the living things they encounter in the natural environment.	Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as: plant, tree, bush, flower, vegetable, herb, weed, animal, names of plants and animals they see, name of a contrasting environment e.g. beach, forest Expose children to supplementary vocabulary such as: environment
Plants	Observing over time How does a plant change as it grows? What happens to fruit, vegetables and flowers when left over time? Researching using secondary sources Look at seed and bulb packets to learn how to plant and care for them.	Some children may think: trees are not plants there is a young plant inside a seed or bulb bulbs are big seeds big plants grow from big seeds and big bulbs fruit and vegetables come from the supermarket plants grow at night or when we are not watching them.	Can describe some differences between seeds and bulbs. Can identify seeds and bulbs. Can talk about how they planted and cared for seeds and bulbs. Can explain that a seed or bulb grew into a plant and then died. Children do not damage the living things they encounter in the natural environment.	Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as: plant, leaf, stem, trunk, branch, root, bark, flower, petal, seed, berry, fruit, vegetable, bulb, plant, hole, dig, water, weed, grow, shoot, die, dead, soil Expose children to supplementary vocabulary such as:

			Children show care and encourage others to care for things they encounter in the natural environment.	seedling, healthy, unhealthy, strong, sturdy, wilting, decay, mould, life cycle
Seasonal changes	Classification Which clothes are suitable for each season? Observing over time How does a puddle change over time? How does a snowman change as it melts? How does the natural world change with the seasons? Researching using secondary sources Find out about how animals behave in different seasons. Find out about the weather and seasons.	Some children may think: it always snows in winter it is always hot in the summer all babies and young animals are born in spring plants only have flowers in the spring and summer animals sleep during winter it rains to help the plants grow when it is hotter, it is because the Sun is closer God controls the weather.	Can talk about different types of weather. Can talk about the four seasons. Can talk about the living things they see in the playground and on visits during each season.	Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as: spring, summer, autumn, winter, seasons, sunny, cloudy, hot, warm, cold, shower, raining, storm, thunder, lightning, hail, sleet, snow, icy, frost, puddles, windy, rainbow, animals, young, plants, flowers Expose children to supplementary vocabulary such as: hibernate, migrate, snowflake
Materials, including changing materials	Comparative testing How does popcorn made in a microwave compare to popcorn made on a fire? How quickly do ice cubes melt in different areas of the playground? Observing over time How does the block of ice change over time? How does a snowman change over time? How does cake mixture/bread dough change as it is cooked?	Some children may think: material only means fabric all plastic/wood etc. is the same.	Can name the material they are using and why. Can talk about multiple properties of the material and why it is suited for its purpose. Can observe changes in their natural world and say why it is different now or will change in the future. Can compare and describe how materials change over time and in different conditions.	Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as: ice, water, frozen, icicle, snow, melt, wet, cold, slippery, smooth, big, bigger, biggest, smaller, smaller, smallest, hard, soft, bendy, rigid, wood, plastic, paper, card, metal, strong, weak, hot, apply heat, waterproof, soggy, not waterproof, best, change, change back Expose children to supplementary vocabulary such as: solid, liquid, gas, most suited
Light	Comparative testing Compare how bright different light sources are. Compare how reflective different materials are. Classification Which fabrics are reflective to help us be seen at night? Which materials block light to help us protect ourselves from the Sun?	Some children may think: light is only found in bright places shiny objects are light sources the moon is a light source.	Can name different light sources. Can describe and compare the brightness of light sources. Can identify reflective and non-reflective materials. Can identify materials that block light. Can spot their own reflection in objects.	Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as: light, torch, bulb, lamp, spotlight, shiny, bright, brighter, brightest, Sun, shine, glow, mirror Expose children to supplementary vocabulary such as: light source, reflective, non-reflective, dim, dimmer, dimmest

Forces	Comparative testing Compare how cars move down ramps/gutters. Compare how wheels turn when sand or water is poured through. Compare how different balls bounce. Compare how different paper aeroplanes fly.	Some children may think: all light objects float and all heavy objects sink objects made of the same material will always float or sink.	Can talk about how they changed objects to make them float or sink. Can talk about how they changed how cars move down ramps or gutters. Can talk about how they changed how wheels turn when sand or water is poured through them. Can talk about how they changed how balls bounce. Can compare how different boats and aeroplanes performed. Can describe how objects fall with and without a parachute. Can describe how a marble moves through different liquids.	Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as: float, sink, up, down, top, bottom, surface, move, roll, drop, fly, turn, spin, fall, fast, slow, faster, slower, fastest, slowest, further, furthest, wind, air, water, blow, bounce Expose children to supplementary vocabulary such as: force, solid, liquid,	
Sound	Comparative testing How does rain sound different when it lands in different containers? Observing over time Listen to the siren of an emergency vehicle as it approaches and moves away.	Some children may think: sounds do not travel through solids and liquids.	Can describe sounds they hear. Can identify the source of sounds. Can describe how they make sounds.	Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as: sound, noise, listen, hear, music, voices, bird song, traffic, sirens, thunder, high, low, loud, quiet, soft, volume, crackle, thunder, hum, buzz, roar Expose children to supplementary vocabulary such as: source, crescendo, vibration, pitch	
Early				,,,	
Learning	ELG: The Natural World				
Goals (ELG)	Children at the expected level of development will:				
-END of	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 experiences and what has				
Reception		s between the natural world around the	m and contrasting environments, drawin	g on their experiences and what has	
	been read in class;	and shanges in the natural world arrow	d them including the googens and share	sing states of motton	
	Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.				

YEAR 1& 2 working scientifically	Type of Enquiry 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 Plan (P) ask simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways Do (D) observe closely, using simple equipment perform simple tests identify and classify Record (R) gather and record data to help in answering questions Review (RV) use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions				
	Animals including Humans	Everyday Materials	Plants (Forest School)	Seasonal Changes (Forest School)	
Year 1 NC and additional skills and knowledge	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. Key Learning The children need to be able to name and identify a range of animals in each	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. Key Learning All objects are made of one or more materials. Some objects can be made from different materials e.g. plastic, metal or wooden spoons. Materials can be described by their	Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees Key Learning Growing locally, there will be a vast array of plants which all have specific names. These can be identified by looking at the key characteristics of the plant. Plants have common parts, but they vary between the different types of plants. Some trees keep their leaves all year while other trees drop their leaves during autumn and grow them again during spring.	Observe changes across the four seasons. Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies. Key Learning In the UK, the day length is longest at mid-summer (about 16 hours) and gets shorter each day until mid-winter (about 8 hours) before getting longer again. The weather also changes with the seasons. In the UK, it is usually colder and rainier in winter, and hotter and dryer in the summer. The change in weather causes many other changes. Some examples are:	

group e.g. name specific birds and etc. Some materials e.g. plastic can be Some children may think: seed and plant growth; leaves on in different forms with very different fish. plants are flowering plants grown in trees; and type of clothes worn by They do not need to use the terms pots with coloured petals and leaves properties. people. **Common misconceptions** mammal, reptiles etc. or know the and a stem **Common misconceptions** key characteristics of each, although Some children may think: trees are not plants Some children may think: they will probably be able to identify only fabrics are materials all leaves are green it always snows in winter only building materials are materials it is always sunny in the summer birds and fish, based on their all stems are green characteristics. only writing materials are materials a trunk is not a stem there are only flowers in spring and the word 'rock' describes an object The children also do not need to use blossom is not a flower. the words carnivore, herbivore and rather than a material it rains most in the winter. omnivore. If they do, ensure that they 'solid' is another word for hard. understand that carnivores eat other animals, not just meat. Although we often use our fingers and hands to feel objects, the children should understand that we can feel with many parts of our body. **Common misconceptions** only four-legged mammals, such as pets, are animals humans are not animals insects are not animals all 'bugs' or 'creepy crawlies', such as spiders, are part of the insect group amphibians and reptiles are the same. **Recap:** Last time you learnt about animals was in Reception. Can you name some **Recap:** Last time you learnt about materials was in Reception. Can you Destination questions parts of your body? remember any ways to describe materials? What are the names of these animals? (Pictures provided must include common What are these objects made from? fish, amphibian, reptile, bird and mammal) What are the properties of the different materials? How would you compare and sort the items? (based on properties) What are the key features of these (named) animals? What is the best material for a puppy's bedding? (absorbent /non-absorbent) What do these animals eat? (investigation - 2 sessions) How could you sort these animals? Which part of your body is associated with each of your senses? What can our different senses do? **Next steps:** Next time you learn about materials will be in year 2. What Next steps: Next time you learn about animals will be in year 2. What features of properties of materials have you learnt this year? animals have you learnt this year? NB: Seasonal Changes & Plants - these DQs are addressed throughout the year within the Forest School setting **Recap:** Last time you learnt about seasons was in Reception. Can you remember the names of the different seasons? What are the four seasons and when in the year do they occur? (Metrological seasons are to be taught) Spring -Mar/Apr/May Summer - Jun/Jul/Aug Autumn - Sept/Oct/Nov Winter - Dec/Jan/Feb

	When are the days longer – Summer or Winter? What trees and plants did you see at Forest School? What are the key features of the trees and plants you see at forest school? How is (chosen plant/tree) different from that (chosen plant/tree)? Which trees lost their leaves and which kept them the whole year? What are the names of the parts of a plant? Point to them. Can you sort and group parts of plants using similarities and differences? How does the apple trees change over the year? What weather did we have in Autumn/Winter/Spring/Summer? Next steps: Next time you learn about living things and their habitats will be in year 2. What things have you found that change in different seasons?				
Vocabulary	claw, fin, scales, feathers, fur, beak, paws, hooves foil, car waterp			material, wood, plastic, glass, metal, w rd/cardboard, rubber, wool, clay, hard, so roof, absorbent, breaks/tears, rough, smo ough	ft, stretchy, stiff, bendy, floppy,
	Leaf, flower, blossom, petal, fruit, berry, root, seed, trunk, branch, stem, bark, stalk, bud Names of trees in School Grounds: Oak, Silver Birch, Beech, Holly, Apple Hazel Names of garden and wild flowering plants in the local area School Grounds: Daisy, Dandelion, Buttercup, fungi, Geranium Clover, lavender Weather (sunny, rainy, windy, snowy etc.) Seasons (winter, summer, spring, autumn) Sun, sunrise, sunset, day length				
Vear 2			mg, aacc		Living things and their habitats
NC and additional skills and knowledge	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. Key Learning Animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. In humans and some animals, these offspring will be young, such as babies or kittens, that grow into adults. In other animals, such as chickens or insects, there may be eggs laid that hatch to young or other stages which then grow to adults. The young of some animals do not look like their parents e.g. tadpoles. All animals, including humans, have the basic needs of feeding, drinking	Identify and compare the suitable a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, gbrick, rock, paper and cardboar particular uses. Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials that are chosen specifications th	glass, d for d als can ang, nore fically perties e it is the that it g what perties rials, and	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. Key Learning Plants may grow from either seeds or bulbs. These then germinate and grow into seedlings which then continue to grow into mature plants. These mature plants may have flowers which then develop into seeds, berries, fruits etc. Seeds and bulbs need to be planted outside at particular times of year and they will germinate and grow at different rates. Some plants are better suited to growing in full sun and some grow better in partial or full shade. Plants also need different amounts of water and space to grow well and stay healthy. Common misconceptions	Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things 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 different sources of food Key Learning All objects are either living, dead or have never been alive. Living things are plants (including seeds) and animals. Dead things include dead animals and plants and parts of plants

	and breathing that must be satisfied in order to survive. To grow into healthy adults, they also need the right amounts and types of food and exercise. Good hygiene is also important in preventing infections and illnesses. Common Misconceptions	suitable for different purposes and an object can be made of different materials. Objects made of some materials can be changed in shape by bending, stretching, squashing and twisting. For example, clay can be shaped by squashing, stretching, rolling, pressing	Some children may think: plants are not alive as they cannot be seen to move seeds are not alive all plants start out as seeds seeds and bulbs need sunlight to germinate.	and animals that are no longer attached e.g. leaves and twigs, shells, fur, hair and feathers (This is a simplification, but appropriate for Year 2 children.) An object made of wood is classed as dead. Objects made of rock, metal and plastic have never been alive (again
	Some children may think: an animal's habitat is like its 'home' all animals that live in the sea are fish respiration is breathing breathing is respiration.	etc. This can be a property of the material or depend on how the material has been processed e.g. thickness. Common Misconceptions Some children may think: only fabrics are materials only building materials are materials only writing materials are materials the word rock describes an object rather than a material solid is another word for hard.		ignoring that plastics are made of fossil fuels). Animals and plants live in a habitat to which they are suited, which means that animals have suitable features that help them move and find food and plants have suitable features that help them to grow well. The habitat provides the basic needs of the animals and plants – shelter, food and water. Within a habitat there are different micro-habitats e.g. in a woodland – in the leaf litter, on the bark of trees, on the leaves. These micro-habitats have different conditions e.g. light or dark, damp or dry. These conditions affect which plants and animals live there. The plants and animals in a habitat depend on each other for food and shelter etc. The way that animals obtain their food from plants and other animals can be shown in a food chain. Common Misconceptions Some children may think: an animal's habitat is like its 'home'
				plants and seeds are not alive as they cannot be seen to move fire is living arrows in a food chain mean 'eats'.
Destination questions	Recap: Last time you learnt about animals including humans was in year 1 what animals can you remember?	Recap: Last time you learnt about materials was in year 1. Can you tell me the properties of wood, plastic, glass, metal, water,?	Recap: Last time you learnt about plants was in year 1. Can you remember the names of any of the parts of plants?	Recap: Last time you learnt about living things and their habitats was in year 1. Can you remember how things change in the different seasons of the year? (e.g weather, plants)

	What do animals, including humans, need to survive? What foods should you have to stay healthy? Why is it important to exercise? How do animals change over a period of time? (e.g. chicks, caterpillars, a baby) What questions would you ask a parent about how they look after their baby? Why should you wash your hands?	What is wood used for and why? How flexible are plastics? How well can you change the shapes of some solid objects? (squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.) Which material is best for letting in light? (glass, metal, brick, rock, paper and cardboard)	What are different seeds like and how can we sort them? What do bulbs need so that they can grow healthily? (NB should NOT be conducting a fair test or predicting what they think will happen at KS1.) Do all seeds germinate in the same way? Do seeds need water so that they can grow? What type of temperature do plants need so that they can grow? Do plants need light so that they can grow?	How many different living things can we find? What are different habitats like? Do habitats change during a year? Why would an animal live in that habitat? Which animals are camouflaged to blend in their habitats? Does the number of animals found in a habitat change? How do plants and animals depend on each other? Who eats what in a food chain? (note	
	Next steps: Next time you learn about animals including humans will be in year 3. What have you learnt about keeping healthy?	Next steps: Next time you learn about materials will be in year 3. What properties of materials do you know now?	Next steps: Next time you learn about plants will be in year 3. What different conditions have you found that plants grow well in?	Next steps: Next time you learn about living things and their habitats will be in year 4. What features did you observe about animals and plants?	
Vocabulary	Offspring, reproduction, growth, child, young/old stages (examples - chick/hen, baby/child/adult, caterpillar/butterfly), exercise, heartbeat, breathing, hygiene, germs, disease, food types (examples – meat, fish, vegetables, bread, rice, pasta)	Names of materials – wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper, cardboard Properties of materials – as for Year 1 plus opaque, transparent and translucent, reflective, non-reflective, flexible, rigid Shape (verb: give a particular shape or form to), push/pushing, pull/pulling, twist/twisting, squash/squashing, bend/bending, stretch/stretching	As for Year 1 plus light, shade, sun, warm, cool, water, grow , healthy	Living, dead, never been alive, suited, suitable, basic needs, food, food chain, shelter, move, feed Names of local habitats e.g. pond, woodland etc. Names of micro-habitats e.g. under logs, in bushes etc.	
Year 3 & 4 working scientifically	Type of Enquiry (T) observing changes over a period of time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, carrying out simple comparative tests, and finding things out using				
	Plan (P) ask relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests Do (D) make systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, take accurate measurements using standard units, use a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers Record (R) gather, record, classify and present data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions				

record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables

Review (RV)

report on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions use results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions identify differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes use straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings

Year 3

National Curriculum and additional skills and knowledge

Forces & 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

Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.

Key Learning

A force is a push or a pull. When an object moves on a surface, the texture of the surface and the object affect how it moves. It may help the object to move better or it may hinder its movement e.g. ice skater compared to walking on ice in normal shoes.

A magnet attracts magnetic material. Iron and nickel and other materials containing

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.

Key Learning

Animals, unlike plants which can make their own food, need to eat in order to get the nutrients they need. Food contains a range of different nutrients – carbohydrates (including sugars), protein, vitamins, minerals, fats, sugars, water – and fibre that are needed by the body to stay healthy. A piece of food will often provide a range of nutrients.

Humans, and some other animals, have skeletons and muscles which help them move and provide protection and support.

Common Misconceptions

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.

Key Learning

Rock is a naturally occurring material. There are different types of rock e.g. sandstone, limestone, slate etc. which have different properties. Rocks can be hard or soft. They have different sizes of grain or crystal. They may absorb water. Rocks can be different shapes and sizes (stones, pebbles, boulders). Soils are made up of pieces of ground down rock which may be mixed with plant and animal material (organic matter). The type of rock, size of rock pieces and the amount of organic matter affect the property of the soil. Some rocks contain fossils. Fossils were formed millions of years ago. When plants and animals died, they fell to the seabed. They became covered

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.

Key Learning

Many plants, but not all, have roots, stems/trunks, leaves and flowers/blossom. The roots absorb water and nutrients from the soil and anchor the plant in place. The stem transports water and nutrients/minerals around the plant and holds the leaves and flowers up in the air to enhance photosynthesis, pollination and seed dispersal. The leaves use sunlight and water to produce the plant's food. Some plants produce flowers which enable

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.

Key Learning

We see objects because our eyes can sense light. Dark is the absence of light. We cannot see anything in complete darkness. Some objects, for example, the sun, light bulbs and candles are sources of light. Objects are easier to see if there is more light. Some surfaces reflect light. Objects are easier to see when there is less light if they are reflective.

The light from the sun can damage our eyes and therefore we should not look directly at the sun and can protect our eyes by wearing

	these, e.g. stainless steel, are		and squashed by other	the plant to reproduce. Pollen,	sunglasses or sunhats in
	magnetic. The strongest parts		material. Over time the	which is produced by the	bright light.
	of a magnet are the poles.		dissolving animal and plant	male part of the flower, is	Shadows are formed on a
	Magnets have two poles – a		matter is replaced by	transferred to the female part	surface when an opaque or
	north pole and a south pole. If		minerals from the water.	of other flowers (pollination).	translucent object is between
	two like poles, e.g. two north		Common Misconceptions	This forms seeds, sometimes	a light source and the surface
	poles, are brought together		Some children may think:	contained in berries or fruits	and blocks some of the light.
	they will push away from each		rocks are all hard in nature	which are then dispersed in	The size of the shadow
	other – repel. If two unlike		rock-like, man-made	different ways. Different	depends on the position of
	poles, e.g. a north and south,		substances such as concrete	plants require different	the source, object and surface.
	are brought together they will		or brick are rocks	conditions for germination	Common Misconceptions
	pull together – attract.		materials which have been	and growth.	Some children may think:
	For some forces to act, there		polished or shaped for use,	Common Misconceptions	we can still see even where
	must be contact e.g. a hand		such as a granite worktop, are	Some children may think:	there is an absence of any
	opening a door, the wind		not rocks as they are no	plants eat food	light
	pushing the trees. Some		longer 'natural' certain found	food comes from the soil via	our eyes 'get used to' the dark
	forces can act at a distance		artefacts, like old bits of	the roots	the moon and reflective
	e.g. magnetism. The magnet does not need to touch the		pottery or coins, are fossils a fossil is an actual piece of	flowers are merely decorative	surfaces are light sources a transparent object is a light
	object that it attracts.		the extinct animal or plant	rather than a vital part of the life cycle in reproduction	source
	Common Misconceptions		soil and compost are the same	plants only need sunlight to	shadows contain details of the
	Some children may think:		thing.	keep them warm	object, such as facial features
	the bigger the magnet the		Lillig.	roots suck in water which is	on their own shadow
	stronger it is			then sucked up the stem.	shadows result from objects
	all metals are magnetic.			then sucked up the stem.	giving off darkness.
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questions	about forces was in reception.	about animals including	learning about Mary Anning in	about plants was in year 2.	about light was in reception.
	Can you remember how	humans was in year 2. What	History last year. Why might	Can you name a plant that	Can you remember any
	different cars move down	can you remember about	she be linked to our topic on	grows from a bulb/seed?	different sources of light?
	ramps?	different types of food?	rocks?	December of week	147h - 4 d d 4 - h h l -
			How were rocks formed?	Does the number of roots	What do you need to be able
	How does the type of surface	How do living things got their	Which rock is the most	affect the amount of water that is absorbed?	to see and where can shadows be found?
	How does the type of surface on the table affect the speed	How do living things get their food?	permeable?		Which is the darkest shadow?
	of the object travelling on it?	Why do animals need to eat	How hard are different rocks?	What happens to the leaves of plants when their roots are	How can you change the size
	What are magnets used for	different foods?	How are fossils made?	placed in dye?	of a shadow?
	and which materials are	Which food do animals need	How can you tell which types	How can we prove that stems	How does the angle at which
	attracted to magnets?	in order to survive?	of soil you have?	transport water?	the light source shines on an
	Which magnet is the	What are the functions of a	How can you separate the	What happens when we	object affect the length of
	strongest?	skeleton?	different parts that make up a	deprive the leaf from light?	shadow of that object?
	Which materials can magnets	What is the function of	soil?	What affect do nutrients have	How does the length and
	attract through?	muscles?	How much water do different	on the plant?	place of a shadow change?
			soils absorb?	F	
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	How could you make a compass? What have poles got to do with magnets? Next steps: Next time you learn about forces will be in year 5. What forces have you learnt about this year?	Do people with the longest legs jump the furthest? Next steps: Next time you learn about animals including humans will be in year 4. What can you tell me about he move?	How can the way the farmer uses the field affect how much water is absorbed by the soil? Next steps: Next time you learn about materials will be in year 4. Can you give me a key fact about materials?	What do the parts in a flower do? Next steps: The next time you learn about plants will be in year 5 (living things and their habitats). What have you learnt about the life cycle of a plant?	Next steps: Next time you learn about light will be in year 6. What can you tell me about shadows that might be important to remember?
Vocabulary	Force, push, pull, twist, contact force, non-contact force, magnetic force, magnet, strength, bar magnet, ring magnet, button magnet, horseshoe magnet, attract, repel, magnetic material, metal, iron, steel, poles, north pole, south pole	Nutrition, nutrients , carbohydrates, sugars, protein, vitamins, minerals, fibre, fat, water, skeleton, bones, muscles , joints, support, protect, move , skull, ribs, spine	Rock, stone, pebble, boulder, grain, crystals, layers, hard, soft, texture, absorb water, soil, fossil, marble, chalk, granite, sandstone, slate, soil, peat, sandy/chalk/clay soil	Photosynthesis, pollen, insect/wind pollination, seed formation, seed dispersal (wind dispersal, animal dispersal, water dispersal)	Light, light source, dark, absence of light, transparent, translucent, opaque, shiny, matt, surface, shadow, reflect, mirror, sunlight, dangerous
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Living things live in a habitat which provides an environment to which they are suited (Year 2 learning). These environments may change naturally e.g. through flooding, fire, earthquakes etc. Humans also cause the environment to change. This can be in a good way (i.e. positive human impact, such as setting up nature reserves) or in a bad way (i.e. negative human impact, such as littering). These environments also change with the seasons: different living things can be found in a habitat at different times of the vear.

Common Misconceptions

Some children may think: the death of one of the parts of a food chain or web has no or limited consequences on the rest of the chain there is always plenty of food for wild animals animals are only land-living creatures animals and plants can adapt to their habitats, however they change all changes to habitats are negative.

churned around and other chemicals are added. The food passes into the small intestine. Here nutrients are removed from the food and leave the digestive system to be used elsewhere in the body. The rest of the food then passes into the large intestine. Here the water is removed for use elsewhere in the body. What is left is then stored in the rectum until it leaves the body through the anus when you go to the toilet.

Humans have four types of teeth: incisors for cutting; canines for tearing; and molars and premolars for grinding (chewing).

Common MisconceptionsSome children may think:

Some children may think: arrows in a food chains mean 'eats'

'eats'
the death of one of the parts
of a food chain or web has no
or limited, consequences on
the rest of the chain
there is always plenty of food
for wild animals
your stomach is where your
belly button is
food is digested only in the
stomach
when you have a meal, your
food goes down one tube and
your drink down another
the food you eat becomes
"poo" and the drink becomes

"wee".

changes in shape to fit the container. A liquid can be poured and keeps a level, horizontal surface. A gas fills all available space; it has no fixed shape or volume.

Granular and powdery solids like sand can be confused with liquids because they can be poured, but when poured they form a heap and they do not keep a level surface when tipped. Each individual grain demonstrates the properties of a solid.

Melting is a state change from solid to liquid. Freezing is a state change from liquid to solid. The freezing point of water is 0oC. Boiling is a change of state from liquid to gas that happens when a liquid is heated to a specific temperature and bubbles of the gas can be seen in the liquid. Water boils when it is heated to 100oC. Evaporation is the same state change as boiling (liquid to gas), but it happens slowly at lower temperatures and only at the surface of the liquid. Evaporation happens more quickly if the temperature is higher, the liquid is spread out or it is windy. Condensation is the change back from a gas to a liquid caused by cooling. Water at the surface of seas. rivers etc. evaporates into water vapour (a gas). This rises, cools and condenses back into a liquid forming clouds. When too much water

our ears. Different mediums such as solids, liquids and gases can carry sound, but sound cannot travel through a vacuum (an area empty of matter). The vibrations cause parts of our body inside our ears to vibrate, allowing us to hear (sense) the sound. The loudness (volume) of the sound depends on the strength (size) of vibrations which decreases as they travel through the medium. Therefore, sounds decrease in volume as you move away from the source. A sound insulator is a material which blocks sound effectively. Pitch is the highness or lowness of a sound and is affected by features of objects producing the sounds. For example, smaller objects usually produce higher pitched sounds.

Common Misconceptions

Pitch and volume are frequently confused, as both can be described as high or low.

Some children may think: sound is only heard by the listener sound only travels in one direction from the source sound can't travel through solids and liquids high sounds are load and low sounds are quiet and associate metals with being good conductors.

Key Learning

Many household devices and appliances run on electricity. Some plug in to the mains and others run on batteries. An electrical circuit consists of a cell or battery connected to a component using wires. If there is a break in the circuit. a loose connection or a short circuit, the component will not work. A switch can be added to the circuit to turn the component on and off. Metals are good conductors so they can be used as wires in a circuit. Non-metallic solids are insulators except for graphite (pencil lead). Water, if not completely pure, also conducts electricity. N.B. Children in Year 4 do not need to use standard symbols for electrical components, as this is

Common Misconceptions

taught in Year 6.

Some children may think: electricity flows to bulbs, not through them electricity flows out of both ends of a battery electricity works by simply coming out of one end of a battery into the component.

			has condensed, the water droplets in the cloud get too heavy and fall back down as rain, snow, sleet etc. and drain back into rivers etc. This is known as precipitation. This is the water cycle. Common Misconceptions Some children may think: 'solid' is another word for hard or opaque solids are hard and cannot break or change shape easily and are often in one piece substances made of very small particles like sugar or sand cannot be solids particles in liquids are further apart than in solids and they take up more space when air is pumped into balloons, they become lighter water in different forms – steam, water, ice – are all different substances all liquids boil at the same temperature as water (100 degrees) melting, as a change of state, is the same as dissolving steam is visible water vapour (only the condensing water droplets can be seen) clouds are made of water vapour or steam		
Destination questions	Recap: Last time you learnt about living things and their habitats was in year 2. Can you remember the habitats you learnt about and what lived in them?	Recap: Last time you learnt about animals including humans was in year 3. What can you remember about the skeletons of different animals? What producers, predators and prey live in (a chosen	Recap: Last time you learnt about materials was in year 3. Can you remember how you tested the water retention of soil? Are these solids, liquids or gases?	Recap: Last time you learnt about sound was in Reception. Can you remember how sounds are made? How are sounds made?	Recap: Last time you learnt about electricity was in Reception. Can you name something that uses electricity? What appliances run on electricity? (this should be

	How can we classify different animals? How are the animals suited to where they live? Can you use the flowers/leaves to identify the name of the plant/ tree? How do you use a classification key to identify a plant/tree? What would a classification key for (these) land invertebrates look like? How could you identify the trees in our school grounds? How does a change in the environment affect the things that live there? What changes have affected environments throughout the world? Next steps: Next time you learn about classification (living things and their habitats) will be in year 6. What ways have you learnt of classifying plants and animals?	habitat) and what do they eat? What are the functions of different types of teeth? What are the teeth like for herbivores, carnivores and omnivores? What is the function of each part of the digestive system? How does food move through the human body? Next steps: Next time you learn about animals including humans will be in year 5. What have you learnt about how humans eat food?	What are solids, liquids and gases like? What happens when solids are heated? Do all liquids freeze? What happens when water is heated? What is the water cycle? Next steps: Next time you learn about materials will be in year 5. What have you learnt this year that you think will be important to remember?	How do sounds travel? (including through different mediums) What happens when you get further away from the source of a sound? How can you change the loudness of a sound? How can you change the pitch of a sound? Next steps: Next time you learn about sound will be in KS3. What do you know about how sounds travel through different mediums?	done as a starter - not a whole lesson) What are these electrical components? How would you put the components together to make a simple circuit? Which circuits will work? How can you repair the ones that do not work? How does a switch affect the lighting of the lamp? Which of these materials conduct electricity and which are insulators? Next steps: Next time you learn about electricity will be in year 6. What have you learnt about insulators and conductors?
Vocabulary	Classification, classification keys, environment, habitat, human impact, positive, negative, migrate, hibernate	Digestive system, digestion, mouth, teeth, saliva, oesophagus, stomach, small intestine, nutrients, large intestine, rectum, anus, teeth, incisor, canine, molar, premolars, herbivore, carnivore, omnivore, producer, predator, prey, food chain	Solid, liquid, gas, state change, melting, freezing, melting point, boiling point, evaporation, temperature, water cycle	Sound, source, vibrate, vibration, travel, pitch (high, low), volume, faint, loud, insulation	Electricity, electrical appliance/device, mains, plug, electrical circuit, complete circuit, component, cell, battery, positive, negative, connect/connections, loose connection, short circuit, crocodile clip, bulb, switch, buzzer, motor, conductor, insulator, metal, non-metal, symbol
Year 5 & 6 working scientifically	Type of Enquiry observing changes over a period secondary sources of information		ping and classifying things, carry	ing out simple comparative tests,	
	Plan (P)				

plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary

Do (D)

take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate

Record (R)

record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs Review (RV)

use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests

report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations

identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments

Earth & 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.

Key Learning

The Sun is a star. It is at the centre of our solar system. There are 8 planets (can choose to name them, but not essential). These travel around the Sun in fixed orbits. Earth takes 365¼ days to complete its orbit around the Sun. The Earth rotates (spins) on its axis every 24 hours. As Earth rotates half faces the Sun (day) and half is facing away from the Sun (night). As the Earth rotates, the Sun appears to move across the sky. The Moon orbits the Earth. It takes about 28 days to complete its orbit. The Sun,

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.

Kev Learning

A force causes an object to start moving, stop moving, speed up, slow down or change direction. Gravity is a force that acts at a distance. Everything is pulled to the Earth by gravity. This causes unsupported objects to fall. Air resistance, water resistance and friction are contact forces that act between moving surfaces. The object may be moving through the air or water, or the air and water may be moving over a stationary object.

Properties & changes of materials

Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties. including their hardness. solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets.

Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution and describe how to recover a substance from a solution.

Use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating. Give reasons, based on

evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic. Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes.

Explain that some changes

result in the formation of new

materials, and that this kind

of change is not usually

Living things & their 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.

Key Learning

As part of their life cycle, plants and animals reproduce. Most animals reproduce sexually. This involves two parents where the sperm from the male fertilises the female egg. Animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. In humans and some animals, these offspring will be born live, such as babies or kittens, and then grow into adults. In other animals, such as osprey or snakes, there may be eggs laid that hatch to young which then grow to adults. Some young undergo a further change before becoming adults e.g. caterpillars to butterflies. This is called a metamorphosis.

Animals, including humans

Describe the changes as humans develop to old age.

Kev Learning

When babies are young, they grow rapidly. They are very dependent on their parents. As they develop, they learn many skills. At puberty, a child's body changes and develops primary and secondary sexual characteristics. This enables the adult to reproduce.

This needs to be taught alongside PSHE. **Common Misconceptions**

Some children may think: a baby grows in a mother's tummy a baby is "made".

Earth and Moon are approximately spherical. **Common Misconceptions** Some children may think: the Earth is flat the Sun is a planet the Sun rotates around the Earth the Sun moves across the sky during the day the Sun rises in the morning and sets in the evening the Moon appears only at night night is caused by the Moon getting in the way of the Sun or the Sun moving further away from the Earth.

A mechanism is a device that allows a small force to be increased to a larger force. The pay back is that it requires a greater movement. The small force moves a long distance and the resulting large force moves a small distance, e.g. a crowbar or bottle top remover. Pulleys, levers and gears are all mechanisms, also known as simple machines.

Common Misconceptions

Some children may think: the heavier the object the faster it falls, because it has more gravity acting on it forces always act in pairs which are equal and opposite smooth surfaces have no friction objects always travel better on smooth surfaces a moving object has a force which is pushing it forwards and it stops when the pushing force wears out a non-moving object has no forces acting on it heavy objects sink and light objects float.

reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda.

Key Learning

Materials have different uses depending on their properties and state (liquid, solid, gas). Properties include hardness, transparency, electrical and thermal conductivity and attraction to magnets. Some materials will dissolve in a liquid and form a solution while others are insoluble and form sediment. Mixtures can be separated by filtering, sieving and evaporation. Some changes to materials such as dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible, but some changes such as burning wood, rusting

Common Misconceptions

materials and these are not

and mixing vinegar with bicarbonate of soda result in

the formation of new

reversible.

Lots of misconceptions exist around reversible and irreversible changes, including around the permanence or impermanence of the change. There is confusion between physical/chemical changes and reversible and irreversible changes. They do not correlate simply. Chemical changes result in a new material being formed. These are mostly irreversible.

Plants reproduce both sexually and asexually. Bulbs, tubers, runners and plantlets are examples of asexual plant reproduction which involves only one parent. Gardeners may force plants to reproduce asexually by taking cuttings. Sexual reproduction occurs through pollination, usually involving wind or insects. **Common Misconceptions** Some children may think: all plants start out as seeds all plants have flowers plants that grow from bulbs do not have seeds only birds lay eggs.

Destination	Recap:	Recap: Last time you learnt	Physical changes are often reversible but may be permanent. These do not result in new materials e.g. cutting a loaf of bread. It is still bread, but it is no longer a loaf. The shape, but not the material, has been changed. Some children may think: thermal insulators keep cold in or out thermal insulators warm things up solids dissolved in liquids have vanished and so you cannot get them back lit candles only melt, which is a reversible change. Recap: Last time you learnt	Recap: Last time you learnt	Recap: Last time you learnt
questions	How do the planets in our solar system move in relation to the Sun? How can we prove the shape of the Earth, Sun and Moon? How does the shape of the Moon appear to change over time? How do we have day and night on planet Earth? How does the length of shadows change over day? Next steps: Next time you learn about Earth and Space will be in KS3. What have you learnt about day and night in relation to how the Earth moves?	about forces was in year 3. What can you remember about how objects move on different surfaces? What effect does gravity have on an unsupported object? How does surface area affect the amount of air resistance? How does friction affect the movement of an object? How does the shape of an object affect how it moves through water? T - use test results to make predictions to set up further fair-tests. How do pulleys, levers and gears work, and what do they do? Next steps: Next time you learn about forces will be in KS3. What have you learnt about how forces can affect the movement of objects?	about materials was in year 4. Can you remember the differences between a solid, liquid and gas? Which materials are soluble in water and how would you recover a substance from a solution? How would you group materials according to their properties? How would you investigate the hardness of materials? How many different ways can mixtures be separated? Why are these objects made from particular materials? Which material is best at conducting heat? What effect will an insulator (coat) have on a person and an ice man? Which metals are the best conductors of electricity?	about animals including humans was in year 4. Can you name part of the human body involved in digestion? Plant plants for asexual reproduction at beginning of topic (alliums - bulb, dahlia - tuber, spider plant - runner (borrow from someone?) What are the stages of a mammals life cycle? What is the relationship between a mammal's size and its gestation period? What are the stages of an amphibian's life cycle? What are the stages of an insect's life cycle? What are the stages of a bird's life cycle? (Osprey link to live webcam!) What are the similarities and differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird?	about how babies are different to adults was in year 2. What can you remember about the ways that they change? How do humans change as they age? What changes take place during puberty for boys and girls? Next steps: Next time you learn about science related to puberty will be in KS3.

Vo cole de	Forth Cur Mass (Masses		Which changes can be reversed? What happens when we mix bicarbonate of soda with vinegar? What happens to a material when it burns? What affects how quickly carbon dioxide is created in the reaction between a vitamin tablet and water? How would you compare and group these materials based on their properties and the investigations carried out? (hardness, solubility, transparency, electrical and thermal conductivity, response to magnets) Next steps: Next time you learn about materials will be in KS3. What have you learnt so far that you think will be important?	How does sexual reproduction take place in plants? How does asexual reproduction take place in plants? (tubers - dahlia, plantlets - cactus, runner - spider plant) Next steps: Next time you learn about living things and their habitats will be in year 6. What ways of grouping plants have you learnt about this year?	
Vocabulary	Earth, Sun, Moon, (Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn, Venus, Mars, Uranus, Neptune), spherical, solar system, rotates, star, orbit, planets	Force, gravity, Earth, air resistance, water resistance, friction, mechanisms, simple machines, levers, pulleys, gears	Thermal/electrical insulator/conductor, change of state, mixture, dissolve, solution, soluble, insoluble, filter, sieve, reversible/non-reversible change, burning, rusting, new material	Life cycle, reproduce, sexual, sperm, fertilises, egg, live young, metamorphosis, asexual, plantlets, runners, bulbs, cuttings	Puberty – the vocabulary to describe sexual characteristics
Year 6 National Curriculum and additional skills and knowledge	Light 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.	Electricity 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,	Living things & their habitats Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including	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	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

Explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes. Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.

Key Learning

Light appears to travel in straight lines, and we see objects when light from them goes into our eyes. The light may come directly from light sources, but for other objects some light must be reflected from the object into our eyes for the object to be seen. Objects that block light (are not fully transparent) will cause shadows. Because light travels in straight lines the shape of the shadow will be the same as the outline shape of the object.

Common Misconceptions

Some children may think: we see objects because light travels from our eves to the object.

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.

Key Learning

Adding more cells to a complete circuit will make a bulb brighter, a motor spin faster or a buzzer make a louder sound. If you use a battery with a higher voltage, the same thing happens. Adding more bulbs to a circuit will make each bulb less bright. Using more motors or buzzers, each motor will spin more slowly and each buzzer will be quieter. Turning a switch off (open) breaks a circuit so the circuit is not complete and electricity cannot flow. Any bulbs. motors or buzzers will then turn off as well. You can use recognised circuit symbols to draw simple circuit diagrams.

Common Misconceptions

Some children may think: larger-sized batteries make bulbs brighter a complete circuit uses up electricity components in a circuit that are closer to the battery get more electricity.

micro-organisms, plants and animals.

Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

Key Learning

Living things can be formally grouped according to characteristics. Plants and animals are two main groups but there are other livings things that do not fit into these groups e.g. micro-organisms such as bacteria and yeast, and toadstools and mushrooms. Plants can make their own food whereas animals cannot. Animals can be divided into two main groups: those that have backbones (vertebrates): and those that do not (invertebrates). Vertebrates can be divided into five small groups: fish: amphibians: reptiles; birds; and mammals. Each group has common characteristics. Invertebrates can be divided into a number of groups, including insects, spiders, snails and worms. Plants can be divided broadly into two main groups: flowering plants; and non-flowering plants. **Common Misconceptions** Some children may think: all micro-organisms are

harmful

mushrooms are plants.

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.

Kev Learning

All living things have offspring of the same kind, as features in the offspring are inherited from the parents. Due to sexual reproduction, the offspring are not identical to their parents and vary from each other. Plants and animals have characteristics that make them suited (adapted) to their environment. If the environment changes rapidly, some variations of a species may not suit the new environment and will die. If the environment changes slowly, animals and plants with variations that are best suited survive in greater numbers to reproduce and pass their characteristics on to their young. Over time, these inherited characteristics become more dominant within the population. Over a very long period of time, these characteristics may be so different to how they were originally that a new species is created. This is evolution. Fossils give us evidence of what lived on the Earth millions of year ago and

on the way their bodies function.

Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

Key Learning

The heart pumps blood in the blood vessels around to the lungs. Oxygen goes into the blood and carbon dioxide is removed. The blood goes back to the heart and is then pumped around the body. Nutrients, water and oxygen are transported in the blood to the muscles and other parts of the body where they are needed. As they are used, they produce carbon dioxide and other waste products. Carbon dioxide is carried by the blood back to the heart and then the cycle starts again as it is transported back to the lungs to be removed from the body. This is the human circulatory system. Diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle have an impact on the way our bodies function. They can affect how well out heart and lungs work, how likely we are to suffer from conditions such as diabetes, how clearly we think, and generally how fit and well we feel. Some conditions are caused by deficiencies in our diet e.g. lack of vitamins.

Common Misconceptions Some children may think:

your heart is on the left side of your chest

				provide evidence to support the theory of evolution. More recently, scientists such as Darwin and Wallace observed how living things adapt to different environments to become distinct varieties with their own characteristics. Common Misconceptions Some children may think: adaptation occurs during an animal's lifetime: giraffes' necks stretch during their lifetime to reach higher leaves and animals living in cold environments grow thick fur during their life offspring most resemble their parents of the same sex, so that sons look like fathers all characteristics, including those that are due to actions during the parent's life such as dyed hair or footballing skills, can be inherited cavemen and dinosaurs were alive at the same time.	the heart makes blood the blood travels in one loop from the heart to the lungs and around the body when we exercise, our heart beats faster to work the muscles more some blood in our bodies is blue and some blood is red we just eat food for energy all fat is bad for you all dairy is good for you protein is good for you, so you can eat as much as you want foods only contain fat if you can see it all drugs are bad for you.
Destination questions	Recap: Last time you learnt about light was in year 3. What can you remember about how shadows are formed and changed? How does light travel? How do we see objects? What makes shadows the shape that they are? How can we show how we see things in a mirror? How can the detective see over the wall?	Recap: Last time you learn about electricity was in year 4. What components of circuits can you remember? What are the recognised symbols for drawing components in a circuit? How does voltage affect the brightness of a bulb? How can the position of a switch change what it does? What affects the volume of a buzzer in a circuit? – (1st lesson) controlling variables, (2nd lesson)	Recap: Last time you learnt about classification was in year 4. What can you remember about how to classify animals? How can you classify animals? (including vertebrates and invertebrates – this may take more than 1 lesson) How can you classify plants? How can you classify microorganisms? What is the classification system used by Carl Linnaeus and why is it important?	Recap: Last time you learnt about fossils (living things and their habitats) was in year 3. Can you remember how fossils are formed? How do we know about living things that have lived in the past? (fossils) Are all siblings of living things identical? How are birds suited to survive in the habitat in which they live?	Recap: Last time you learnt about keeping healthy (animals including humans) was in year 3. Can you remember what we need to do to eat healthily? What are the main parts of the circulatory system? What is the function of the heart? What happens to the rate at which our hearts beat when we perform different exercises? What is the

	Next steps: Next time you learn about light will be in KS3. What do you think will be important to remember?	Next steps: Next time you learn about electricity will be in KS3. What have you learnt about how circuits work?	Next steps: Next time you learn about living things and their habitats will be in KS3. What do you know now about classifying animals?	How are plants suited to, and adapted to their environment? What is evolution? (e.g. Alfred Russel Wallace, Charles Darwin, Mary Anning, Richard Owen) Next steps: Next time you learn about evolution will be in KS3. What have you learnt about evolution that may support your learning?	function of blood and blood vessels? What effects can drugs have on the body? What are the benefits of a healthy lifestyle? Next steps: Next time you learn about animals including humans will be in KS3. What 3 things can you do to keep yourself healthy?
Vocabulary	As for Year 3 - Light, plus straight lines, light rays	Circuit, complete circuit, circuit diagram, circuit symbol, cell/battery, bulb, buzzer, motor, switch, voltage N.B. Children do not need to understand what voltage is, but will use volts and voltage to describe different batteries. The words "cells" and "batteries" are now used interchangeably.	Vertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, invertebrates, insects, spiders, snails, worms, flowering, non-flowering	Offspring, sexual reproduction, vary, characteristics, suited, adapted, environment, inherited, species, fossils	Heart, pulse, rate, pumps, blood, blood vessels, transported, lungs, oxygen, carbon dioxide, nutrients, water, muscles, cycle, circulatory system, diet, exercise, drugs, lifestyle

Further points in relation to Relations and Sex Education:

Animal, including humans is also taught through the schools RSE curriculum (The Christopher Winters Project). See PSHE curriculum planner

Y1	identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense		
Y2	Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults.		
Y5	Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.		
	Describe the changes as humans develop to old age.		
Y6	recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents		