

## Science Curriculum Progression Overview Our Science curriculum is driven by our LEARN statement for our learners to achieve and succeed in science by providing engagement, ambition, relevance and nurture in our approach to this subject to provide the foundations for **understanding the world** through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics **Rationale** to build up a body of key foundational knowledge, concepts and vocabulary alongside strong enquiry skills to value the power of rational explanation and develop a sense of excitement and curiosity about natural phenomena to build understanding progressively through unit themes and science projects; use relevant contexts, diverse scientists and role models to value the impact of scientific thinking to the world promote understanding and accurate and precise use of vocabulary **Approach** highlight achievements of scientists and industry links to maximize pupils' engagement with and motivation to study science embed 'working scientifically' and **enquiry approaches** and skills throughout the curriculum make connections across learning and with the wider community e.g. apply their mathematical knowledge, geographical understanding, historical 'Working scientifically' is the ability to work and think like scientists in every science lesson. The enquiry approaches and skills of science for each year group below. These are taught in context of the unit or project content. Scientifically Children learn to use a variety of enquiry approaches and skills to answer relevant scientific questions.

## **Knowledge and Understanding by Theme**

Science	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Projects	How do humans impact on the environment?		How can we learn about space science through people and their discoveries?	How can we eat more sustainably? What can we do?	our lives?	problems?	What is biodiversity? What are the biggest threats? What can we do?

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 5
Plants  Make animal explain occur change  Exploraroum observation plants the World;  Under import change world include change (Under World;  (Spring topic of the plants the world)	about similarities and ences in relation to ess, objects, materials ving things.  a observations of als and plants and in why some things and talk about ges.  res the natural world and him/her, making vations and drawing res of animals and es. (Understanding of Yorld: The Natural	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.	Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats.  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.	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.	Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

Animals	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 5	Year 6
	make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur and talk about changes  Explores the natural world around him/her, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. (Understanding of the World: The Natural World)  (Looking After our World – Summer 2 Learning about our habitat, damage to our world and how to look after the Earth/animals/plants).  (Light and Dark–Autumn 2 – nocturnal/diurnal animals)	<ul> <li>Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.</li> <li>Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.</li> <li>Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, inc pets).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats.</li> <li>Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults.</li> <li>Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air).</li> </ul>	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.	<ul> <li>Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.</li> <li>Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.</li> </ul>	Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

Humans	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur and talk about changes.  Explores the natural world around him/her, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. (Understanding of the World: The Natural World)	Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.	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.	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.	Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.  Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions.	Describe the changes as humans develop to old age.	Identify and name the main parts of human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.  Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way bodies function.  Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

Habitats	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 4	Year 5
	Talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another.  Know that the environment and living things are influenced by human activity.  Knows some similarities and differences between the natural world around him/her and contrasting environments, drawing on his/her experiences and what has been read in class.  (Understanding of the World: The Natural World)  Describes his/her environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.  (Understanding of the World: People, Cultures and Communities)  (Looking After our World – Summer 2 Learning about our habitat, damage to our world and how to look after the Earth/animals/plants).	Observe changes across the four seasons.  Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.	<ul> <li>Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways.</li> <li>Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment.</li> <li>Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living thing.</li> <li>Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals.</li> <li>Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.</li> </ul>

Evolution	EYFS	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 6
	Talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another.  Make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur and talk about changes.  Knows some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on his/her experience and what has been read in class. (Understanding of the World: Past & Present)  (Dinosaurs topic – Spring 1)	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.	Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock.	Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things	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.  Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.

. Materials	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 5
and their properties	Know the properties of some materials and can suggest some of the purposes they are used for  know that the environment and living things are influenced by human activity e.g. impact of waste  Understands some important processes and changes in the natural world around him/her, including the seasons and changing states of matter. (Understanding of	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.	Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.  Understand what is meant by raw and synthetic materials	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.	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.  Give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic.  Understand about the sustainability of materials, raw and synthetic materials and the issues around use of natural resources

	the World: The Natural World)					
	(Understanding of					
	the World – recycling – soring materials)					
	Safely uses and					
	explores a variety of materials, tools					
	and techniques, experimenting with colour, design,					
	texture and function.					
	(Materials in					
	collage, junk modelling etc.)					
Changing	EYFS	Year 2	Year 4	•		Year 5
Materials	Know the properties of some materials and can suggest some of the purposes they are used for.  Understands some important processes and changes in the natural world around him/her,	Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.	<ul> <li>Compare and group mater according to whether they gases.</li> <li>Observe that some materia they are heated or cooled, research the temperature adegrees Celsius (°C).</li> <li>Identify the part played by condensation in the water or rate of evaporation with ter</li> </ul>	are solids, liquids or Is change state when and measure or It which this happens in evaporation and cycle and associate the	solution and de solution.  Use knowledge mixtures might k sieving and evo Demonstrate th are reversible compaterials, and the reversible, inclu-	at dissolving, mixing and changes of state
	including the seasons and changing states of matter. (Understanding of the World: The Natural World)  (Expressive Art and Design: changes in cooking, clay modelling, junk modelling, manipulating materials e.g. collage)					
Forces	EYFS	Year 2	Year 3			Year 5
Torces	• Make	Find out how the	Compare how things move     Notice that some forces needs			upported objects fall towards the Earth force of gravity acting between the Earth
	observations of explain why some things occur, and talk about changes  Explores and talks about different forces he/she can feel (not ELG – nursery objective)  shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching		<ul> <li>two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance.</li> <li>Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Describe magnets as having two poles.</li> <li>Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>and the falling of ldentify the effection, that ac</li> <li>Recognise that</li> </ul>	
	FVI	re	Your 2		Year 6	
Light	Looks closely at	similarities, differences,	Year 3  Recognise that they need like	ght in order to see	Recognise that li	
	<ul><li>patterns and ch</li><li>E.g. exploring lig</li></ul>	ange Int from different ng shadows e.g. using	<ul> <li>Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light.</li> <li>Notice that light is reflected from surfaces.</li> <li>Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines.</li> <li>Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain tha objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.</li> </ul>	
	changes in the natural worl including the seasons and o	rands some important processes and light from the partial world around him/her.		e formed when the ocked by an opaque the size of shadows		
	(Light and Dark topic – A shadows, day/night)	Autumn 2 – making				
Earth and	EYFS		Year 1		Yea	r 5
Space	Talk about the fection their own immediates	• Observe	changes across the four seasons. and describe weather	solar system.		nd other planets, relative to the Sun in the
	environment and how associate environments might vary length voters from one another.		ed with the seasons and how day aries	<ul><li>Describe the Sur</li><li>Use the idea of the</li></ul>	·	elative to the Earth.  oproximately spherical bodies.  xplain day and night and the apparent
	<ul> <li>Being to understal significance and difference betwee seasons and mont</li> </ul>	ən				
	Knows some similarities and differences between the no world around him/her and contrasting environments, con his/her experiences and	atural				

	(Understanding of the World: The Natural World)  (Light and Dark – Autumn 2 – planets in our solar system, seasons)				
Electricity		Year 4	Year 6		
·	<ul> <li>Identify common appliances that re</li> <li>Construct a simple series electrical including cells, wires, bulbs, switche</li> <li>Identify whether or not a lamp will list or not the lamp is part of a comple</li> <li>Recognise that a switch opens and or not a lamp lights in a simple serie</li> </ul>	circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, s and buzzers.  Ight in a simple series circuit, based on whether te loop with a battery.  I closes a circuit and associate this with whether	<ul> <li>Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, incluther the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of swither</li> <li>Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.</li> </ul>		
Sound	EYFS	Year 1	Year 4		
	Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change e.g. exploring sounds made by different instruments  Performs songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – tries to move in time to music. (Expressive Art and Design: Being Imaginative & Expressive)  (Expressive Art and Design – exploring the sounds of different instruments, changes is pitch, rhythm, volume and speed)	Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.	<ul> <li>Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating.</li> <li>Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear.</li> <li>Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it.</li> <li>Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.</li> <li>Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.</li> </ul>		

## **Scientific Enquiry** Enquiry and knowledge and understanding are explicitly referenced in lessons. **Approach** We teach the use of 8 types of enquiry and the enquiry skills to ensure children understand all that is involved in the scientific process.. Scientific Enquiry Type **Enquiry Skills** Identifying, grouping and classifying things (noticing similarities and Ask questions differences) Make predictions Observing changes over time Decide how to carry out an enquiry Observing closely Collect information - measure, observe, research Noticing patterns (can be simple tests in KS1) Researching (finding things out using secondary sources of information) Analyse - compare, classify, make conclusions, evaluate Communicate scientifically Understand the science community – now and in the pat Comparative testing (can be simple tests in KS1) Fair testing **Scientific Enquiry Skill Progression Upper KS2 EYFS** KS1 **Lower KS2** Answer 'how' and 'why' questions Begin to use 'why' questions Ask simple questions about what Use science experiences to explore Makes comments about what **Asking** Ask relevant questions about what has ideas and raise different kinds of they notice. ne/she has heard and asks questions **Questions** Recognise that these questions can been observed. questions about scientific to clarify his/her understanding. be answered in different ways phenomena. Communication & Language: listening, Attention and **Understanding)** Use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that are to happen in the Answer 'how' and 'why' questions • Make simple predictions with support. Anticipates, where appropriate, key • Use more abstract ideas and identify Making events in stories. (Literacy: scientific evidence to help them • Use previous knowledge to predict what With auidance, notice patterns understand and predict how the Comprehension) might happen. **Predictions** and relationships between two world operates. Offers explanations for why things different things. might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction books rhymes and poems when appropriate. (Communication & Language: Speaking) • Select and plan the most • Make decisions about which types of appropriate type of enquiry to scientific enquiry are likely to be the best Suggest ways to answer a answer questions. way of answering a question. **Deciding how** • Set up tests explaining which • Are guided in their use of controlling • Begin to use 'why' questions • Carry out simple tests to see if variables need to be controlled and to carry out (CLL - U - ELG) suspected patterns and • Suggest what observations to make, relationships between two Decide what observations or an enquiry how long to make them for, and what different things are true. measurements to make, how long to equipment to use when planning an make them for, what equipment to investigation. use, and whether to repeat them. • Estimate, measure, weigh and Make systematic and careful compare and order objects observations and, where and talk about properties, Use simple measurements and appropriate, taking accurate position and time. (M - SSM -• Make systematic and careful equipment (for example egg measurements using standard units, Collect ELG). observations and, where appropriate, timers) to gather data. using an increasing range of • Make observations of animals taking accurate measurements using Observe the naturally and equipment. Information and plants (UTW ELG). standard units, using a range of humanly-constructed world • Repeat where necessary and · Look at books and the internet equipment, including microscopes, take measurements, closely, using simple equipment explain how to use equipment thermometers and data loggers. to find things out (L-Reading). make observations (e.g. magnifying glasses). accurately. Explores the natural world around • Choose suitable secondary sources to research Recognise which secondary sources • Use simple secondary sources to find answers to questions. him/her, making observations and find answers. will be most useful to research ideas drawing pictures of animals and and begin to separate opinion from plants. fact. • Record information collected in Collect data from own observations and a variety of ways including measurements, using notes, simple Decide how to record data and tables, standard units photos, drawings, notes. • Record information collected results of increasing complexity using • Make decisions about how to record • Use simple tables, make tally, Record scientific diagrams and labels, Explores the natural world around pictograms, take photos, make and analyse this data. tables, scatter graphs, bar and line observations. • Use simple scientific language, drawings, nim/her, making observations and labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and drawing pictures of animals and plants. • Talk about similarities and differences in relation to places. objects, materials and living • Use and develop keys and other things (UTW ELG). information records of own choice Answer 'how' and 'why' • Use previous knowledge and • Use previous knowledge and known to identify, classify and describe questions about their **Analyse** features to compare. living things and materials. simple features to compare, experiences and in response to based upon a question. • Group, sort and classify using these Draw conclusions and make stories or events (CLL - U - ELG). • With help, decide how to sort and comparisons. predictions based on different • Explain why some things occur • Use simple keys. group based on simple features. causal relationships in data and compare (CLL - U - EXC).• Use observations and ideas to • Use changes, patterns, similarities, and observations, use evidence to justify Know that the environment and classify ideas, and use scientific knowledge suggest answers to questions. differences in data in order to draw living things are influenced by With help, talk about how things simple conclusions, answer questions, and understanding to explain draw human activity (UTW - EXC). have changed over time. and make predictions for new values findings. • Talk about things have conclusions within or beyond the data collected. • Say if an enquiry went well and Systematically analyse functions, changed (UTW ELG). begin to offer suggestions for • Use results to suggest improvements and relationships and interactions. evaluate Can compare length, weight and raise further questions. improvements if not. • Use results to identify when further capacity. (Mathematics: Numerical tests and observations might be Patterns – nursery objective) needed. Shares his/her creations, explaining the process he/she has used.

	(Expressive Art & Design: Creating with Materials)  They can talk about features of their own and others' work, recognising the differences between them and the strengths of others (Expressive Art & Design: Creating with Materials)			
Use scientific vocabulary  including when modelling	<ul> <li>Express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs.</li> <li>Use a range of vocabulary to add information, express ideas or to explain or justify actions or events (</li> <li>Make models of objects and living things (EAD – ELG).</li> <li>Uses and understands recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use simple scientific language to talk about what has been found.</li> <li>Communicate ideas to a range of audiences in a variety of ways.</li> <li>Create models that show scientific ideas and support explanations or observations.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use relevant scientific language to discuss ideas and communicate findings in ways that are appropriate for different audiences.</li> <li>Report on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions.</li> <li>Create models that help explain scientific ideas.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use relevant scientific language and illustrations to discuss, communicate and justify scientific ideas.</li> <li>Report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and a degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations.</li> <li>Create models and use analogies to help explain scientific processes, concepts or observations</li> </ul>
Explore the science community	<ul> <li>Talk about jobs and what skills are needed to do them</li> <li>Understand the importance of working collaboratively</li> <li>Talks about the lives of the people around him/her and their roles in society.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Become aware of the ways in which science and technology influence our lives</li> <li>Recognise some scientists and say what they are famous for.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Be aware of the specific contributions of science in industry and every day life</li> <li>Talk about a range of scientists and explain their main ideas.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Be aware of the contributions of science in industry and every day life including the future of science</li> <li>Talk about a range of scientists, their main ideas and the context of their work and achievements</li> <li>Talk about how scientific ideas have changed and developed over time.</li> </ul>