

Science National Curriculum 2014 Overview

Lower Key Stage 2

Working Scientifically

asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests

making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions

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

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

Upper Key Stage 2

Working Scientifically

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

taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs

further comparative and fair tests
reporting and presenting 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

using test results to make predictions to set up

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

Working Scientifically

During years 1 and 2, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content:

asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways

observing closely, using simple equipment

performing simple tests

identifying and classifying

using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions

gathering and recording data to help in answering questions.



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 1	Autumn 1 Everyday materials Pupils should be taught to: -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.	Autumn 2 Seasonal changes Pupils should be taught to: - observe changes across the four seasons - observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.	Spring 1 Seasonal changes Pupils should be taught to: - observe changes across the fou - observe and describe weather seasons and how day length vari Animals including humans -identify and name a variety of o including fish, amphibians, reptil mammals - identify and name a variety of o that are carnivores, herbivores a	or seasons associated with the lies. ommon animals les, birds and	Plants Pupils should be taught to: - 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.	Animals including humans -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.



Ye	Uses of Everyday	Animals including	Uses of Everyday	Plants	Animals including	Living things and their
Year	Materials	humans	Materials	-observe and describe	humans	habitats
2	-identify and compare the	-describe the importance	-identify and compare	how seeds and bulbs	-notice that animals,	-explore and compare the
	suitability of a variety of	for humans to exercise,	the suitability of a	grow into mature plants	including humans, have	differences between things
	everyday materials, including	eating the right amounts	variety of everyday	-find out and describe	offspring which grow into	that are living, dead, and
	wood, metal, plastic, glass,	of different types of	materials, including	how plants need water,	adults	things that have never been
	brick, rock, paper, and	food, and hygiene	wood, metal, plastic,	light, and a suitable	-find out about and	alive
	cardboard for particular uses	(diet side link to DT	glass, brick, rock, paper,	temperature to grow	describe the basic needs	-identify that most living
	-find out how the shapes of	cooking and nutrition)	and cardboard for	and stay healthy	of animals, including	things live in habitats to
	solid objects made from		particular uses		humans, for survival	which they are suited and
	some materials can be		-find out how the shapes		(water, food, and air)	describe how the different
	changed by squashing,		of solid objects made		-describe the importance	habitats provide for the
	bending, twisting and		from some materials can		for humans to exercise,	basic needs of different
	stretching		be changed by		eating the right amounts	kinds of animals and plants,
			squashing, bending,		of different types of food,	and how they depend on
			twisting and stretching		and hygiene	each other
						-identify a variety of plants
						and animals in their habitat,
						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



~	Light	Rocks	Forces and magnets	Animals including	Plants
Year 3	Light - notice that light is reflected from surfaces - find patterns that determine the size of shadows.	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.	Forces and magnets -notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance - observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others -compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials -describe magnets as having two poles - predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Plants -identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem, leaves and flowers -explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) 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.



¥	Electricity	States of matter	Sound	Animals including	Living things and their
Year	-identify common appliances	-compare and group	-identify how sounds are	humans	habitats
4	that run on electricity	materials together,	made, associating some	-describe the simple	-identify and name a variety
	-construct a simple series	according to whether	of them with something	functions of the basic	of living things (plants and
	electrical circuit, identifying	they are solids, liquids or	vibrating	parts of the digestive	animals) in the local and
	and naming its basic parts,	gases	- find patterns between	system in humans	wider environment, using
	including cells, wires, bulbs,	- observe that some	the pitch of a sound and	- identify the different	classification keys to assign
	switches and buzzers	materials change state	features of the object	types of teeth in humans	them to groups
	- identify whether or not a	when they are heated or	that produced it	and their simple functions	-recognise that
	lamp will light in a simple	cooled, and measure or	- find patterns between	-construct and interpret a	environments can change
	series circuit, based on	research the	the volume of a sound	variety of food chains,	and that this can sometimes
	whether or not the lamp is	temperature at which		identifying producers,	pose dangers to living
	part of a complete loop with	this happens in degrees		predators and prey.	things.
	a battery	Celsius (°C)			
	- recognise that a switch	- identify the part played			
	opens and closes a circuit and	by evaporation and			
	associate this with whether	condensation in the			
	or not a lamp lights in a	water cycle and			
	simple series circuit	associate the rate of			
	- recognise some common	evaporation with			
	conductors and insulators,	temperature.			
	and associate metals with				
	being good conductors.				



~	Properties and changes in	Earth and Space	Forces	All Living Things	Animals including
Year	materials	-describe the movement	-explain that	-explain the differences	humans
5	-Compare and group	of the Earth, and other	unsupported objects fall	in the life cycles of a	-describe the changes as
	together everyday materials	planets, relative to the	towards the Earth	mammal, an amphibian,	humans develop from birth
	based on evidence from	Sun in the solar system -	because of the force of	an insect and a bird	to old age.
	comparative and fair tests,	-describe the movement	gravity acting between	- describe the life	_
	including their hardness,	of the Moon relative to	the Earth and the falling	process of reproduction	
	solubility, transparency,	the Earth	object	in some plants and	
	conductivity (electrical and	- describe the Sun, Earth	- identify the effects of	animals.	
	thermal), and response to	and Moon as	air resistance, water		
	magnets	approximately spherical	resistance and friction,		
	-understand that some	bodies	that act between moving		
	materials will dissolve in	- use the idea of the	surfaces		
	liquid to form a solution, and	Earth's rotation to	- understand that force		
	describe how to recover a	explain day and night.	and motion can be		
	substance from a solution		transferred through		
	-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				
	reversible, including changes				
	associated with burning and				
	the action of acid on				
	bicarbonate of soda.				



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All Living Things

- -describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals
- give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

Evolution and inheritance

- recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents identify how animals and plants are adapted
- their parents
 identify how animals
 and plants are adapted
 to suit their environment
 in different ways and
 that adaptation may lead
 to evolution.

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Animals including humans

- -identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and explain the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood
- recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function
- describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

Light

- -understand that light appears to travel in straight lines - use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye
- -explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes
- use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them, and to predict the size of shadows when the position of the light source changes.

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, 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.