

Curriculum Progression planning Subject: Science

Year 1

Skill
Asking the starter question
Gather evidence
Collect data - what are we measuring or observing.
Sorting and classifying.
Record findings
Gather evidence
Sorting and classifying
Planning
Ask a question that could lead to a fair test.
Noticing patterns and relationships

Knowledge
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Observe changes across the four seasons
Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.
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.
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
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Year 2

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Record findings
Asking the starter question
Sorting and classifying
Planning
Collect data – what are we measuring or observing.
Gather evidence
Asking a question that will lead to a fair test
Noticing patterns and relationships

Knowledge
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.
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 microhabitats
Describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.
Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses
Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.
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,

Year 3

Skill
Report findings
Sorting and classifying
Ask a question (that could lead to a fair test)
Collect data (what might affect what we are measuring)
Predicting
Collect data (what are we measuring or observing)
Gather evidence
Notice patterns
Suggest improvements
Decide which type of enquiry is needed
Planning
Asking the starter question
Recording findings

Knowledge
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
Identify common appliances that run on electricity
Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers
Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery
Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit
Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors
Compare how things move on different surfaces.
Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance.
Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others.
Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials.
Describe magnets as having two poles.
Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.
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.
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.

Year 4

Skill
Ask a question (that could lead to a fair test)
Recording findings
Collect data – What are we measuring or observing?
Collect data – What might affect what we are measuring or observing?
Decide what type of enquiry
Reporting findings
Asking a starter question
Sorting and classifying
Predict what might happen
Planning
Gather evidence
Noticing patterns and relationships

Knowledge
Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating
Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear
Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it
Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it
Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.
Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes
Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light
Notice that light is reflected from surfaces
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.
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
Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways
Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment
Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.
Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases
Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C)
Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

Year 5

Skill
Decide which type of enquiry is needed
Ask questions that could lead to a fair test
Collect data – what might affect what we are measuring or observing?
Asking the starter question
Record findings
Report findings
Gather evidence
Noticing patterns and relationships
Collect data (What are we measuring or observing)
Predict
Reporting findings (er...er rule)
Think about spooky results
Suggest improvements.
Sorting and classifying

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

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
Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object
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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.
Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.
Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.
Describe the changes as humans develop to old age.

Year 6

Skill
Decide which type of enquiry is needed
Ask questions that could lead to a fair test
Collect data – what might affect what we are measuring or observing?
Planning
Asking the starter question
Sorting and classifying
Noticing patterns and relationships
Collect data (What are we measuring or observing)
Predict
Reporting findings (er...er rule)
Think about spooky results
Suggest improvements.
Record findings
Report findings
Gather evidence

Knowledge
Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood
Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function
Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.
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.
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.
Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit
Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches
Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.
Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.
Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents.
Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.