Science Curriculum Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 1	Animals including Humans (identifying, naming, drawing and labelling basic parts of the human body and which is associated with each sense)	Animals including humans (Identify the basic needs of different animals and humans) (Identifying and classifying a variety of common animals) (Identifying the structures of common animals)	Seasonal changes (Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies)	Plants (Identifying and naming a variety of common wild and garden plants) (Identifying and describing the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants)	Everyday Materials and the uses of everyday materials (Identify and name a variety of everyday materials) (Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made)	Everyday materials and uses of every day materials (Describe the simple, physical properties of a variety of everyday materials) (Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials base on their physical properties)
Year 2	Animals including humans (Identify the basic needs of different animals and humans for survival) (Identifying the importance of exercise, balanced meals and hygiene)	Animals including Humans (Identifying offspring of animals including humans and how they develop into adults)	Living things and their habitats (explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive) (Learn that animals live in certain habitats and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants)	Living things and their habitats (Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats) (Describe how animals obtain their food and Learn about food chains)	Plants (Observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants) (Describing how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy)	Everyday materials and uses of every day materials (Find out how the shape of solid objects can be changed) (Identify and compare the suitability of everyday materials)

Year 3	Animals including humans Identify that animals, including humans, need to get the right types 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.	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.	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.	Plants Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. 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	Forces and 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	Forces and Magnets 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.
Year 4	Electricity 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.	Electricity 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	Sound 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	Living things and their habitats 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	Animals including humans 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.	States of matter 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)

		Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.	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 and associate metals with being good conductors.	and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.		Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.
Year 5	Properties and 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	Properties and changes of materials 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.	Earth and 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.	Earth and Space 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.	Animals including humans Describe the changes as humans develop to old age. Living things and 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.	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.

Year 6

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 on the way their bodies function

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

Living things and their habitats

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.

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.

Evolution and inheritance

Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

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.

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.

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.