

Progression Document for Science

Topic	KS1	LKS2	UKS2
	 Y1: identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals Y1 identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores (Y2 – Living things and their habitats: describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name 	Y4 ● construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey	
Animals Including humans (Incl. Y6 Evolution and Inheritance)	different sources of food) Y1 • 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	Y3: • identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement Y4: • describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans • identify the different types of teeth in	Y6: • identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood • describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans
		• identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions	

	Y2: ● notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults	Y3 ● 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	Y5:
	Y2:	(Y3 Rocks:	 describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird) Y6 (Evolution and inheritance)
	 find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) 	 describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock) 	• recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years
	 describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene 		 identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution
	Y1: ● identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees		
Plants	Y1: ● identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees	Y3: • identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers •	

	Y2: • observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants	investigate the way in which water is transported within plants Y3: ● explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal	(Y5 – living things and their habitats • describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals)
	Y2: ● find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy	Y3 • 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	
Living things and their habitats	 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 	• recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things (Y4: Animals including humans: • construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey)	
		 Y4: 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 	Y6: • 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

		living things in their local and wider	
		environment	• give reasons for classifying plants and
			animals based on specific characteristics
	(Y2 – Animals including Humans:		Y5:
	• notice that animals, including humans, have		• describe the differences in the life
	offspring which grow into adults)		cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an
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	Y2: • explore and compare the differences		
	between things that are living, dead, and things		• describe the life process of
	that have never been alive		reproduction in some plants and animals
	Y1 (everyday materials):		Y5 Properties and changes of materials:
	 distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made 		• give reasons, based on evidence from
	identify and name a variety of everyday		comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials,
	materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal,		including metals, wood and plastic
	water, and rock		Including metals, wood and plastic
	water, and rock		
	Y2 Uses of everyday materials:		
	• identify and compare the suitability of a		
	variety of everyday materials, including wood,		
	metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and		
	cardboard for particular uses		
	Y1 everyday materials:	Y3 Rocks	Y5 Properties and changes of materials:
Materials: -	• describe the simple physical properties of a	compare and group together different	compare and group together everyday
Everyday	variety of everyday materials	kinds of rocks on the basis of their	materials on the basis of their properties,
materials (Y1), -	 compare and group together a variety of 	appearance and simple physical	including their hardness, solubility,
Uses of everyday	everyday materials on the basis of their simple	properties Y4 States of matter:	transparency, conductivity (electrical and
materials (Y2), -	physical properties		thermal), and response to magnets
Rocks (y3), -		• compare and group materials together,	
States of matter		according to whether they are solids,	
(y4), - Properties		liquids or gases	
		Y4 (states of matter)	

& changes of materials (Y5)	Y2 (uses of everyday materials: ● find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching	 identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature Y4 (states of matter): 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) 	Y5 Properties and changes of materials: • 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 • demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes • 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
		Y3 (rocks): • 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	(Y6 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)
Forces and Magnets		Y3 (forces and magnets):	Y5 (forces)

	• compare how things move on different	 explain that unsupported objects fall
	surfaces	towards the Earth because of the force of
		gravity acting between the Earth and the
	 notice that some forces need contact 	object
	between 2 objects but magnetic force	
	acts at a distance	 identify the effects of air resistance,
		water resistance and friction, that act
	 observe how magnets attract or repel 	between moving surfaces
	each other and attract some other	-
	materials and not others	• recognise that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears allow a
	 compare and group together a variety 	smaller force to have a greater effect
	of everyday materials on the basis of	_
	whether they are attracted to a magnet	
	and identify some magnetic materials	
	, ,	
	describe magnetic materials as having	
	two poles	
	•	
	• predict whether 2 magnets will attract	
	or repel each other, depending on which	
	poles are facing	
Electricity	Y 4	Y 6
Y4 and y6	• identify common appliances that run	 associate the brightness of a lamp or
	on electricity	the volume of a buzzer with the number
		and voltage of cells used in the circuit
	• construct a simple series electrical	
	circuit, identifying and naming its basic	 compare and give reasons for
	parts, including cells, wires, bulbs,	variations in how components function,
	switches and buzzers	including the brightness of bulbs, the
	STREET, STREET	loudness of buzzers and the on / off
	• identify whether or not a lamp will light	position of switches
	in a simple series circuit, based on	position of switches
	in a simple series circuit, based on	

	whether or not the lamp is part of a	• use recognised symbols when
	complete loop with a battery	representing a simple circuit in a diagram
	 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	
	Y3 (light):	Y6 (Light):
	 recognise that they need light in order 	 recognise that light appears to travel in
	to see things and that dark is the absence	straight lines.
	of light	
		• use the idea that light travels in straight
	 notice that light is reflected from 	lines to explain that objects are seen
Light	surfaces	because they give out or reflect light into
Y3 and Y6		the eye
	• recognise that light from the sun can be	
	dangerous and there are ways to protect	• explain that we see things because light
	their eyes	travels from the light sources to our eyes
		or from the object and then to our eyes.
	• recognise that shadows are formed	• use the ideal that light travels in
	when the light from a light source is	straight lines to explain why shadows
	blocked by an opaque object.	have the same shape as the object that cast them.
	• find patterns in the way that the size of	cast them.
Sound Y4	shadows change. Y4 (sound):	
Soulid 14	• identify how sounds are made,	
	associating some of them with something	
	vibrating	
	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 	
Seasonal changes (Y1) Earth and space (y5)	 v1: observe changes across the 4 seasons observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies 		 v5: 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

Working Scientifically Grid

KS1	LKS2	UKS2
asking simple questions and recognising that	asking relevant questions and using different	planning different types of scientific enquiries
they can be answered in different ways	types of scientific enquiries to answer them	to answer questions, including recognising and
		controlling variables where necessary
 performing simple tests 	 setting up simple practical enquiries, 	 using test results to make predictions to set up
	comparative and fair tests	further comparative and fair tests
 observing closely, using simple equipment 	 making systematic and careful observations 	 taking measurements, using a range of
	and, where appropriate, taking accurate	scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy
	measurements using standard units, using a	and precision, taking repeat readings when
	range of equipment, including thermometers and	appropriate
	data loggers	
 using their observations and ideas to suggest 	• gathering, recording, classifying and presenting	 recording data and results of increasing
answers to questions ● gathering and recording	data in a variety of ways to help in answering	complexity using scientific diagrams and labels,
data to help in answering questions	questions ● recording findings using simple	classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and
	scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams,	line graphs
	keys, bar charts, and tables	
	• reporting on findings from enquiries, including	 reporting and presenting findings from
	oral and written explanations, displays or	enquiries, including conclusions, causal
	presentations of results and conclusions ● using	relationships and explanations of and a degree of
	results to draw simple conclusions, make	trust in results, in oral and written forms such as
	predictions for new values, suggest	displays and other presentations
	improvements and raise further questions	
identifying and classifying	• identifying differences, similarities or changes	identifying scientific evidence that has been
	related to simple scientific ideas and processes	used to support or refute ideas or arguments
	using straightforward scientific evidence to	
	answer questions or to support their findings.	

Nursery to KS1 Progression grid

EYFS (Nursery)	EYFS (Reception)	KS1
Learns that they have similarities and differences that connect them to, and distinguish them from,	Can talk about some of the similarities and differences in relation to friends or family (30-	Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body
others (22-36mths, UtW People and communities)	50mths, UtW People and Communities) Know about similarities and differences between	is associated with each sense (Y1 Animals including humans)
Knows some of the things that make them	themselves and others, and among families,	Notice that animals, including humans, have
unique (30-50 mths, UtW People and Communities)	communities and traditions (ELG, UtW People and Communities)	offspring which grow into adults
		Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) (Y2 Animals including humans)
Notices detailed features of objects in their	Can talk about some of the things they have	Identify and name a variety of common animals
environment (22-36 mths, UtW The World) ·	observed, such as plants, animals, natural and found objects (30-50mths, UtW The World) ·	including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals (Y1 Animals including humans)
Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they	Developing an understanding of growth, decay	Identify and name a variety of common animals
live or the natural world (30-50mths, UtW The World)	and changes over time (30-50mths, UtW The World)	that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores (Y1 Animals including humans)
Show care and concern for living things and the	Talk about the features of their own	Identify and name a variety of common wild and
environment (30-50mths, UtW The World)	environment and how environments might vary from one another (ELG, UtW The World)	garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees (Y1 Plants)
	Make observations of animals and plants and	Explore and compare the differences between
	explain why some things occur and talk about changes (ELG UtW The World)	things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive (Y2 Living Things and their Habitats)
Talk about why things happen and how things	Know similarities and differences in relation to	Observe changes across the four seasons
work (30-50mths, UtW The World)	places, objects, materials and living things (30-50mths, UtW The World)	observe and describe weather associated with

	Look closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change (40-60mths UtW The World)	the seasons and how day length varies (Y1 Seasonal Changes)
		Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses (Y2 Use of Everyday Materials)
Observes the effect of exercise on their bodies (30-50mths, PD (Health and Self-care)	Eats a range of healthy foodstuffs and understands the need for variety in food (40-60 mths, PD (Health and Self-Care)	Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene (Y2 Animals including Humans)
	Know the importance for good health of physical exercise and a healthy diet and talk about ways to keep healthy and safe (ELG PD (Health and Self-care)	

Scientific Enquiry

Type of Scientific Enquiry	KS1	LKS2	UKS2
Identifying, Classifying and grouping	Y1 Animals including humans - Animal classification - What animals eat	Rocks - Grouping and classifying Animals including humans	Y5/6Living things and their habitats - Classification - microbes Y5 Animals including humans
		- Nutrition – food groups	- Diet - exercise
Observing overtime	Y1 Seasons - Day length - Trees - Clothes people wear	Plants - Life cycles	Y5 Living things and their habitats - Life Cycles Y6 Evolution and inheritance - fossils
	Y1 /2 Plants - Growing seeds - Growing bulbs		
Research using secondary sources	Y1 Plant - farming	Y3 Rocks - research, fossils	Y5 Earth, space and the sun - Research
	Y2 Habitats	Y4 Animals including humans - Skeletons - Muscles	Y6 Evolution and inheritance - Research
Pattern seeking	Y1/2 Seasons Y2 Habitats	Y3 Rocks - looking for patterns	Y5 Earth, space and the sun - the moon Y6 Light
			- shadows Y6 Electricity - circuits
Comparative and fair testing	Y1 /2 Materials - Testing materials - Comparing uses	Y3 Forces and Magnets - Comparing materials - Testing magnetic materials	Y5 Properties and changes of materials - Dissolving (line graph) - Separating

Y4 Sound	 Reversible changes
- Pitch and volume	Y5 Forces
	- Air resistance
Y4 Electricity	- Water resistance
- Testing circuits	- Friction