

Science Progression Map

Area of Science	Birth to Three	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Plants	Explore	Use all		Identify and name	Observe and	Identify and			
Fights	natural	their		a variety of	describe how seeds	describe the			
	materials,	senses in		common wild and	and bulbs grow into	functions of			
	indoors and	hands-on		garden plants,	mature plants.	different parts of			
	outdoors.	exploration		including deciduous	marare plants.	flowering plants:			
		of natural		and evergreen	Find out and	roots, stem/trunk,			
		materials.		trees.	describe how	leaves and flowers.			
		marci lais.		11 003.	plants need water,				
		Explore		Identify and	light and a suitable	Explore the			
		collections		describe the basic	temperature to	requirements of			
		of materials		structure of a	grow and stay	plants for life and			
		with similar		variety of common	healthy.	growth (air, light,			
		and/or		flowering plants,	neurny.	water, nutrients			
		different		including trees.		from soil, and room			
		properties.		including in eee.		to grow) and how			
		F				they vary from			
		Plant seeds				plant to plant.			
		and care							
		for growing				Investigate the			
		plants.				way in which water			
						is transported			
		Understand				within plants.			
		they key							
		features of				Explore the part			
		the life				that flowers play in			
		cycle of a				the life cycle of			
		plant or				flowering plants,			
		animal.				including			
						pollination, seed			
		Begin to				formation and seed			
		understand				dispersal.			

		the need to respect and					
		respect and					
		r					
		care for					
		the natural					
		environment					
		and all living					
		things.					
-	Explore	Use all	Draw	Explore and	Recognise that	Describe the	Describe how living
-	natural	their	information	compare the	living things can be	differences in the	things are
their n	naterials,	senses in	from a	differences	grouped in a	life cycles of a	classified into
habitats in	ndoors and	hands-on	simple map.	between things	variety of ways.	mammal, an	broad groups
0	outside.	exploration		that are living,		amphibian, an	according to
		of natural	Explore the	dead, and things	Explore and use	insect and a bird.	common observable
		materials.	natural world	that have never	classification keys		characteristics and
			around them.	been alive.	to help group,	Describe the life	based on
		Explore			identify and name	process of	similarities and
		collections	Describe	Identify that most	a variety of living	reproduction in	differences,
		of materials	what they	living things live in	things in their local	some plants and	including
		with similar	see, hear	habitats to which	and wider	animals.	microorganisms,
		and/or	and feel	they are suited and	environment.		plants and animals.
		different	whilst	describe how			
		properties.	outside.	different habitats	Recognise that		Give reasons for
				provide for the	environments can		classifying plants
		Begin to	Recognise	basic needs of	change and that		and animals based
		understand	some	different kinds of	this can sometimes		on specific
		the need to	environments	animals and plants,	pose dangers to		characteristics.
		respect and	that are	and how they	living things.		
		care for	different to	depend on each			
		the natural	the one in	other.			
		environment	which they				
		and all living	live.	Identify and name			
		things.		a variety of plants			
		5		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.				
Animals, including humans Explore natural materials indoors a outside. Make connection between the features their fan and other families. Notice different between people.	nd hands-on exploration of natural materials. Begin to make sense of of their ily own life- story and family's history.	Talk about members of their immediate family and community. Name and describe people who are familiar to them. Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.	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	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. Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.	Describe the changes as humans develop to old age.	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.

	Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.	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.		
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 to suit their environment

								in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.
Seasonal Changes			Explore the natural world around them.	Observe changes across the four seasons.				
			Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. Understand the effect of changing	Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.				
			seasons on the natural world around them.					
Materials	Explore materials with different properties. Explore	Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.	Explore the natural world around them. Describe what they see, hear	Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. Identify and name	Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal,	Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases.	Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness,	
	natural materials, indoors and outside.	Explore collections of materials with similar and/or	and feel whilst outside.	a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock.	plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.	Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or	solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and	

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	different		Find out how the	research the	response to	
	properties.	Describe the	shapes of solid	temperature at	magnets.	
		simple physical	objects made from	which this happens		
	Talk about	properties of a	some materials can	in degrees Celsius	Know that some	
	the	variety of	be changed by	(°C).	materials will	
	differences	everyday materials.	squashing, bending,		dissolve in liquid to	
	between		twisting and	Identify the part	form a solution,	
	materials	Compare and group	stretching	played by	and describe how	
	and changes	together a variety	-	evaporation and	to recover a	
	they notice.	of everyday		condensation in the	substance from a	
	,	materials on the		water cycle and	solution.	
		basis of their		associate the rate		
		simple physical		of evaporation with	Use knowledge of	
		properties.		temperature.	solids, liquids and	
					gases to decide	
				Recognise some	how mixtures	
				common conductors	might be	
				and insulators, and	separated,	
				associate metals	including through	
				with being good	filtering, sieving	
				conductors. (Y4 -	and evaporating.	
				Electricity)	and ersperanng.	
					Give reasons,	
					based on evidence	
					from comparative	
					and fair tests, for	
					the particular uses	
					of everyday	
					materials, including	
					metals, wood and	
					plastic.	
					plustic.	
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						Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.	
Rocks	Explore materials with different properties. Explore natural materials, indoors and outdoors.				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	Repeat actions that have an effect.	Explore how things word. Talk about the difference in materials	Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.		Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light.		Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines. Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to

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		and changes			Notice that light is		explain that
		they notice.			reflected from		objects are seen
					surfaces.		because they give
							out or reflect light
					Recognise that		into the eye.
					light from the sun		
					can be dangerous		Explain that we see
					and that there are		things because
					ways to protect		light travels from
					their eyes.		light sources to
							our eyes or from
					Recognise that		light sources to
					shadows are		objects and then
					formed when the		to our eyes.
					light from a light		
					source is blocked		Use the idea that
					by an opaque		light travels in
					object.		straight lines to
					v		explain why
					Find patterns in		shadows have the
					the way that the		same shape as the
					size of shadows		objects that cast
					change.		them.
Forces	Repeat	Explore how	Explore the		Compare how	Explain that	
	actions	things work.	natural world		things move on	unsupported	
	that have	J	around them.		different surfaces.	objects fall	
	an effect.	Explore and				towards the Earth	
		talk about	Describe		Notice that some	because of the	
		different	what they		forces need	force of gravity	
		forces they	see, hear		contact between	acting between the	
		can feel.	and feel		two objects, but	Earth and the	
		can reer.	whilst		magnetic forces	falling object.	
		Talk about	outside.		can act at a	ranny object.	
		the	ourside.		distance.	Identify the	
		differences			uisturice.	effects of air	
		utterences				effects of air.	

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		between			Observe how		resistance, water	
		materials			magnets attract or		resistance and	
		and changes			repel each other		friction, that act	
		they notice.			and attract some		between moving	
					materials and not		surfaces.	
					others.			
							Recognise that	
					Compare and group		some mechanisms,	
					together a variety		including levers,	
					of everyday		pulleys and gears,	
					materials on the		allow a smaller	
					basis of whether		force to have a	
					they are attracted		greater effect.	
					to a magnet, and			
					identify some			
					magnetic materials.			
					Describe magnets			
					as having two			
					poles.			
					poles.			
					Predict whether			
					two magnets will			
					attract or repel			
					each other,			
					depending on which			
					poles are facing.			
Sound	Repeat	Explore how	Describe			Identify how		
	actions	things work.	what they			sounds are made,		
	that have	-	see, hear			associating some of		
	an effect.		and feel			them with		
			whilst			something		
			outside.			vibrating.		

					Deservice that	
					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.	
Electricity	Repeat	Explore how			Identify common	Associate the
	actions	things work.			appliances that run	brightness of a
	that have				on electricity.	lamp or the volume
	an effect.					of a buzzer with
					Construct a simple	the number and
					series electrical	voltage of cells
					circuit, identifying	used in the circuit.
					and naming its	
					basic parts,	Compare and give
					including cells,	reasons for

				wires, bulbs,		variations in how
				switches and		components
				buzzers.		function, including
						the brightness of
				Identify whether		bulbs, the loudness
				or not a lamp will		of buzzers and the
				light in a simple		on/off position of
				series circuit,		switches.
				based on whether		
				or not the lamp is		Use recognised
				part of a complete		symbols when
				loop with a		representing a
				battery.		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.		
Earth &	Explore and	Explore the			Describe the	
Space	respond to	natural world			movement of the	
	different	around them.			Earth, and other	
	natural				planets, relative to	
	phenomena	Describe			the Sun in the	
	in their	what they			solar system.	

setting and on trips.	see, hear and feel whilst outside.	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.