



### Purpose of Study

A high-quality science education provides the foundations for understanding the world through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics. Science has changed our lives and is vital to the world's future prosperity, and all pupils should be taught essential aspects of the knowledge, methods, processes and uses of science. Through building up a body of key foundational knowledge and concepts, pupils should be encouraged to recognise the power of rational explanation and develop a sense of excitement and curiosity about natural phenomena. They should be encouraged to understand how science can be used to explain what is occurring, predict how things will behave, and analyse causes

### The national curriculum for history aims to ensure that all pupils:

- A develop scientific knowledge and conceptual understanding through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics
- A develop understanding of the nature, processes and methods of science through different types of science enquiries that help them to answer scientific questions about the world around them
- + are equipped with the scientific knowledge required to understand the uses and implications of science, today and for the future.

### Key Stage 1 content:

The principal focus of science teaching in key stage 1 is to enable pupils to experience and observe phenomena, looking more closely at the natural and humanly-constructed world around them. They should be encouraged to be curious and ask questions about what they notice. They should be helped to develop their understanding of scientific ideas by using different types of scientific enquiry to answer their own questions, including observing changes over a period of time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, carrying out simple comparative tests, and finding things out using secondary sources of information. They should begin to use simple scientific language to talk about what they have found out and communicate their ideas to a range of audiences in a variety of ways. Most of the learning about science should be done through the use of first-hand practical experiences, but there should also be some use of appropriate secondary sources, such as books, photographs and videos.

#### Lower Key Stage 2 content:

The principal focus of science teaching in lower key stage 2 is to enable pupils to broaden their scientific view of the world around them. They should do this through exploring, talking about, testing and developing ideas about everyday phenomena and the relationships between living things and familiar environments, and by beginning to develop their ideas about functions, relationships and interactions. They should ask their own questions about what they observe and make some decisions about which types of scientific enquiry are likely to be the best ways of answering them, including observing changes over time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, carrying out simple comparative and fair tests and finding things out using secondary sources of information. They should draw simple conclusions and use some scientific language, first, to talk about and, later, to write about what they have found out.

### Upper Key Stage 2 content:

The principal focus of science teaching in upper key stage 2 is to enable pupils to develop a deeper understanding of a wide range of scientific ideas. They should do this through exploring and talking about their ideas; asking their own questions about scientific phenomena; and analysing functions, relationships and interactions more systematically. At upper key stage 2, they should encounter more abstract ideas and begin to recognise how these ideas help them to understand and predict how the world operates. They should also begin to recognise that scientific ideas change and develop over time. They should select the most appropriate ways to answer science questions using different types of scientific enquiry, including observing changes over different periods of time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, carrying out comparative and fair tests and finding things out using a wide range of secondary sources of information. Pupils should draw conclusions based on their data and observations, use evidence to justify their ideas, and use their scientific knowledge and understanding to explain their findings.





# To be working at 'EXPECTED' in science ...

	Emerging	Developing	Securing	
Year 1	<ul> <li>Completely supported</li> <li>Enthusiastic but always need directing and instructions.</li> <li>Simple questions are asked that are out of context or irrelevant.</li> <li>Lack of basic vocabulary to explain what they think.</li> <li>Work is scaffolded.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Independent but monitored by teacher.</li> <li>Can be encouraged to contribute to discussions</li> <li>Uses more basic vocabulary.</li> <li>Answers basic questions but does not tend to ask questions very often.</li> <li>Supported when setting up investigations.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Independent</li> <li>Asks questions based on others questions and responses.</li> <li>Provides reasons (not always correct).</li> <li>Re-calls scientific vocabulary – more complex.</li> <li>Makes links and connections.</li> <li>Constant contributions to discussions.</li> <li>Can use equipment more independently.</li> <li>Greater knowledge base.</li> </ul>	
Year 2	<ul> <li>Can say simply what they see</li> <li>Can notice similarities and differences but not see a pattern</li> <li>Can carry out but not set up an independent scientific experiment.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Asks scientific questions (Blooms)</li> <li>Beginning to explain why</li> <li>Begin to use scientific language.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Observe changes over time</li> <li>Notice patterns and errors</li> <li>Be able to carry out comparative tests.</li> <li>Can gather and record data to answer questions</li> </ul>	







<u>EYFS</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	
	Working scientifically		
<b>Understanding the world</b> involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things.	<ul> <li>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:</li> <li>1. asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways</li> <li>2. observing closely, using simple equipment</li> <li>3. performing simple tests</li> <li>4. identifying and classifying</li> <li>5. using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions</li> <li>6. gathering and recording data to help in answering questions.</li> <li>(numbers to be referenced on the science planning document)</li> </ul>		
	<u>Plo</u>	<u>ints</u>	
<ul> <li>Notices detailed features of objects in their environment</li> <li>Talk about some of the things they've observed</li> <li>Develop an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time.</li> <li>Shows concern and care for living things</li> <li>Make observations and explain why things occur and talk about changes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees</li> <li>Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants</li> <li>Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.</li> </ul>	
<u> </u>	Animals, including humans		
<ul> <li>Closely observes what animals, people and vehicles do.</li> <li>Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects</li> <li>Shows concern and care for living things</li> <li>Make observations and explain why things occur and talk about changes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals</li> <li>Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores</li> <li>Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets)</li> <li>Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults</li> <li>Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air)</li> <li>Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.</li> </ul>	





	Year group specific units		
<ul> <li>Knows things are used in different ways, e.g. a ball for rolling or throwing, a toy car for pushing.</li> <li>Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change</li> <li>Talk about similarities and differences in materials and living things</li> <li>Talk about how objects float and sink</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Everyday materials:</li> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made</li> <li>Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock</li> <li>Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials</li> <li>Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use of everyday materials: Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses</li> <li>Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world.</li> <li>Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time.</li> <li>Shows care and concern for living things and the environment</li> <li>Make observations and explain why things occur and talk about changes (including weather and seasons – daily routines of day, month, seasons, weather)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Seasonal changes:</li> <li>Pupils should be taught to: <ul> <li>Observe changes across the four seasons</li> </ul> </li> <li>Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Living things and their habitats:</li> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive</li> <li>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</li> <li>Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro- habitats</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	



### To be working at 'EXPECTED' in science ... :



	Emerging	Developing	Securing	
Year 3	<ul> <li>Observe changes over time</li> <li>Notice patterns and errors</li> <li>Carries out comparative tests.</li> <li>Can gather and record data to answer questions.</li> <li>Can design a simple test with support</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recognises a fair test but needs help to set one up</li> <li>Gather specified data (e.g. length of shadow)</li> <li>Responds to questions about what they have found.</li> <li>Uses evidence to help explain</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Takes part in experiments with support</li> <li>Can gather data with support</li> <li>Verbalises observations</li> <li>Compares two things</li> <li>Asks cause and effect questions</li> <li>Beginning to understand a fair test</li> </ul>	
Year 4	<ul> <li>Asks simple what/why questions</li> <li>Takes part in experiments with support</li> <li>Can gather data with support</li> <li>Verbalises observations</li> <li>Compares two things</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Asks cause and effect questions</li> <li>Recognises a fair test.</li> <li>Can design a fair test with support</li> <li>Gather specified data (e.g. length of shadow)</li> <li>Responds to questions about what they have found.</li> <li>Draw simple comparisons and track changes</li> <li>Uses evidence to draw a simple conclusion</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Questions without prompting and tries to use scientific vocabulary</li> <li>Sets up a fair test only changing one variable.</li> <li>Selects equipment from a choice.</li> <li>Selects a medium to neatly present their data (from a choice)</li> <li>Makes predictions, conclusions and can spot patterns.</li> <li>Uses evidence to reason</li> </ul>	
Year 5	<ul> <li>Questions without prompting and tries to use scientific vocabulary</li> <li>Sets up a fair test only changing one variable.</li> <li>Selects equipment from a choice.</li> <li>Selects a medium to neatly present their data (from a choice)</li> <li>Makes predictions, conclusions and can spot patterns.</li> <li>Uses evidence to reason</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Independently record methods and findings in a formal way.</li> <li>Can make connections between findings and other scientific concepts.</li> <li>Developing accuracy and precision when taking measurements.</li> <li>Beginning to manipulate data to create graphs, tables etc. with support.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Can find evidence from given sources.</li> <li>Follow a planned experiment</li> <li>Modelled key questions</li> <li>Select from given equipment</li> <li>Raw data gained from observations and simple measurements.</li> <li>Recognise patterns.</li> <li>Draw a diagram of their experiment.</li> </ul>	
Year 6	<ul> <li>Can find evidence from given sources.</li> <li>Follow a planned experiment</li> <li>Modelled key questions</li> <li>Select from given equipment</li> <li>Raw data gained from observations and simple measurements.</li> <li>Recognise patterns.</li> <li>Draw a diagram of their experiment.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use evidence from selected sources as a starting point and then follow own line of enquiry.</li> <li>Plan an experiment with support/success criteria.</li> <li>Choose equipment from a selection.</li> <li>Data is analysed and concluded</li> <li>Can label diagrams from a word bank.</li> <li>Can record hypothesis, method and findings in written format.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Evidence from a range of sources</li> <li>Ask their own questions and undertake an experiment independently</li> <li>Select equipment they need</li> <li>Anomalies in data discussed.</li> <li>Raw data is graphed and interpreted – generating new questions post or during the experiment.</li> <li>Diagrams are used where appropriate to support data analysis</li> </ul>	





<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>		
Working scientifically					
<ul> <li>During years 3 and 4, pupils should be a scientific methods, processes and skills programme of study content:</li> <li>asking relevant questions and using to answer them</li> <li>setting up simple practical enquirie</li> <li>making systematic and careful obs taking accurate measurements using equipment, including thermometer</li> <li>gathering, recording, classifying and to help in answering questions</li> <li>recording findings using simple sciendiagrams, keys, bar charts, and take</li> <li>reporting on findings from enquiries explanations, displays or presentati</li> <li>using results to draw simple conclusions</li> </ul>	Working so taught to use the following practical through the teaching of the g different types of scientific enquiries s, comparative and fair tests ervations and, where appropriate, ng standard units, using a range of rs and data loggers d presenting data in a variety of ways ntific language, drawings, labelled bles the including oral and written ons of results and conclusions sions, make predictions for new values, rther questions	<ul> <li><u>rears</u></li> &lt;</ul>			
<ol> <li>identifying differences, similarities o ideas and processes</li> <li>using straightforward scientific evid</li> </ol>	r changes related to simple scientific ence to answer questions or to	ideas or arguments.			
support their tindings.	Living	things	nce planning document)		
<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers</li> <li>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</li> <li>Investigate the way in which water is transported within plants</li> <li>Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways</li> <li>Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment</li> <li>Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird</li> <li>Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>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</li> <li>Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.</li> </ul>		





<u>Animais, including numans</u>					
<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>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</li> <li>Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans</li> <li>Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions</li> <li>Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Describe the changes as humans develop to old age.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood</li> <li>Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function</li> <li>Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.</li> </ul>		
Year group specific units					
Rocks:	States of matter:	Earth and Space:	Evolution and inheritance:		
Pupils should be taught to:	Pupils should be taught to:	Pupils should be taught to:	Pupils should be taught to:		
<ul> <li>Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties</li> <li>Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock</li> <li>Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases</li> <li>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)</li> <li>Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system</li> <li>Describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth</li> <li>Describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies</li> <li>Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago</li> <li>Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents</li> <li>Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.</li> </ul>		





Year 3	Year 4	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
Light:	Sound:	Properties and changes of materials:	Light:
<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light</li> <li>Notice that light is reflected from surfaces</li> <li>Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes</li> <li>Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid object</li> <li>Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating</li> <li>Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear</li> <li>Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it</li> <li>Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it</li> <li>Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>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</li> <li>Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution</li> <li>Use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating</li> <li>Give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic</li> <li>Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes</li> <li>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 bicgrbonate of soda</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines</li> <li>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</li> <li>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</li> <li>Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.</li> </ul>





Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	<u>Year 6</u>
Forces and magnets:	Electricity:	Forces:	Electricity:
<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Compare how things move on different surfaces</li> <li>Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance</li> <li>Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others</li> <li>Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Identify common appliances that run on electricity</li> <li>Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers</li> <li>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</li> <li>Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit</li> <li>Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being aood conductors.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object</li> <li>Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces</li> <li>Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils should be taught to:</li> <li>Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit</li> <li>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</li> <li>Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.</li> </ul>