Working Scientifically Progression Map

EYFS	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Show curiosity about objects, events and people.	Explore the world around them and raise simple questions.	Raise their own relevant questions about the world around them.	Use their science experiences to explore ideas and raise different kinds of questions.
Engage in open ended activities.	Experience different types of science enquiries, including practical activities.	Should be given a range of scientific experiences including different types of science enquiries to answer questions	Talk about how scientific ideas have developed over time.
Take a risk, engage in new experiences and learn by trial and error.	Begin to recognise different ways in which they might answer scientific questions.	Start to make their own decisions about the most appropriate type of scientific enquiry they might use to answer questions.	Select and plan the most appropriate type of scientific enquiry to use to answer scientific questions
Find ways to solve problems/find new ways to do things.	Carry out simple tests.	Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests Recognise when a simple fair test is necessary and help to decide how to set it up.	Recognise when and how to set up comparative and fair tests and explain which variables need to be controlled and why.
Develop ideas of grouping, sequences, cause and effect. Know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things.	Use simple features to compare objects, materials and living things and, with help, decide how to sort and group them (identifying and classifying).	Talk about criteria for grouping, sorting and classifying; and use simple keys.	Use and develop keys and other information records to identify, classify and describe living things and materials, and identify patterns that might be found in the natural environment.
Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world.	Ask people questions and use simple secondary sources to find answers	Recognise when and how secondary sources might help them to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical investigations	Recognise which secondary sources will be most useful to research their ideas and begin to separate opinion from fact.
Closely observes what animals, people and vehicles do. Use senses to explore the world around them	<i>Observe closely using simple equipment With help, observe changes over time</i>	Make systematic and careful observations Help to make decisions about what observations to make, how long to make them for and the type of simple equipment that might be used	Make their own decisions about what observations to make, what measurements to use and how long to make them for.

Make links and notice patterns in	With guidance, they should begin to	Begin to look for naturally occurring	Look for different causal relationships
their experience.	notice patterns and relationships	patterns and relationships and decide	in their data and identify evidence
		what data to collect to identify them	that refutes or supports their ideas.
Choose the resources they need for	Use simple measurements and	Take accurate measurements using	Choose the most appropriate
their chosen activities.	equipment (e.g. hand lenses, egg	standard units learn how to use a	equipment to make measurements
Handle equipment and tools	timers) to gather data	range of (new) equipment, such as	with increasing precision and explain
effectively.		data loggers / thermometers	how to use it accurately. Take repeat
		appropriately.	measurements where appropriate.
Create simple representations of	Record simple data	Collect and record data from their	Decide how to record data and
events, people and objects.		own observations and measurements	results of increasing complexity from
		in a variety of ways: notes, bar charts	a choice of familiar approaches:
		and tables, standard units, drawings,	scientific diagrams and labels,
		labelled diagrams, keys and help to	classification keys, tables, scatter
		make decisions about how to analyse	graphs, bar and line graphs.
		this data.	
Answer how and why questions	Use their observations and ideas to	With help, pupils should look for	Identify scientific evidence that has
about their experiences.	suggest answers to questions Talk	changes, patterns, similarities and	been used to support or refute ideas
Make observations of animals and	about what they have found out and	differences in their data in order to	or arguments.
plants and explain why some things	how they found it out	draw simple conclusions and answer	
occur, and talk about changes.		questions	
Develop their own narratives and	With help, they should record and	Use relevant simple scientific	Use relevant scientific language and
explanations by connecting ideas or	communicate their findings in a	language to discuss their ideas and	illustrations to discuss, communicate
events.	range of ways and begin to use	communicate their findings in ways	and justify their scientific ideas, use
	simple scientific language	that are appropriate for different	oral and written forms such as
		audiences, including oral and written	displays and other presentations to
		explanations, displays or	report conclusions, causal
		presentations of results and	relationships and explanations of
		conclusions	degree of trust in results.
		With support, they should identify	Use their results to make predictions
		new questions arising from the data,	and identify when further
		making predictions for new values	observations, comparative and fair
		within or beyond the data they have	tests might be needed.
		collected and finding ways of	
		improving what they have already	
		done.	

What this looks like-



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Our Science Topics follow the National Curriculum where learning builds on previous year group knowledge.

EYFS	Autumn 1 Seasons-Autumn: Observe the changes in the season, the seeds that we discover on different trees, why some leaves change colour and fall and other don't. Exploring with magnets: What's magnetic and what's not? Little Red Hen: Baking Bread and watching the change in state. Talking about the texture of the ingredients used.	Autumn 2 Hibernation: Hedgehogs – discover why hedgehogs hibernate. (Hedgehog house in Forest School)	Spring 1 Teeth Cleaning/Oral Hygiene: *Sorting Activity – healthy/not healthy? *Healthy lunchbox *Visit: Dental hygienist & Nurse PANTS (Linked with PSHE): *Body awareness *Design own pants Looking after our bodies – the effect of exercise: *Linked to Jo Wicks and creating our own Joe Wicks workouts. Ice: Sea Creatures What is ice?	Spring 2 Seasons-Spring: Observe the changes in the season: buds on trees, bulbs growing, changes in the weather etc. Life Education Bus: All about my body.	Summer 2 Mini-Beasts: *Class field trip *The lifecycle of tadpoles (frog spawn brought into EYFS). *Mini-beast hunting in Forest School (and creation of clay models). *The importance of Bees and which bees produce honey? *Creation of bug hotel (sustainable, safe place for mini-beasts). Sowing & Growing: Observing the changes over time.	Summer 2 Outdoor Water Play: Floating and sinking Holiday: Clothing you'd wear for a summer holiday. What fabric would you choose? Year 4 – Science Experiment: link with EYFS
	<mark>ir Group Curriculum T</mark> AGE ONE	ermly Overviews will	<mark>l show the sequence</mark>	in which the differer	<mark>nt topics are taught i</mark>	n KS1 and KS2.
Year 1	Plants Identifying and naming common plants and describing their basic structure	Animals, including Humans Identifying and naming common animals and their diets		Everyday Materials <i>Identifying and</i> <i>naming everyday</i> <i>materials,</i> <i>describing</i> <i>properties and</i> <i>grouping materials</i>	Seasonal Changes Observing changes and describing weather in each season	

Year 2	Growing Plants <i>Plant life cycles,</i> <i>what plants eat</i>	Animals, including Humans Life cycles, basic needs of animals, diet, exercise and hygiene	Living Things and their Habitats Exploring and comparing differences between living, dead and things that have never lived, studying habitats, simple food chains	Uses of Everyday Materials Identifying and comparing everyday materials, finding out how some materials can be changed		
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Year 3	Plants Identifying and describing the functions of the parts of a flowering plant, exploring what plants need for growth, investigating how water is transported in plants, life cycles including pollination, seed formation and dispersal	Animals, including Humans Nutrition and skeletons		Rocks Comparing and grouping rocks, describing how fossils are made, recognising how soils are made	Forces and magnets Comparing how things move, how magnets repel and attract, describing magnets as having two poles	Light Recognise that light is needed to see, notice that light is reflected from surfaces, protecting our eyes from light, recognise how shadows are formed and change

Year 4		Animals, including Humans Digestive system, teeth, food chains	Living Things and their Habitats Grouping and classifying living things, changing habitats	States of Matter <i>Solids, liquids and</i> <i>gases, changing</i> <i>states, water cycle</i>	Electricity Constructing circuits with switches and buzzers, recognising common conductors and insulators	Sound How sounds are made, how sounds travel, pitch, volume
UPPER M Year 5	(EY STAGE TWO	Animals, including Humans Changes in the human life cycle, puberty, gestation periods	Living Things and their Habitats Differences in life cycles between mammals, amphibians, insects and birds, reproduction in some plants and animals	Properties and Changes of Materials Comparing and grouping materials, dissolving, separating materials, reversible and irreversible changes	Forces <i>Gravity, air</i> <i>resistance, friction,</i> <i>mechanisms</i> (levers, pulleys and gears)	Earth and Space The solar system, movement of the planets, day and night
Year 6	Evolution and Inheritance <i>Recognise changes</i> <i>over time,</i> <i>adaptation,</i> <i>evolution</i>	Animals, including Humans The circulatory system, diet, exercise	Living Things and their Habitats Describe how living things are classified into broad groups including micro- organisms, plants and animals		Electricity Electrical symbols, changing the brightness of a lamp in a circuit, comparing circuits,	Light How light travels, how we see, shadows

Currently Key Stage One and Two are operating a two year programme as there are mixed classes across both key stages.

Key Stage 1

Year 1 & 2	Topics						
Cycle A 2024-2025	Materials	Animals and their Habitats	Animals- Classification	Plants	The Human Body		
Cycle B 2025-2026	Seasons and weather patterns in the UK	Human Body Senses	Materials	Naming wild plants and trees	Life Cycle of an animal	Exercise and Diet	

Key Stage 2

New Planning for mixed KS2 2024-2025

Year 3 &4	Topics							
Cycle A 2024 -2025	Materials States of Matter	Sound	Humans Teeth and Eating	Electricity	Living Things and Their Habitats Grouping and Classifying			
Cycle B 2025-2026	Forces and Magnets	Nutrition and Skeletons	Plants	Rocks	Light			
Year 5 & 6	Topics							
Cycle A 2024 -2025	Electricity	Light	Evolution and Inheritance	Diet and Exercise	Classification			
Cycle B 2025-2026	Forces	Earth and Space	Materials	Living Things and Their Habitats Life Cycles	Changes in the Human Life Cycle			