

Knowledge and Skills

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Physics	Substantive Knowledge						
	Forces	Earth and Space		Forces	Sound	Forces	Electricity
	Explore how things	Name the 4 seasons		Compare how things	Identify how sounds	Know the work of Isaac	Recognise circuit
	work	and say when in the		move on different	are made, associating	Newton and know that	symbols in a simple
	Explore and talk about	year they occur		surfaces	some of them with	force is measured in	circuit- identify the
$\left(\begin{array}{c} c \\ c \end{array} \right)$	different forces they	Observe and describe		Notice that some	something vibrating	Newtons by a Newton	simple circuit used in
	can feel Talk about the	weather associated		forces need contact	Recognise that	meter	a hand torch
	differences between	with the seasons		between two objects,	vibrations from sounds	Explain that	Electric current is
	materials and changes	Observe changes		but magnetic forces	travel through a	unsupported objects	measured in amperes,
	they notice	across the 4 seasons		can act at a distance	medium to the ear	fall towards the Earth	current is a flow of
	Explore the natural	Describe some other		Describe magnets as	Find patterns between	because of the force	charge
	world around them	features that change		having two poles	the pitch of a sound	of gravity acting	Associate the
	Describe what they	throughout the year		Observe how magnets	and features of the	between the Earth and	brightness of a lamp
	see, hear and feel	that are caused by the		attract or repel each	object that produced	the falling object	or volume of a buzzer
	whilst outside	change in weather		other and attract some	it	Identify the effects of	with the potential
	Earth and Space	e.g. numbers of mini		materials and not	Find patterns between	air and water	difference in a circuit
	Learn about the solar	beasts found outside,		others	the volume of a sound	resistance	Investigate the
	system and stars	seed and plant growth,		Predict whether two	and the strength of the	Identify the effects of	brightness of a bulb if
	Learn about space	leaves on trees, clothes		magnets will attract	vibrations that	friction acting between	the PD is increased or
	travel	worn by people,		and repel each other	produced it	moving surfaces	the number of bulbs
	Explore the natural	Explain how daylight		depending on which	Recognise that sounds	Recognise that some	increased in a series
	world around them	(from the sun rising to		poles are facing	get fainter as the	mechanisms, including	circuit
	Describe what they	sun setting) length		Compare and group	distance from the	levers, pulleys and	Investigate how the
	see, hear and feel	varies across the year		together a variety of	sound source increases	gears, allow a smaller	length of wire affects
	whilst outside			everyday materials on	Electricity	force to have greater	the brightness of a
	Understand the effect			the basis of whether	Electricity is a form of	effect	bulb.
	of change in seasons			they are attracted to a	energy, used for	Earth and Space	Potential difference is
	on the natural world			magnet, and identify	lighting, heating,	Name the planets of	measured in volts
	around them			some magnetic	making sound and	Our Solar System and	
				materials	making machines and	understand our place	
	Name the 4 seasons			Light	appliances work.	in our universe,	
				recognise that they	Some appliances run	describe the Sun, Earth,	
				need light in order to	on electricity; some	Moon and other	
				see things and that	plug into the mains	planets as	



	dark is the absence of	electricity and others	approximately
	light	run on batteries.	spherical bodies
	notice that light is	An electrical circuit	Describe the
	reflected from surfaces	consists of a cell or	movement of the Earth
	recognise that light	battery connected to	around the sun in the
	from the sun can be	a component using	solar system (a full orbit
	dangerous and that	wires.	is 365 days, the Earth
	there are ways to	A series circuit is where	spins on its axis every 24
	protect their eyes	all the components of	hours)
	recognise that	the circuits are joined	Use the idea of the
	shadows are formed	in one loop. If one part	Earth's rotation to
	when the light from a	of the loop is	explain day and night
	light source is blocked	incomplete, then the	and
	by an opaque object	circuit will not work	the apparent
	find patterns in the way	Names of components	movement of the sun
	that the size of	include cells, wires,	
	shadows change	bulbs/ lamps, switches	across the day
	Rocks and Soils	and buzzers	Describe the
	Name and describe 3	A cell is a single unit,	movement of the
	different kinds of rocks.	and a battery is a	moon relative to the
	Group and compare	collection of cells	Earth (lunar cycles take
	different kinds of rocks	Know how to test a	28 days, the lunar
	on the basis of	circuit using a bulb.	cycle and eclipses)
	appearance and	Switches open and	Describe the
	simple physical	close circuits. When a	movement of the other
	properties, basis of	switch is open the	planets relative to the
	appearance and	bulb/lamp will not light	sun in the solar system
		up as the series circuit	(fixed orbits)
	simple physical	is incomplete.	Describe what meteors
	properties.	Wires are made from	are, and name other
	Describe how each	metals as they are	objects in space
	rock type is formed	good conductors of	Explain how 'The
	within the rock cycle.	electricity e.g., iron,	Space Race' has
	Understand different	copper and steel	expanded our
	uses for selected rocks	Insulators are materials	scientific knowledge
	and how they change	that do not allow	and discuss space
	over time.	electricity to pass	travel
		through them easily	
	Explain simply how a	e.g., plastic, wood,	
	fossil is formed.	rubber and glass.	
	Recognise that soils are	Thomas Edison	
	made from rocks and	invented the first	
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	organic matter, (living and dead) and be introduced to different soil types.	practical incandescent light bulb		
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Chemistry	Substantive Knov	vledge					
	Materials	Everyday materials	Uses of everyday		States of Matter	Properties and changes	
	Use all their senses in	Know the difference	materials		Know that all things are	of materials	
	hands-on exploration	between objects from	Identify what properties		made up of particles	Compare and group	
	of natural materials.	the material from	a material needs for a		which are arranged	together everyday	
	Explore collections of	which it is made	particular purpose.		differently in solids,	materials on the basis	
	materials with similar	Know, identify and	Name the materials		liquids and gases.	of their properties,	
	and/or different	name a variety of	from which different		Name the properties of	including their	
	properties.	everyday materials,	objects are made.		solids, liquids and	hardness, solubility,	
	Talk about what they	including wood, plastic,	Recognise suitable and		gases.	transparency,	
	see, using a wide	glass, metal, water,	unsuitable choices of		Compare and group	conductivity (electrical	
	vocabulary.	and rock	materials for particular		materials according to	and thermal), and	
	Talk about the	Know and describe the	purposes based on		if they are solids, liquids	response to magnets.	
	differences between	simple physical	physical properties		and gases, giving	Discuss the suitability of	
	materials and changes	properties of a variety	Identify and compare		reasons to justify their	everyday materials for	
	they notice.	of everyday materials:	the suitability of a		choices.	different purposes	
	Understand some	hard/soft, flexible/rigid,	variety of everyday		Observe that some	based on their	
	important processes	waterproof/ absorbent.	materials, including		materials change state	properties, giving	
	and changes in the	Group together a	wood, metal, plastic,		when heated or	reasons, based on	
	natural world around	variety of everyday	glass, brick, rock, paper		cooled, and give	evidence from	
	them, including the	materials on the basis	and cardboard for		everyday examples of	comparative and fair	
	seasons and changing	of their simple physical	particular uses.		melting and freezing	tests	
	states of matter.	properties.	Know that materials		Understand that	Know the difference	
		Know the similarities	can be either man-		melting and freezing	between reversible	
		and differences	made or naturally		are a state change	and irreversible	
		between some	occurring.		between solids and	changes.	
		everyday materials.	Group objects into		liquids	Demonstrate that	
			man-made or natural		Measure or research	dissolving, mixing and	
			categories.		the temperature at	changes of state are	
			Find out how the		which melting and	reversible changes.	
			shapes of solid objects		freezing occurs for	Explain that some	
			made from some		some materials	changes results in the	
			materials can be			formation of new	



	changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching	Know that water freezes at 0 and boils at 100 Understand that condensation is a state change from a gas to a liquid Understand that evaporation is a state change from liquid to gas Understand that boiling and evaporation are the same state change from liquid to gas but at different temperatures Know that the speed of evaporation depends on a number of variables including the temperature Describe the water cycle Identify the parts played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle	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. Understand some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution. Use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving, and evaporating. Describe how to recover a substance from a solution.
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Biology	Substantive Knov	vledge					
	Plants Describe and comment on things they have seen whilst outside, including plants and animals. Know how to make a simple record of their observations of the natural world, including animals and plants Know how to discuss how we care for the natural world around us. Notice changes in the leaves, weather and seasons. Living Things Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal. Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things Make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and toothbrushing. Begin to make sense of their own life-story and	Plants Know, identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees Know, identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees Animals including trees Animals including trees Animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals 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 mammals including pets) Know, identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.	Plants Plants can grow from seed or bulbs. Seeds and bulbs germinate and grow into seedlings. Seedlings grow into mature plants Plants need light, water, space, suitable temperature in order to grow Living Things Identify the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive, using some of the 7 life processes. Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited Name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats. Describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other Know and explain how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and	Plants Know and identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers Know what plants need for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant Know how water is transported within plants Animals including humans 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 movement	Living things Know the 7 life processes of living organisms and use them to determine if an organism Is living. Describe similarities and differences between examples of plants and animals. Group living things in a variety of ways using key characteristics. Use classification keys to help group and identify a variety of living things in their local and wider environment Recognise that environments can change, and this can sometimes pose dangers to living things Understand that human actions can impact on the environment and suggest some solutions to the issues Animals including humans Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans	Plants Know that reproduction is when a plant produces one or more individuals similar to itself. Explain that sexual reproduction requires both male and female DNA (sex cells) and will produce offspring that are similar, but not identical to the parents. Explain that asexual reproduction will produce offspring that is identical to the parent and only requires one parent e.g. bulbs, tubers and runners. Use prior knowledge of parts of a flower to explain the stages involved in the reproduction process (pollination, fertilisation and germination Living things Know that reproduction is when an animal or plant produces one or more individuals similar to itself Explain that sexual reproduction requires both male and female	Living things Know that living things can be grouped according to different criteria. Know that a cell is made up of nucleus, cytoplasm and membrane. Know that living things can be multicellular or unicellular (bacteria). 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 Evolution Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago



how they have grown and changed. Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal. Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing Describe and comment on things they have seen whilst outside, including plants and animals. Know how to record their observations of the natural world, Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live. Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices	name different sources of food Animals including humans 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 the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey	DNA (sex cells) and will produce offspring that are similar, but not identical to the parents. Explain that asexual reproduction will produce offspring that is identical to the parent and only requires on parent e.g., bulbs, tubers and runners. Explain and describe the life cycle of a mammal, amphibian, insect and a bird noting the differences. Explain the process of metamorphosis using frogs and butterflies as examples. Animals including humans Describe the changes as humans develop to old age Describe the key stages in the growth and development of humans. Recall some of the changes experienced in puberty. Investigate the gestation periods of other animals in comparison to humans.	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
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Disciplinary Skills running through all substantive knowledge

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Working	Disciplinary Knowledge							
scientific-	Ask simple questions	Ask simple questions	Ask simple questions	Ask relevant questions	Ask relevant questions	Explain different types	Plan different types of	
ally	about the world ground them	and recognise that they can be answered	and recognise that they can be answered	and use different types of scientific enquiries to	and use different types of scientific enquiries to	of scientific enquiries to answer questions,	scientific enquiries to answer questions,	
0)	Ask adults about things	in different ways	in different ways	answer them (fair tests,	answer them (fair tests,	including recognising	including recognising	
Coloratific	they observe	(fair tests, comparative	(fair tests, comparative	comparative tests,	comparative tests,	and controlling	and controlling	
Scientific	Make observations	tests, observation over	tests, observation over	observation over time,	observation over time,	variables where	variables where	
enquiry	about things they see around them	time, research, pattern seekina)	time, research, pattern seekina)	research, pattern seekina)	research, pattern seeking)	necessary (fair tests, comparative tests,	necessary (fair tests, comparative tests,	
	Conduct guided	Observe closely, using	Research the answers	Begin to select their	Select their own	observation over time,	observation over time,	
	investigations with	simple equipment	to questions using	own methods to find	methods to find the	research, pattern	research, pattern	
\frown	supervision	(hand lenses, egg	books, tablets or	the answer to a	answer to a scientific	seeking)	seeking)	
LA	Make choices when	timers)	computers	scientific question	question	Select and plan the	Select and plan the	
	performing simple identifying and	Perform simple tests to investigate the answer	Observe closely, using	Set up simple practical	Begin to combine research with their own	most appropriate type of scientific enquiry to	most appropriate type of scientific enquiry to	
	classifying	to a given question	simple equipment (hand lenses, egg	enquiries, comparative and fair tests	investigations to	use to answer scientific	use to answer scientific	
	Make some	Perform simple	timers, rulers,	Begin to design their	confirm conclusions.	questions; recognise	questions; recognise	
	comparison between	identifying and	stopwatches etc)	own tests and manage	Set up simple practical	when and how to set	when and how to set	
	objects or living	classifying, grouping	Perform simple tests to	variables	enquiries, comparative	up comparative and	up comparative and	
	things	task using basic	investigate the answer	Make systematic and	and fair tests	fair tests and explain	fair tests and explain	
	Make some predictions	observations	to a given question	careful observations	design their own tests &	which variables need	which variables need	
	about living things	Use observations and	Begin to design their	and, where	identify and manage	to be controlled and	to be controlled and	
	based on prior	ideas to suggest	own tests to investigate	appropriate, take accurate	variables.	why. Take measurements,	why. Plan and execute	
	knowledge Make suggestions	answers to questions, using simple sentences	the answer to a given auestion	measurements using	Make systematic and careful observations	using a range of	appropriate	
	about how things work	to describe the answer	Perform simple	standard units, using a	and, where	scientific equipment,	investigations based on	
	based on their own	Gather and record	identifying and	range of equipment,	appropriate, take	with increasing	a given or student-led	
	observations	data to help in	classifying,	including	accurate	accuracy and	question	
	Use basic observations	answering questions,	grouping using	thermometers, rulers,	measurements using	precision, taking repeat	Take measurements,	
	to help answer	using given tables or	basic observations	stopwatches,	standard units, using a	readings when	using a range of	
	questions with support	data formats	Begin to group	measuring cylinders	range of equipment,	appropriate	scientific equipment,	
	Explore the natural		using prior	and jugs.	including	Make their own	with increasing	
	world around me,		knowledge	Gather record, classify	thermometers, rulers,	decisions about what	accuracy and	
	making observations		Use observations	and present data in a	stopwatches,	observations to make,	precision, taking repeat	
	and drawing pictures		and ideas to	variety of ways to help	measuring	repeat readings and	readings when	
	of plants and animals.		suggest answers	in answering questions	cylinders/jugs and data	learn about reliability	appropriate	
			to questions, using		loggers.			



[]	Identify some similarities	simple sentences	Begin to use simple	Begin to make	Record data and	make their own
	and differences	to describe the	keys for classification	decisions about what	results of increasing	decisions about what
	between the natural	answer to a	Record findings using	equipment is	complexity using	observations to make,
	world around me and	question give	simple scientific	appropriate for	scientific diagrams and	repeat readings &
	contrasting	basic conclusions	language, drawings,	investigations	labels, classification	learn about reliability,
	environments, drawing	with simple	labelled diagrams,	gather, record, classify	keys, tables, scatter	developing an
	on their experiences	reasoning	keys, bar charts, and	and present data in a	araphs, bar and line	increased level of
	and what has been	Gather and record	tables	variety of ways to help	graphs (in line with Year	precision and
	read in class	data to help in	Report on findings from	in answering questions	5 maths curriculum	accuracy
		answering questions,	enquiries, including oral	Identify criteria for	learning)	Record data and
		using given tables or	and written	classification and use	Use test results to make	results of increasing
		data formats drawing	explanations, displays	and create simple keys	predictions to set up	complexity using
		own tables, deciding	or presentations of	record findings using	further comparative	scientific diagrams and
		how to record	results and conclusions	simple scientific	and fair tests	labels, classification
			Explain findings from	language, drawings,	Make predictions and	keys, tables, scatter
			investigations to rest of	labelled diagrams,	complete further	graphs, bar and line
			class	keys, bar charts, and	investigation	graphs (in line with Year
			Use results to draw	tables	report and presenting	6 maths curriculum
			simple conclusions,	Report on findings from	findings from enquiries,	learning)
			make predictions for	enquiries, including oral	including conclusions,	Use test results to make
			new values, suggest	and written	causal relationships	predictions to set up
			improvements and	explanations, displays	and explanations of	further comparative
			raise further questions	or presentations of	and degree of trust in	and fair tests
			draw clear conclusions	results and conclusions	results, in oral and	Make predictions and
			from findings and make	explain findings from	written forms such as	complete further
			predictions based on	investigations to rest of	displays and other	investigation –
			this, suggest	class	presentations, including	combine with research
			improvements to the	Be able to comment	giving an explanation	report and presenting
			investigation	on the findings of other	of trust in results, with	findings from enquiries,
			identify differences,	investigations	reasons	including conclusions,
			similarities or changes	compared to their own	Identify scientific	causal relationships
			related to simple	and how they support	evidence that has	and explanations of
			scientific ideas and	or contradict.	been used to support	and degree of trust in
			processes	Use results to draw	or refute ideas or	results, in oral and
			Use straightforward	simple conclusions,	arguments, including	written forms such as
			scientific evidence to	make predictions for	identifying which	displays and other
			answer questions or to	new values, suggest	evidence they have	presentations, including
			support findings	improvements and	produced supports or	giving an explanation
				raise further questions	refutes ideas or	of trust in results, with
				Draw conclusions and	arguments	reasons
				support with clear		Identify causal
				evidence, suggest		relationships in
				improvements, raise		investigations



	further questions and possible next investigations Identify differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes	Identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments, including identifying which evidence they have produced supports or refutes ideas or arguments, begin to research evidence to support or refute
		research evidence to