Gretton Primary School

Science Curriculum

Curriculum Overview for Science

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
YR	Understanding the World Development Matters Statements:				Past and Present Early Learning Goal:	
	• Explore the natural world around them. • Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. • Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.				• Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. • Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. • Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.	
Y1/2 Cycle A	Animals including humans	Seasonal change	Uses of everyday materials	Living things and their habitats	Animals including humans	Plants
Y1/2 Cycle B	Living things and their habitats	Plants	Everyday materials	Animal including humans	Animals including humans	Seasonal change
Y3/4 Cycle A	Rocks	Electricity (Some objectives covered in Cycle B)	States of Matter	Living things and their habitats (Some objectives covered in Cycle B)	Animals including humans (Some objectives covered in Cycle B)	Sound
Y3/4 Cycle B	Light	Animals including humans (Some objectives covered in Cycle A)	Electricity (Some objectives covered in Cycle A)	Plants	Forces and magnets	Living things and their habitats (Some objectives covered in Cycle A)
Y5/6 Cycle A	Evolution and Inheritance	Animals including humans	Electricity		Living things and their habitats (including Forest School)	
Y5/6 Cycle B	Earth and Space	Light	Forces		Properties and changes of materials	

Knowledge and skills highlighted red are specifically covered in Cycle A
Knowledge and skills highlighted red are specifically covered in Cycle B

Knowledge and Skills Coverage in Year 1/2

Working Scientifically	Biology	Physics	Chemistry
• Ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways • Observe closely, using simple equipment • Perform simple tests • Identify and classify • Use observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions • Gather and record data to help in answering questions.	**Plants** • Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees • Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. • Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants • Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. **Animals including humans** • 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)	**Seasonal changes** • Observe changes across the four seasons - Autumn and Winter taught in Autumn Term Cycle A, Spring and Summer taught in Summer Term, Cycle B • Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.	**Everyday Materials** • Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made • Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock • Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials • Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties. **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 • Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

	• Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. • 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. **Living things and their habitats** • Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive • 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.		

Knowledge and Skills Coverage in Year 3/4

Working Scientifically	Biology	Physics	Chemistry
• Ask relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them • Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests • Making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers • Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions • Recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables • Reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions	**Animals including humans** • 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 • 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. **Living things and their habitats** • Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things • Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways • Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a	**Sound** • Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something 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 **Electricity** • Identify common appliances that run on electricity • Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers • Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based	**Rocks** • 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. **States of matter** • Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases • 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) • Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature

• Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions • Identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes • Using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.	variety of living things in their local and wider environment **Plants** • Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers • 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 • Investigate the way in which water is transported within plants • Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.	on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery • 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 **Light** • Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light • Notice that light is reflected from surfaces • Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes • Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object • Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change **Forces and magnets** • Compare how things move on different surfaces • Notice that some forces need contact between 2 objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance	

		• Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others • Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials • Describe magnets as having 2 poles • Predict whether 2 magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing	

Knowledge and Skills Coverage in Year 5/6

Working Scientifically	Biology	Physics	Chemistry
• Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary • Taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate • Recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs • Using test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests • Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and a degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations	**Living things and their habitats** • Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird • Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals • 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 • Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics **Animals including humans** • 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	**Earth and Space** • 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 **Forces** • Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object • Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces • Recognise that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect **Light**	**Properties and changes of materials** • 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 • 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 • Give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic • Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes • 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

• Identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments	• 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 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	• Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines • 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 • 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 • Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them **Electricity** • Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit • 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 • Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram	

Progression of vocabulary

Curriculum area		Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Biology	Plants	Deciduous, Evergreen, Tree, Leaves, Flowers (blossom), Petals, Fruit, Roots, Bulb, Seed, Trunk, Branches, Stem, Oak, Holly, Willow, Birch, Chestnut, Conker, Daisy, Buttercup, Rose, Daffodil, Fruit, Water, Light, Suitable temperature, Grow, Healthy, Germinate, Decompose	Air, Light, Water, Nutrients, Soil, Reproduction, Transportation, Dispersal, Pollination, Flower,	
	Animals including humans	Fish, Reptiles, Mammals, Birds, Amphibians (+ examples of each) Herbivore, Omnivore, Carnivore, Leg, Arm, Elbow, Head, Ear, Nose, Back, Wings, Beak, Survival, Water, Air, Food, Adult, Baby, Offspring, Kitten, Calf, Puppy, Exercise, Hygiene	Movement, Muscles, Bones, Skull, Nutrition, Skeletons, Mouth, Tongue, Teeth, Oesophagus, Stomach, Small Intestine, Large Intestine, Herbivore, Carnivore, Canine, Incisor, Molar	Foetus, Embryo, Womb, Gestation, Baby, Toddler, Teenager, Elderly, Growth, Development, Puberty; Circulatory, Heart, Blood Vessels, Veins, Arteries, Oxygenated, Deoxygenated, Valve, Exercise, Respiration
	Living things and their habitats	Living, Dead, Habitat, Energy, Food chain, Predator, Prey, Woodland, Pond, Desert	Vertebrates, Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds, Mammals, Invertebrates, Snails, Slugs, Worms, Spiders, Insects, Environment, Habitats	Reproduction, Insect, Amphibian, Bird, Offspring; Classification, Vertebrates, Invertebrates, Microorganisms, Amphibians, Reptiles, Mammals, Insects
	Evolution and Inheritance			Fossils, Adaptation, Evolution, Characteristics, Reproduction, Genetics
Chemistry	Materials	**Materials and Everyday Materials** Wood, Plastic, Glass, Paper, Water, Metal, Rock, Hard, Soft, Bendy, Rough, Smooth, Hard, Soft, Stretchy, Stiff, Shiny, Dull, Rough, Smooth, Bendy, Waterproof, Absorbent, Opaque, Transparent Brick, Paper, Fabrics, Squashing, Bending, Twisting, Stretching Elastic, Foil	**States of matter** Solid, Liquid, Gas, Evaporation, Condensation, Particles, Temperature, Freezing, Heating, Precipitation	**Properties and changes of materials** Hardness, Solubility, Transparent, Opaque, Translucent, Magnetic, Filter, Evaporation, Dissolving, Mixing, Thermal conductor, thermal insulator, electrical conductor, electrical insulator
	Rocks		Fossils, Soils, Sandstone, Granite, Marble, Pumice, Crystals, sedimentary, metamorphic, igneous, absorbent/porous, durable, permeable, impermeable	
Ph	Seasonal Change	Summer, Spring, Autumn, Winter, Sun, Day, Moon, Night, Light, Dark		

	Light		Light, Shadows, Mirror, Reflective, Dark, Reflection, light source, cast, shadow	
	Forces and Magnets		Magnetic, Force, Contact, Attract, Repel, Friction, Poles, Push, Pull	Air resistance, Water resistance, Friction, Gravity, Newton, Gears, Pulleys, lever, force, pivot (fulcrum)
	Sound		Volume, Vibration, Wave, Pitch, Tone, Speaker	
	Electricity		Cells, Wires, Bulbs, Switches, Buzzers, Battery, Circuit, Series, Conductors, Insulators, brightness	
	Earth and Space			Earth, Sun, Moon, Axis, Rotation, Day, Night, Phases of the Moon, star, constellation, waxing, waning, full, new, year, month,

Working Scientifically	What…?	slowly	gradually	research	classify	hypothesis
	How ….?	quickly	identify	scientists	interpret	variable
	Why …?	describe	observe	discovery	pattern	constants
	similar	name	recognise	process	relationship	evaluate
	different	identify	investigate	cycle	prediction	conclude
	best and worst	label	units	measurements	analyse	interpret
	change	record	table	conclude	interpret	classify
	plan	measure	fair	evaluate	conclude	categorise
	look	bigger and smaller	evidence	rank	evaluate	database
	biggest and smallest	pattern	research	vary	variable	enquiry
	compare	notice	length	keep the same /	constants	control
	sort and group	cycle	observations	constant	control	repeat
	observe	predict	prediction	bar graph	repeat	support
	change		similarities	table	key	refute
			differences	tally	relationship	degree of trust
					line graph	scatter graph