

Science : National Curriculum Overviews

FOUNDATION STAGE

FS1

To talk about some of the things they have observed, such as plants, animals, natural and found objects.

To talk about why things happen and how things work.

To develop an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time.

To show care and concern for living things and the environment.

To Investigate Materials

Explore whether simple materials sink or float (links to RE Noah's Ark).

Explore building materials for different purposes (The Three Little Pigs).

To Understand Movement Forces and Magnets:

Children will explore magnets and sort into magnetic or not magnetic

Working Scientifically

Children will observe the changes in the butterfly lifecycle.

Understanding Animals and Humans

Children will be able to recall and talk about the farm animal that have visited school (links to People and Communities)

FS2

To eat a healthy range of foodstuffs and understand a need for variety in food

To show some understanding that good practices with regard to exercise, eating, sleeping and hygiene can contribute to good health

To look closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change.

To Investigate Materials:

Explore and predict whether simple materials sink or float (links to RE Noah's Ark).

Compare building materials and test suitability (The Three Little Pigs).

To Understand Movement Forces and Magnets:

Children will explore magnets and predict whether magnetic or not magnetic.

Working Scientifically:

Children will observe and discuss the changes in the lifecycle of a chick.

Evolution and Inheritance

Children will be able to use photographs to talk about their own experiences in the past e.g. baby – now (links to People and Communities)

Understanding Animals and Humans

Children will be able to talk about the animals they saw at the Zoo (links to People and Communities)

To know the importance for good health of physical exercise, and a healthy diet, and talk about ways to keep healthy and safe.

To know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another.

YEAR 1 Science

National Curriculum Requirements	Science Unit
<p><u>Plants</u> Pupils should be taught to: 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.</p>	Milestone 1—Biology To understand plants
<p><u>Animals including humans</u> Pupils should be taught to: 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) Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense</p>	Milestone 1—Biology To understand animals including humans
<p><u>Everyday materials</u> Pupils should be taught to: 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.</p>	Milestone 1—Chemistry To investigate materials
<p><u>Seasonal Changes</u> Pupils should be taught to: Observe changes across the four seasons Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.</p>	Milestone 1 - Physics To understand the Earth's movement in space

YEAR 2 Science

National Curriculum Requirements	Science Unit
<p><u>Living things</u> Pupils should be taught to: 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 micro-habitats 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.</p>	<p>Milestone 1—Biology To investigate living things</p>
<p><u>Plants</u> Pupils should be taught to: 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</p>	<p>Milestone 1—Biology To understand plants</p>
<p><u>Animals including humans</u> Pupils should be taught to: 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.</p>	<p>Milestone 1—Biology To understand animals and humans</p>
<p><u>Uses of everyday materials</u> Pupils should be taught to: 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</p>	<p>Milestone 1 - Chemistry To investigate materials</p>

YEAR 3 Science

National Curriculum Requirements	Science Unit
<p><u>Plants</u></p> <p>Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers</p> <p>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</p> <p>Investigate the way in which water is transported within plants</p> <p>Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.</p>	<p>Milestone 2—Biology To understand plants</p>
<p><u>Animals including humans</u></p> <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <p>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</p> <p>Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.</p>	<p>Milestone 2—Biology To understand animals and humans</p>
<p><u>Rocks</u></p> <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <p>Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties</p> <p>Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock</p> <p>Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter</p>	<p>Milestone 2—Chemistry To investigate materials</p>
<p><u>Light</u></p> <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <p>Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light</p> <p>Notice that light is reflected from surfaces</p> <p>Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes</p> <p>Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object</p> <p>Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change</p>	<p>Milestone 2 - Physics To understand light and seeing</p>
<p><u>Forces and Magnets</u></p> <p>Compare how things move on different surfaces</p> <p>Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance</p> <p>Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others</p> <p>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</p> <p>Describe magnets as having two poles</p> <p>Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.</p>	<p>Milestone 2 - Physics To understand movement, forces and magnets</p>

YEAR 4 Science

National Curriculum Requirements	Science Unit
<p><u>Living things and their habitats</u></p> <p>Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things</p>	<p>Milestone 2—Biology To investigate living things</p>
<p><u>Animals including humans</u></p> <p>Pupils should be taught to: 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</p>	<p>Milestone 2—Biology To understand animals and humans</p>
<p><u>States of Matter</u></p> <p>Pupils should be taught to: 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.</p>	<p>Milestone 2—Chemistry To investigate materials</p>
<p><u>Sound</u></p> <p>Pupils should be taught to: 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</p>	<p>Milestone 2 - Physics To investigate sound and hearing</p>
<p><u>Electricity</u></p> <p>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 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</p>	<p>Milestone 2—Physics To understand electrical circuits</p>

YEAR 5 Science

National Curriculum Requirements	Science Unit
<p><u>Living things and their habitats</u> 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.</p>	<p>Milestone 3—Biology To investigate living things</p>
<p><u>Animals including humans</u> Pupils should be taught to: Describe the changes as humans develop to old age.</p>	<p>Milestone 3—Biology To understand animals and humans</p>
<p><u>Properties and changes of materials</u> Pupils should be taught to: 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</p>	<p>Milestone 3—Chemistry To investigate materials</p>
<p><u>Earth and Space</u> Pupils should be taught to: 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.</p>	<p>Milestone 3 - Physics To understand the earth's movement in space</p>
<p><u>Forces</u> 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.</p>	<p>Milestone 3 - Physics To understand movement, forces and magnets</p>

YEAR 6 Science

National Curriculum Requirements	Science Unit
<p><u>Living things and their habitats</u> Pupils should be taught to: 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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Milestone 3—Biology To investigate living things</p>
<p><u>Animals including humans</u> Pupils should be taught to: 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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Milestone 3—Biology To understand animals and humans</p>
<p><u>Evolution and Inheritance</u> Pupils should be taught to: 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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Milestone 3—Chemistry To understand evolution and inheritance</p>
<p><u>Light</u> Pupils should be taught to: 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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Milestone 3 - Physics To understand light and seeing</p>
<p><u>Electricity</u> Pupils should be taught to: 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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Milestone 3 - Physics To understand electrical circuits</p>