		SCIENCE PROGRESSION
Three and four	Communication and language	Understand 'why' questions, like: "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?"
year olds	Personal, social and Emotional Development	Make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and tooth brushing
	Understanding the world	<ul> <li>Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.</li> <li>Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.</li> <li>Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.</li> <li>Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.</li> <li>Explore how things work.</li> <li>Plant seeds and care for growing plants.</li> <li>Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.</li> <li>Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.</li> <li>Explore and talk about different forces they can feel.</li> <li>Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.</li> </ul>
Reception	Communication and language	<ul> <li>Learn new vocabulary.</li> <li>Ask questions to find out more and to check what has been said to them.</li> <li>Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.</li> <li>Describe events in some detail.</li> <li>Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen.</li> </ul>
	Personal, social and Emotional Development	Use new vocabulary in different contexts.      Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and well being:     -regular physical activity     healthy eating     -tooth brushing     -sensible amounts of 'screen time'     having a good sleep routine     being a safe pedestrian
	Understanding the world	<ul> <li>Explore the natural world around them.</li> <li>Describe what they see, hear and feel while they are outside.</li> <li>Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.</li> <li>Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.</li> </ul>

ELG	Communication and language		g, Attention derstanding	Make com	ments about what they have	e heard and ask questions to	clarify their understanding		
	Personal, Social		aging Self	_	Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food sheight.				
	and Emotional Development			importance of healthy food choices.					
	Understanding	9		Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.					
	the World			• 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.					
				•	d some important processes		world around them, includi	ng the seasons and	
				changing sta	ites of matter.	-	1	- 1	
	Year	1	Yea	r 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Working	Ask simple questions		Ask simple quest	ions.	Ask relevant questions when prompted	Ask relevant questions Plan different types of	With prompting plan enquiries, including	Plan enquiries, including recognising and controlling	
Scientifically	Suggest ways of answer	ering a	Recognise that q			scientific enquiries t answer questions.	recognising and controlling variables where necessary.	variables where necessary.	
	question.		Observe closely	using simple	Set up simple, practical enquiries and comparative and	Set up simple and practical enquiries and comparative and		Take measurements using a	
	Make relevant observa	itions	equipment Perform simple t	ests.	fair tests.	fair tests.	<ul> <li>Use appropriate techniques, apparatus, and materials</li> </ul>	range of scientific equipment.	
	·	and begin to use			Record findings in various ways.	Make systematic and careful observations using a range of equipment, including	during fieldwork and laboratory work.	Take measurements with increasing accuracy and	
	support.			•	ways.	thermometers and data		precision.	
	With prompting sugge	st how	language.		With prompting suggest how	loggers.	<ul> <li>Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment,</li> </ul>	Take repeat readings when	
	findings could be reco	ded.	Identify and class	·	Take accurate measurements	with increasing accuracy and precision.	appropriate.		
	Recognise findings.		Gather and reco	rd data to help	With prompting use various	using standard units where appropriate.	and precision.		
			answer question Use their observa		ways of recording, grouping and displaying evidence.	Record findings using simple	Record data and results.	Take precise measurements using standard units.	
	Gather and record dat	э.	ideas to suggest			scientific language drawings	Take and process repeat		
	Use observations to su	ggest	questions.	ram	Make systematic observations using simple equipment.	and labelled diagrams. Record findings using keys,	readings.	Record data and results of increasing complexity using	
	answers to questions.		tally c	hart		bars charts and tables.	Record data using labelled	scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys.	
	questions		block di		With prompting suggest conclusions from enquiries	Gather record classify and	diagrams, keys, bar charts.	labels, classification keys.	
	questions		Venn di		conclusions from enquines	present data in a variety of ways to help answer the		Record data using line graphs.	
	equipmen		tab cha		Suggest how findings could be	question.	Use line graphs to record data.		
			CITA		reported.	Report on findings from	Popart and procent findings	Report and present findings from enquiries, including	
	gather		SOI	rt	Suggest nessible	enquiries, including oral and	Report and present findings from enquiries, including	conclusions and ,with	
	measure		gro	up	Suggest possible improvements or further	written explanations of results	conclusions and ,with	prompting suggest casual	
	record		tes	st	questions to investigate.	and conclusions.	prompting suggest casual relationships.	relationships.	
	results		expl	ore			relationships.		
			obse	rve	similarities				

sort group	compare describe	differences changes	Report on findings from enquiries using displays or	With support present findings from enquiries orally and	With support present findings from enquiries orally and
	similar/similarities	identify	presentations.	writing.	writing.
test	different/differences	classify	Identify differences, similarities	Suggest further or comparative	Explain degree of trust in
explore	order	order	or changes related to simple	tests.	results.
observe	observe changes over	observe changes over	scientific ideas and processes.		
compare	time	time	Use straightforward scientific	opinion/fact	Identify scientific evidence that
describe	notice patterns	notice patterns	evidence to answer questions	comparative tests	has been used to support or
similar/similarities		fair tests	or support their findings.	fair tests	refute ideas or arguments.
different/differences	link	careful	Use results to draw simple	variables	Use test results to make
	secondary sources	accurate	conclusions, make predictions	careful	predictions to set up further
egg timers	hand lenses	observations	for new values, suggest	accurate	comparative and fair tests.
ruler	egg timers	questions	improvements and raise further questions.	accuracy	
tape measure	stop watch	answers 	Tartice questions	precision	independent variable
metre stick		equipment	increase	degree of trust	dependent variable
beaker		gather	decrease	observations	controlled variable
pipette		measure	identify	gather	causal relationships
syringe		record	classify	measure	repeat measurements
		results evidence	sort	record	
		present	group	results	
		data/evidence/results	order	evidence	
		keys	observe changes over	present	
		bar charts	time	data/evidence/results	
		table	link	keys	
		results	secondary sources	classification keys	
		conclusions	fair tests	bar charts	
		prediction	careful	scatter graphs	
		support/not support	accurate	line graphs	
		thermometers	observations	table	
		data loggers	appearance	results	
		magnifying glass		conclusions	
		microscope			
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Plants.	Identify and name a variety of common plants, including garden plants, wild plants and trees and those classified as deciduous and evergreen.  Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers.  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.  Deciduous, Evergreen trees, Leaves, Flowers (blossom), Petals, Fruit, Roots, Bulb, Seed, Trunk, Branches, Stem	Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants.  Explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they grow and stay healthy.  Seeds, Bulbs, Water, Light, Temperature, Growth	Investigate the way in which water is transported within plants.  Explore the role of flowers in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.  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.  Identify and describe the function of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk,leaves and flowers.  Air, Light, Water, Nutrients, Soil, Reproduction, Transportation, Dispersal, Pollination, Flower		Relate knowledge of plants to studies of evolution and inheritance.	Relate knowledge of plants to studies of all living things.
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Understand animals and humans.	Identify and name a variety of common animals that are birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates.      Identify and name a variety of common animals that	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.	Identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amounts of nutrition, that they cannot make their own food and they get nutrition from what they eat.	Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.	Describe the changes as humans develop to old age.      Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the	Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.      Recognise the importance of diet, exercise, drugs and

	are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.  • Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates, 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.  Fish, Reptiles, Mammals, Birds, Amphibians (+ examples of each) Herbivore, Omnivore, Carnivore, Leg, Arm, Elbow, Head, Ear, Nose, Back, Wings, Beak	Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food and hygiene.  Survival, Water, Air, Food, Adult, Baby, Offspring, Kitten, Calf, Puppy, Exercise, Hygiene	Identify that humans and some animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.  Movement, Muscles, Bones, Skull, Nutrition, Skeletons,	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.  Mouth, Tongue, Teeth, Oesophagus, Stomach, Small Intestine, Large Intestine, Herbivore, Carnivore, Canine, Incisor, Molar	functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.  • Recognise the importance of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way the human body functions.  • Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans  Foetus, Embryo, Womb, Gestation, Baby, Toddler, Teenager, Elderly, Growth, Development, Puberty	lifestyle on the way the human body functions.  • Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans  Circulatory, Heart, Blood Vessels, Veins, Arteries, Oxygenated, Deoxygenated, Deoxygenated, Valve, Exercise, Respiration
Investigate living things.	Year 1	• Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, that are dead and 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.	Year 3	• Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways.  • Explore and use classification keys.  • Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to specific habitats in their habitats.  Vertebrates, Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds, Mammals, Invertebrates, Snails, Slugs, Worms, Spiders, Insects, Environment,	• 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.  Mammal, Reproduction, Insect, Amphibian, Bird, Offspring	• Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics.  • Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics  Classification, Vertebrates, Invertebrates, Microorganisms, Amphibians, Reptiles, Mammals, Insects

		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.  Living, Dead, Habitat, Energy, Food chain, Predator, Prey, Woodland, Pond, Desert		Habitats		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Understand evolution and inheritance.	• Identify how humans resemble their parents in many features.		Identify how plants and animals, including humans, resemble their parents in many features.      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 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.  Fossils, Adaptation, Evolution, Characteristics, Reproduction, Genetics
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Investigate 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	Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.  • Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick/rock, and paper/cardboard for particular uses.				
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Properties of Materials					Group and compare together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity 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, inclusign through filtering, sieving and evaporating.  Give reasons based on evidence from comparative and fair tests fo the particular uses of everyday materials including metals, wood and plastic.	

					Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible.  Explain that some changes result in the formation of a new material and that this kind of change is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda.  Hardness, Solubility, Transparency, Conductivity, Magnetic, Filter, Evaporation, Dissolving, Mixing	
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Forces and magnets			Compare how things move on different surfaces.      Notice that some forces need contact between two 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		Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object.  • Identify the effect of drag forces, such as air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces.  • Understand that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.	

	identify some magnetic materials.	Air resistance, Water resistance, Friction,	
	Describe magnets as having two poles.	Gravity, Newton, Gears, Pulleys	
	Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.		
	Magnetic, Force, Contact, Attract, Repel, Friction, Poles, Push, Pull		

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Light and seeing.			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 a solid object.  Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.  Light, Shadows, Mirror, Reflective, Dark, Reflection			Understand 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 eyes.  Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them, and to predict the size of shadows when the position of the light source changes.  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.  Refraction, Reflection, Light, Spectrum, Rainbow, Colour
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sound and hearing.				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.  Volume, Vibration, Wave, Pitch, Tone, Speaker		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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 on whether or not the lamp is in a simple series circuit based on whether the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery.  Recognise some common conductors and insulators and associated metals with being good conductors  Cells, Wires, Bulbs,		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.  Cells, Wires, Bulbs, Switches, Buzzers, Battery, Circuit, Series, Conductors, Insulators, Amps, Volts, Cell

				Switches, Buzzers, Battery, Circuit, Series,		
				Conductors, Insulators		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Earth & 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.  Earth, Sun, Moon, Axis, Rotation, Day, Night, Phases of the Moon, star, constellation	
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Seasonal Change	Observe changes across the four seasons Observe and describe h associated with the seasons an how the day length varies. Summer, Spring, Autumn, Winter, Sun, Day, Moon, Night, Light, Dark					
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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		

			cooled or heated and measure ad research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius.  Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.  Hardness, Solubility, Transparency, Conductivity, Magnetic, Filter, Evaporation, Dissolving, Mixing	
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  Fossils, Soils, Sandstone, Granite, Marble, Pumice, Crystals, Absorbent		