

Year Group	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Year 1	Seasonal change	Everyday materials			Plants	Animals including
	Observe and describe	Distinguish between an			Identify and name a	humans
	weather of the seasons.	object and the material			variety of common	Identify, name, draw and
	Observe and describe	from which it is made.			plants, including garden	label the basic parts of
	how days vary in length.	Identify and name a			plants, wild plants and	the human body.
	Observe changes across	variety of everyday			trees.	Identify which part of the
	the four seasons.	materials, including			Identify and describe	body is associated with
		wood, plastic, glass,			roots, flowers and tree	each sense.
		metal, water and rock.			trunks.	Identify and name a
		Describe the simple			Describe and identify	variety of common
		physical properties of a			trees by observing their	animals.
		variety of everyday			leaves.	Describe and compare
		materials.			Identify and describe the	the structure of a variety
		Compare, group and			basic structure of a	of common animals.
		describe a variety of			variety of common plants	Identify and name a
		everyday materials on			including roots,	variety of common
		the basis of their physical			stem/trunk, leaves and	animals - carnivores,
		properties.			flowers.	herbivores and
						omnivores.
Year 2	Living things and their	Uses of everyday		Living things and their	Animals including	Plants
	habitats	materials		habitats	humans	Observe how bulbs grow
	Explore and compare the	Distinguish between an		Identify that most living	To know that animals	into mature plants.
	differences between	object and the material		things live in habitats to	have offspring that grow	Observe and describe
	living and dead things,	from which it is made.		which they are suited and	into adults.	how seeds grow into
	and things that have	Identify and name a		describe how different	Find out about and	mature plants.
	never been alive.	variety of everyday		habitats provide for the	describe the basic needs	Find out and describe
	Identify and name a	materials, including		basic needs of different	of animals, including	how plants need water,
	variety of plants and	wood, plastic, glass,		kinds of animals and	humans, for survival.	light and a suitable
	animals in their habitats,	metal, water and rock.		plants and how they	To know the importance	temperature to grow and
	including micro-habitats.	Identify and compare the		depend on each other.	for humans of eating the	stay healthy.
		suitability of a variety of			right amounts of	
		everyday materials,			different types of food.	
		including wood, metal,			To know the importance	
		plastic, glass, brick, rock,			for humans of exercise.	

		paper and cardboard for		-	To know the importance	
		particular uses.			to humans of hygiene.	
		Find out how the shapes			70	
		of solid objects made				
		from some materials can				
		be changed by squashing,				
		bending, twisting and				
		stretching.				
Year 3	Rocks	Forces and magnets	Light		Animals including	Plants
	Compare and group	Compare how things	Recognise that light is		humans	Identify and describe the
	together different kinds	move on different	needed in order to see		To know that animals	function of the roots.
	of rocks on the basis of	surfaces.	things and that dark is		cannot make their own	Investigate the ways in
	their appearance.	Compare and group	the absence of light.		food and that animals,	which water is
	Compare and group	together a variety of	Notice that light is		including humans, need	transported within plants
	together different kinds	everyday materials on	reflected from surfaces.		the right amounts and	and identify and describe
	of rocks on the basis of	the basis of whether they	Recognise that shadows		types of food.	the function of the stem
	their appearance and	are attracted to a	are formed when the		To know that humans	and leaves.
	simple physical	magnet, and identify	light from a light source is		and some animals have	Explore the requirements
	properties.	some magnetic materials.		S	keletons and muscles for	of plants for life and
	Describe in simple terms	Notice that some forces	Find patterns in the way		support, protection and	growth (air, light, water,
	how fossils are formed	need contact between	that the size of shadows		movement.	nutrients from soil).
	when things that have	two objects, but	change.			Identify and describe the
	lived are trapped within	magnetic forces can act				function of the flower.
	rock.	at a distance.				
	Recognise that soils are	Predict whether two				
	made from rocks and	magnets will attract or				
	organic matter.	repel each other,				
		depending on which				
		poles are facing.				
Year 4	Sound	Electricity	States of matter		Animals including	Living things and their
	Recognise that sounds	Identify common	Compare and group		humans	habitats
	get fainter as the	appliances that run on	materials together,		Identify the different	Recognise that living
	distance from the sound	,	according to whether	t		things can be grouped in
	source increases.	Construct simple	they are solids, liquids or		and their simple	a variety of ways.
		electrical circuits, identify	•		functions.	Explore and use
	made, associating some	and name its basic parts.	Observe that some		Describe the simple	classification keys to
			materials change state		functions of the basic	group, identify and name

	of them with something	Identify if a lamp will light	when they are heated or		part of the digestive	a variety of living things
	vibrating.	in a simple series circuit.	cooled.		system in humans.	in their local and wider
	Recognise that vibrations	•	Identify the part played		, Construct and interpret a	environment.
	from a sound travel	conductors and	by evaporation and		variety of food chains,	Recognise that living
	through a medium to the	insulators.	condensation in the		identifying producers,	things can be grouped in
	ear.	Recognise that a switch	water cycle and associate		predators and prey.	a variety of ways.
	Find patterns between	opens and closes a circuit	the rate of evaporation			Recognise that
	the volume of a sound	and associate this with	with temperature.			environments can change
	and the strength of the	whether or not a lamp				and that this can
	vibrations that produced	lights in a simple series				sometimes pose dangers
	it.	circuit.				to living things.
Year 5	Properties and changes	Earth and Space	Forces	All living things	All living things	Animals including
	of materials	Describe the movement	Explain that unsupported	(mammals and	(plants)	humans
	Compare and gp every-	of the Earth, and other	objects fall towards the	amphibians)	Describe the life process	Describe the changes as
	day materials, including	planets, relative to the	Earth because of the	Explain the differences in	of reproduction in some	humans develop from
	their conductivity of heat		force of gravity acting	the life cycles of a	plants.	birth to old age.
	and conductivity of	Describe the Sun, Earth	between the Earth and	mammal, an amphibian,		
	electricity. Give reasons,		the falling object.	an insect and a bird.		
	for the particular uses of	approximately spherical	Identify the effects of air	-		
	everyday materials,	bodies.	and water resistance that	•		
	including metals, wood	Describe the movement	act between moving	animals.		
	and plastic.	of the Moon relative to	surfaces.			
	Understand that some	the Earth.	Identify the effects of			
	materials will dissolve in	Use the idea of the	friction between moving			
	liquid to form a solution,	Earth's rotation to	surfaces.			
		explain day and night and	-			
		the apparent movement	-			
	a solution. Explain that	of the Sun across the sky.	pulleys, allow a smaller			
	some changes result in		force to have a greater			
	the formation of new		effect.			
	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.					
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Year 6	Animals including	Evolution and	Electricity	Light	Living things and their
	humans	inheritance	Use recognised symbols	To understand that light	habitats
	Identify and name the	Recognise that living	when representing a	appears to travel in	Describe how living
	main parts of the human	things have changed over	simple circuit in a	straight lines.	things are classified into
	circulatory system, and	time and that fossils	diagram.	To use the idea that light	broad groups according
	explain the functions of	provide information	Associate the brightness	travels in straight lines to	to common observable
	the heart, blood vessels	about living things that	of a lamp or the volume	explain that objects are	characteristics and based
	and blood.	inhabited the Earth	of a buzzer with the	seen because they give	on similarities and
	Describe the ways in	millions of years ago.	number and voltage of	out or reflect light into	differences, including
	which nutrients and	Recognise that living	cells used in the circuit.	the eye.	micro-organisms, plants
	water are transported	things produce offspring	Compare and give	Use the idea that light	and animals.
	within animals, including	of the same kind, but	reasons for variations in	travels in straight lines to	Give reasons for
	humans.	normally offspring vary	how components	explain why shadows	classifying plants and
	Recognise the impact of	and are not identical to	function, including the	have the same shape as	animals based on specific
	diet, exercise, drugs and	their parents.	brightness of bulbs, the	the objects that cast	characteristics.
	lifestyle on the way their	identify how animals are	loudness of buzzers and	them.	
	bodies function.	adapted to suit their	the on/off position of		
		environment in different	switches.		
		ways and that adaptation			
		may lead to evolution.			