Year

Year 1

# Coverage

Key concepts giving coherence to the topic and supporting progression perspectives.

## **Plants**

- Identify basic plant parts (roots, leaves, flowers, etc.)
- Name plants and trees

## Animals including the Human Body

- Identify & compare common animals
- senses
- Identify & name basic body parts

#### Materials

- Distinguish between objects & materials
- Identify & name common materials
- Compare & classify materials

#### Seasons

 Observe weather associated with changes of season

Living and habitats

Differentiate living, dead and non-living

### Plants

- Growing plants (water, light, warmth)
- Simple food chains & habitats

Animals including Humans

- Basic needs of animals & offspring
- Describe the importance for humans of exercise, diet and hygiene

#### Materials

- Identify and compare uses of different materials
- Compare how things move on different surfaces

Asking questions. ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways.

**Scientific enquiries**. They should be able to do the following types of enquiry:

- Observations. They should observe closely, using simple equipment.
- Simple tests
- Identifying and classifying
- Secondary sources. They should use simple secondary sources to find answers.

**Recording**. They should gather and record data to suggest answers to their questions. With help, they should record in a range of ways and begin to use simple scientific language.

Analysing observations. They should use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions. They should notice patterns and relationships in their observations. They should talk about what they have found out and how they found out.

Year 2

# Year 3

# Forces and Magnets

• Simple forces, including magnetism

#### Light

Sources of light; shadows & reflections

#### Rocks

- Classification of rock types
- Simple understanding of fossilisation

#### Plants-

 Nutrition Plants, incl. parts, lifecycle and requirements for life

#### Animals/Humans-skeletons & Muscles

- Humans get nutrition from what they eat
- Animals: skeletons & nutrition

Sound

• Sound as vibrations

#### Electricity

Electricity: simple circuits & conductors

#### Living Things

Environment & classification

## Animals including Humans

- digestive system
- teeth
- food chains

#### States of Matter

- The water cycle
- Changes of state
- Comparing and group

Year 4

Raising Questions. They should be given a range of scientific experiences to enable them to raise their own questions about the world around them.

Choosing a suitable scientific enquiry. They should start to make their own decisions about the most appropriate type of scientific enquiry they might use to answer questions

Observations. They should help to make decisions about what observations to make, how long to make them for. They should make systematic and careful observations.

Fair testing. Recognise when a simple fair test is necessary.

**Sorting and classifying**. Talk about the criteria for grouping, sorting and classifying and use simple keys.

Secondary sources. They should recognise when and how secondary sources might help them to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical investigations.

Choosing equipment. They should help to make decisions about the type of simple equipment that might be used. They should learn how to use new equipment, such as a data loggers and thermometers, appropriately.

**Collecting data**. They should collect data from their own observations and measurements.

Measuring. They should use standard units.
Recording. They should make decisions as to how to record. They should record in notes, drawings, labelled diagrams, bar charts and simple tables. Pupils should use relevant scientific language to discuss their ideas and communicate their findings in ways that are appropriate for different audiences.

Analysing data. They should make decisions as to how to analyse the data. They should begin to look for patterns and decide what data to collect to identify them. With help, pupils should look for changes, patterns, similarities and differences in their data in order to draw simple conclusions and answer questions. With support, they should identify new questions arising from the data, making predictions for new values within or beyond the data they have collected.

Making improvements. They should find ways of improving what they have already done.

# Living things-Life Cycle/Reproduction

- 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.

#### Earth and Space

 Understand location and interaction of Sun, Earth & Moon

#### Forces-gravity air/water friction

Introduce gravity, resistance & mechanical forces

#### Materials

- Classify materials according to a variety of properties
- Understand mixtures & solutions
- Know about reversible changes; identify irreversible

## Animals including Humans

 Describe the changes as humans develop from birth to old age

# Light

- Light and how it travels
- Shadows
- the eye

# Electricity

- investigating circuits
- Use recognised symbols

# **Evolution-adaptations**

- Fossils
- adaptation

#### Living things-classification

 Classification, including microorganisms

#### Animals including humans-drugs

 Health & Lifestyles, incl. circulatory system **Planning enquires.** Children should plan different types of enquiry to answer questions.

**Identifying variables**. Children should recognize and control variables where necessary.

Secondary sources. Children should recognize when secondary sources will be most useful to research their ideas and begin to separate opinion from fact.

Using equipment. They should choose the most appropriate equipment. Children should take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment with increasing accuracy and precision.

Collecting data. They should make their own decisions about what observations to make, what measurements to use, and how long make them for.

Recording. They should choose how to record data. Children should record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables and bar and line graphs. They should report and present findings from enquires, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of results (in oral and written forms).

Analysing data. Children should use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair test. They should use simple models to describe scientific ideas. They should identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.

Making Improvements. They should use their results to identify when further tests and observations might be needed

Year 5

Year 6