Woodthorpe Primary School

Curriculum

Substantive Knowledge

| | | Progressi | on of knowledge: Plants | | |
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| | Nursery In the garden Life cycles | Reception Plants | Year 1 Introduction to plants | Year 2 Plant growth | Year 3 Plant reproduction |
| Plant structure and function | I can begin to identify a variety of common fruits: apples, strawberries, pears and bananas. I can begin to identify a variety of vegetables: carrots, potatoes and beans. | I can begin to label different parts of a plant (leaf, flower, stem, and root). I begin to know that plants can provide food for humans and animals. | To know a variety of common plants, and how they differ. To know that deciduous trees lose their leaves seasonally, but evergreen trees do not. To know the basic structure (including leaves, flowers (blossom), fruit, roots, bulb, seed, trunk, branches, stem) of a variety of common plants, including flowering plants and trees. | | To understand the functions of the basic parts of a plant and the relationship between structure and function. To know that water is transported within a plant from the root, through the stem, to the leaves. |
| Plant growth and needs | I can plant seeds and care fo growing plants. I can begin to understand that plants need water to grow. I can begin to understand that plants need sunlight to grow. I know that I need to handle plants with care. | I know some of the conditions for a healthy plant. | To begin to understand how plants grow and change over time. | To know that seeds and bulbs grow into seedlings by producing roots and shoots. To know that seedlings grow into mature plants by developing parts such as roots, stems, leaves and flowers. To know that seeds need water and warmth to germinate. To know that plants need water, light and a suitable temperature for growth and health. | To know that plants need water, light, air, nutrients and a suitable temperature for growth and health. To understand that the needs for growth and health vary from plant to plant. |
| Plant life cycle | I can observe the life cycle of a plant and talk about some of the changes. I know that many plants come from seeds | | | | To know the life cycle of a plant from seed to mature plant. To know that flowers are the reproductive organ of a plant. To know that the process of pollination is the transfer of pollen to the female (part of the) flower. To know that the process of seed formation is the growth of a seed after pollination. To know some different methods of seed dispersal and the benefits of each. |

| | | | Progression of kr | nowledge: Animals, i | ncluding humans | | | |
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| | Nursery | Reception Myself growing up Animals: caring for living things | Year 1 Sensitive bodies Comparing animals | Year 2 Life cycles and health | Year 3 Movement and nutrition | Year 4 Digestion and food | Year 5 Human timeline | Year 6 Circulation and health |
| Animal growth | | I know that my body changes and I can identify some of the changes that may happen to me this year. | To know a variety of common animals (including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals). | To understand how living things change, and that animals have offspring that grow into adults. To know which offspring comes from which parent animal. To know the stages in some animal life cycles. | | | To describe the human life cycle, including the stages of growth and development (baby, toddler, child, teenager, adult, elderly). To describe changes that occur during puberty (in boys and girls). To know that gestation periods vary across mammals | |
| Animal structure and function | I can begin to identify the five senses. I can begin to talk about what I see, using a range of vocabulary. I can begin to use my senses to make observations about things around me. I can begin to use scientific tools (e.g. magnifying glass, tape measure etc.) to explore items. I can begin to understand the purpose of my senses and the dangers if I don't use them properly. | | To know the main body parts of common animals (arms, legs, wings, tails, fins, head, trunk, horns/tusks, shell). To know key parts of the human body (including head, neck, arms, elbows, legs, knees, face, ears, eyes, hair, mouth, teeth). To know the five main senses: sight, smell, hearing, taste and touch. To know that the skin is used for touch, the tongue is used for smell, the eyes are used for sight and the ears are used for hearing. | | To know that animals can be grouped based on the presence of a skeleton. To know that the skeleton in humans and some animals is used for movement, protection and support. To know that the muscular system in humans and some animals works with the skeleton for movement. To know the main bones in the body. | To know the main organs of the human digestive system (mouth, teeth, tongue, oesophagus, stomach, small and large intestines) and describe their simple functions. To know the different types of human teeth (incisor, canine, premolar and molar) and their simple functions. | | To know the main parts of the human circulatory system (heart, blood vessels and blood). To know that the heart pumps blood around the body. To know that the blood vessels transport blood around the body. To know that the blood transports vital substances around the body, including oxygen and nutrients. To understand the relationships between different organ systems. |
| Health and nutrition | | I know how to brush my teeth and why it's important. I know some foods that are healthy and some foods that are unhealthy. I can name some ways to keep myself healthy (sleeping, exercise, hygiene). I can begin to know that animals have different diets (carnivore and herbivore) | To know that a carnivore is an animal that eats other animals and give some examples. To know that a herbivore is an animal that eats only plants and give some examples. To know that an omnivore is an animal that eats both animals and plants, and to give some examples. | To know that animals, including humans, need water, food and air to survive. To understand the importance of exercise, a balanced diet and hygiene for humans. | To know that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition. To understand that humans cannot make their own food and therefore eat to get the nutrition needed. To know the main food groups (carbohydrates, protein, fats, fibre, vitamins, minerals and water) and their simple functions. To know that a balanced diet should include all food groups. To describe the diets of different animals. | To know that teeth can be damaged, including the effect of sugary and acidic food. To know that it is important to brush teeth twice a day, make good food choices and visit the dentist regularly. To describe the teeth of carnivores and herbivores, and understand why they are different. To know that predators hunt for their food and prey are the animals being hunted. To know that producers make their own food. To know that food chains begin with a producer followed by consumers, and arrows to show the energy passed on. | | To understand the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way a body functions. To know that the heart rate is the number of beats per minute. To know that exercise increases heart rate. |

| Progression of knowledge: Living things and their habitats | | | | | | | |
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| | Nursery Caring for the world | Reception Animals: caring for living things Minibeasts | Year 2 Habitats Microhabitats | Year 4 Classification and changing habitats | Year 5 Life cycles and reproduction | Year 6 Classifying big and small Evolution and inheritance | |
| Characteristics of living things | | I know that some animals are wild and some are domestic I know some ways how to care for a pet. I can classify minibeasts using their appearance. I can name common minibeasts, including spider, worm, ladybird, bee and wasp. I know the importance of some minibeasts (e.g. bees for pollination). | To begin to understand some of the life processes, including movement, reproduction, sensitivity, growth, excretion and nutrition. To know the difference between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive, using some of the life processes. | To know that living things can be grouped in different ways. To know that a classification key can be used to group and identify plants and animals. To know that vertebrates are animals which have a backbone and invertebrates are animals which do not have a backbone. To know that plants can be grouped into flowering or non-flowering varieties. To know that flowering plants include grasses and non-flowering plants includes ferns and mosses. To know that there are five main vertebrate groups: birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and fish. To know that invertebrate groups include snails, slugs, worms, spiders and insects. | | To know that 'organism' is a term used to refer to an individual living thing. To know that micro-organisms are incredibly small and cannot usually be seen by the naked eye. To know the characteristics of the different groups of vertebrates and commonly found invertebrates. | |
| Variation and inheritance | | | To know a variety of plants and animals and describe some differences. | | To know that a life cycle shows the changes an animal or plant goes through until the reproduction of a new generation when the cycle starts again. To know that all living things must reproduce for the species to survive. To know that sexual reproduction requires two parents, whereas asexual reproduction only requires one parent. To know that there are different processes plants and animals use to reproduce (asexual and sexual reproduction). | To know that living things have changed over time. To know that fossils provide us with information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. To know that characteristics are passed from parents to their offspring, but that all offspring vary from their parents. To know that over time, variation in offspring can affect animals' chances o survival in particular environments. | |
| Habitats and interdependence | I can begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. I can begin to talk about how plastic pollution is affecting our oceans. I know some problems that are affecting our world and how I can help them. | I can begin to know that animals live in different places and I need to be respectful of their habitat I know where to find some common minibeasts. | To name a variety of habitats, including woodland, ocean, rainforest and seashore. To know that a habitat is the environment where an animal or plant lives/ grows, because it provides what they need to survive. To know that a micro-habitat is a very small habitat (e.g. stones, logs and leaf litter). To know that living things depend upon each other (e.g. for food, shelter.) To understand that a food chain can be used to show how animals obtain food from eating either plants and/or other animals. | To know that habitats can change throughout the year and this can be dangerous for living things. To know that humans can have both a positive and negative impact on the environment. | | To know that animals and plants have adapted to suit their environment over many millions of years and that this process can be called evolution. | |

| | | | Progression of | knowledge: Materials | | | |
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| | Nursery Exploring materials | Reception Materials: changing states of matter | Year 1 Everyday materials | Year 2 Uses of everyday materials | Year 3 Rocks and soil | Year 4 States of matter | Year 5 Mixtures and separation Properties and changes |
| Identifying and naming | I can begin to identify materials with similar and/or different properties. | | To know that objects are items or things. To know that a material is what an object is made from. To identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock. | | To know that rocks can be grouped based on their appearance or properties, (e.g. colour, texture, hardness, permeability.) To know that rocks may contain grains, crystals or fossils. To know that grains and crystals appear differently and can be used to classify rocks. To know that soils are made from rocks and dead matter. | To know that all substances around us can exist as solids, liquids and gases. | |
| Properties and uses | I can begin to explore how different materials sink and float. I know that light can shine through some materials, but not others. | | To know that property refers to how a material can be described. To describe the physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. To understand that materials can be grouped based on their physical properties. | To know why objects are made from particular materials and to give examples of their suitability. To know that one material can be used for a range of purposes (and to give examples.) To know that different materials can be used for the same purpose (and to give examples.) To know why certain materials are unsuitable for particular objects. | To understand the relationship between the properties of rocks and their uses. | To know that a property of a solid is that it keeps its shape unless a force is applied to it. To know that a property of a liquid can flow freely and take on the shape of a container. To know that a property of a gas does not have a fixed shape and can escape from an unsealed container. | To describe a broader range of materials and their properties, including hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity and response to magnets. |
| Change | I can begin to observe changes in materials. | I understand some important processes and the changes in the natural world around them including the season and states of matter. I know that some things melt. I know that some things freeze. | | To know that a push or pull must be applied to change the shape of a solid object. To know that solid objects can be squashed, bent, twisted or stretched. To know that different solid objects may take a different amount of force to change shape. | To know that fossils can form from the remains of living things. To know that rocks can change over time (e.g. erosion, weathering). | To know that heating causes solids to turn into liquids (melting) and liquids to turn into gases (evaporating). To know that cooling causes gases to turn into liquids (condensing) and liquids to turn into solids (freezing). To know that water can exist as a solid, a liquid or a gas. To know that the melting point of water is zero degrees Celsius and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees Celsius. To know that water flows around the world in a continuous process called the water cycle. To know that in the water cycle, evaporation is when bodies of water are heated and turn into water vapour. To know that in the water cycle, condensation is the process of water vapour cooling to form water droplets in clouds, which can result in precipitation. To know that the rate of evaporation increases as temperature rises. | To know that some substances will dissolve in a liquid to form a solution. To know the factors that affect the time taken to dissolve, including temperature and stirring. To understand that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes. To know that some liquids and solids can be separated using sieving, filtering and evaporation and to describe these processes. To understand that some changes result in the formation of new materials and that these are usually irreversible. (e.g. burning, rusting, the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda.) |

| | Progression of knowledge: Energy | | | | | | | |
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| | L | _ight | Sound | | Electricity | | | |
| | Year 3 Light and shadows | Year 6 Light and reflection | Year 4 Sound and vibrations | Reception Electricity | Year 4 Electricty and circuits | Year 6 Circuits, batteries and switches | | |
| Sources | To know that light travels from a source (e.g. the Sun, light bulbs and torches). To know that light is needed to see things and that dark is the absence of light. To know that light from the Sun can be dangerous and how to protect their eyes. | To know that light travels in a straight line from a light source. To understand that luminous objects are seen as a result of light directly entering the eye, whereas non-luminous objects reflect light into the eye. | To understand that sound is a result of vibrations. | I know some dangers of electricity. I can name some things that are powered by electricity. | To know that all electrical appliances need a power source, including batteries or mains electricity. To know that an electrical circuit needs a complete path for the electrical charge to flow through. To know the main components in a simple series circuit. To know the precautions for working safely with electricity. | To know a wider variety of components in a series circuit (including buzzer and motor). To know the conventions used to draw circuit diagrams, including the recognised symbols for common components and using straight lines. | | |
| Transfer | To know that all materials reflect light. To know that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object. | To know that shiny surfaces reflect light uniformly. To know that when light is reflected off a surface, its direction changes. To know that mirrors and periscopes work using reflection of light on smooth surfaces. To understand why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them as a result of light travelling in straight lines. To understand relationships between light sources, objects and shadows. | To know that vibrations from sounds travel through mediums to the ear. To know that an insulating material reduces the amount of vibrations that pass through it and this can be used to protect the ears from damaging sounds. To know that different materials provide different amounts of insulation against sound. | I can help make a bulb light up. | To know that some materials allow electrical charge to pass through them quickly and these are known as electrical conductors (e.g. metals). To know that some materials do not allow electrical charge to pass through them easily and these are known as electrical insulators (e.g wood and plastic). To know that metals are used for cables and wires because they are good conductors of electricity. To know that plastic is used to cover cables and wires because it is a good insulator | | | |
| Factors affecting energy | To know that shadows change as a result of different factors: - Changing the position of the light source. - Changing the distances between the light source, object and surface. To know that shadows change position and length throughout the day as the Sun changes position in the sky. | To understand how and why the distance between the object and the screen affects the size of the shadow. To understand how the angle of a reflected ray is affected by the angle of the incoming ray on a smooth surface. | To know a variety of ways to change the pitch or volume of a sound. To know that quicker vibrations cause higher-pitched sounds and slower vibrations cause lower-pitched sounds. To know that stronger vibrations cause louder sounds and weaker vibrations cause quieter sounds. To know that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. | | To understand that an open switch breaks a series circuit so the components will be off. To understand that a closed switch completes a series circuit so the components will be on. To understand the relationship between bulb brightness and the number of bulbs in a circuit. | To know that the voltage of a circuit can be changed and how this affects bulb brightness (or buzzer volume). | | |

| Progression of knowledge: Forces, Earth and Space | | | | | | |
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| | Year 1 Seasonal changes | Year 5 Earth and Space | | | | |
| Key facts | To know the name and order of the four seasons; spring, summer, autumn and winter. | To know that the Sun is a star at the centre of our solar system. | | | | |
| | To know that it is unsafe to look directly at the Sun. | To know that the Sun, Earth and Moon are approximately spherical bodies. | | | | |
| | | To know the names, order and relative positions of the planets and other main celestial bodies. | | | | |
| | | To know that a moon is a celestial body that orbits a planet and give examples of moons that orbit other planets. | | | | |
| Forces in motion | To know weather associated with the four seasons and how it changes (in the UK). | To know that the Earth and other planets orbit around the Sun. | | | | |
| | To understand that day length varies across the four seasons, with fewer daylight hours in the winter and | To know that the tilt of the Earth and its orbit around the Sun causes the seasons. | | | | |
| | more in the summer. | To know that the Moon orbits around the Earth. | | | | |
| | | To understand how the Earth's rotation causes day and night and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky. | | | | |
| Factors affecting forces | | | | | | |

| Progression of knowledge: Forces, Earth and Space | | | | | | |
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| | Nursery Space | Year 1 Seasonal changes | Year 5 Earth and Space | | | |
| Key facts | I can begin to talk about what we can find beyond the sky. I know which planet we live on. I can identify some differences between Earth and the other planets. I can begin to know how and why humans travel to space. | To know some examples of contact and non-contact forces. To know that some forces are a result of contact between two surfaces, but some forces can act at a distance (e.g. magnetism). To know the North and South poles of a magnet. To know some examples of magnetic materials, including iron and nickel, and how they react to a magnet and each other. To know some different examples of magnets, including bar, horseshoe, button and ring, To know some uses of magnets. | To know that gravity is a non-contact force that pulls objects together. To know that air resistance and water resistance are both types of friction. | | | |
| Forces in motion | | To know that friction is a contact force that acts between two surfaces to slow an object down. To know that magnetism is a non-contact force that affects objects containing magnetic metal. To understand that the opposite poles of a magnet attract one another and like poles repel one another. | To know that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of gravity. To know that friction, air resistance and water resistance act in the opposite direction to a moving object. To know that when forces are imbalanced, the speed, shape or direction of an object changes. To know that when forces are balanced the speed, shape or direction of an object stays the same. To know that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect. | | | |
| Factors affecting forces | | To know that rougher surfaces have more friction between them than smoother surfaces. To understand that the strength of different magnets may vary. | To know that rougher surfaces have more friction between them than smoother surfaces and how that may affect movement. To know that the larger the surface area of an object the greater the air or water resistance it creates. | | | |

| | Working scientifically | | | | | | | | |
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| Posing questions | Exploring the world around them a questions. | and raising their own simple | Beginning to raise further question Considering what makes a testa | . , , . | Raising questions throughout the Identifying testable questions. | enquiry process. | | | |
| | Recognising there are different types of enquiry (ways to answer a question). Responding to suggestions on how to answer questions. Be | | Beginning to recognise that there and that they are suitable for diff | e are different types of enquiry | Selecting the most appropriate en and give justification. | quiry method to answer questions | | | |
| | | | Beginning to make suggestions could be answered. | about how different questions | | | | | |
| Predicting | With support, deciding if suggested observations are suitable. Ordering a simple method. Suggesting what might happen, often justifying with personal experience. | | Beginning to select from options measured and controlled. Suggesting what observations to them for. Planning a simple method, verbate beginning to write a simple method be used to aid observations and making predictions about what the Using scientific knowledge and | ally and in writing. nod in numbered steps. de what simple equipment might measurements. ney think will happen by: | Making and explaining decisions a and how long to make them for. Writing a method including detail a variables are kept the same. Writing a method that considers rereadings. Suggesting the most appropriate a measurements and justifying their Making increasingly scientific predictions. | about how to ensure control eliability by planning repeated equipment to make observations and choices. | | | |
| | | | explain their prediction (because Beginning to consider cause a predictions, where appropriate. Predicting a trend by consider | nd effect when making ing how the changing variable . (The smoother the surface, the | Using previous scientific knowledge and evidence to inform predictions. Using scientific language to describe a potential outcome or why they think something will happen. Making links between topics to evidence a prediction. | | | | |
| Observing (qualitative data) | Using their senses to describe, in or what has changed. | simple terms, what they notice | Using their senses to describe, i scientific vocabulary, what they r | • | Using their senses to describe, in scientific vocabulary, what they no | detail and with a broader range of tice or what has changed. | | | |
| Measuring (quantative data) | Using non-standard units to meas Beginning to use standard units to Beginning to use simple measurin approximate measurements. Reading simple numbered scales | o measure and compare. | Using standard units to measure Using measuring equipment with Reading scales with unmarked in | n increasing accuracy. | Using standard units to measure a precision (decimals). Reading a wider variety of scales numbers. | | | | |
| Researching | Gathering specific information from source. | m one simplified, specified | Gathering specific information from | om a variety of sources. | Gathering answers to open-ended | questions from a variety of sources. | | | |
| Recording (diagrams) | Drawing and labelling simple diag | rams. | Beginning to draw more scientific Using some standard symbols Drawing in 2D to produce simp Labelling with more scientific v | ble line diagrams. | Drawing scientific diagrams by: Using a wider range of standard Drawing with increasing accurace Labelling with a broader range of Annotating diagrams to explain | cy. of scientific vocabulary. | | | |

| Recording (tableS) Grouping and classifying | Using a prepared table to record results including: Numbers. Simple observations. Tally frequency. Grouping based on visible characteristics. Organising questions to create a simple classification key. | Using a prepared table to record results including more detailed observations. Using tables with more than two columns. Identifying and adding headings to tables. Beginning to design simple results tables. Grouping based on visible characteristics and measurable properties. Populating a pre-prepared branching and number key. Choosing appropriate questions for classification keys | Using tables with columns that allow for repeat readings. Suggesting headings to tables, including units. Designing results tables with increasing independence with consideration of variables where applicable. Calculating the mean average. Grouping in a broader range of contexts. Organising the layout of number and branching keys. Formulating appropriate questions for classification keys. |
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| Graphing | Representing data using pictograms and block charts. | Representing data using bar charts. Drawing bars with greater accuracy. Reading the value of bars with greater accuracy. | Representing data by using line graphs and scatter graphs. Plotting points with greater accuracy. Reading the value of plotted points with greater accuracy. |
| Analysing and drawing conclusions | Using their results to answer simple questions. Beginning to recognise when results or observations do not match their predictions. | Writing a conclusion to summarise findings using simple scientific vocabulary. Beginning to suggest how one variable may have affected another. Beginning to quote results as evidence of relationships. Identifying data that does not fit a pattern (anomalous data). Recognising when results or observations do not match their predictions. Beginning to use identified patterns to predict new values or trends. | Writing a conclusion to summarise findings using increasingly complex scientific vocabulary. Suggesting with increasing independence how one variable may have affected another. Quoting relevant data as evidence of relationships. Identifying anomalies in repeat data and excluding results where appropriate. Comparing individual, class and/or model data to the prediction and recognising when they do not match. Using identified patterns to predict new values or trends. |
| Evaluating | Beginning to recognise whether a test is fair or not. | Beginning to identify steps in the method that need changing and suggest improvements. Beginning to identify which variables were difficult to control and suggesting how to better control them. Commenting on the degree of trust by reflecting on: Results that do not fit a pattern (anomalies). The quality of results (accurate measurements and maintaining control variables). Beginning to identify new questions that would further the enquiry. | Identifying steps in the method that need changing and suggesting improvements. Identifying which variables were difficult to control and suggesting how to control them better. Commenting on the degree of trust by also reflecting on: • Accuracy (human error with equipment). • Reliability (repeating results). • Sources of information (e.g. websites, books). Posing new questions in response to the data that would extend the enquiry. Deciding what data to collect to further test direct relationships. |

| | Science in action | | | | | | | | | |
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| To know about famous scientist | s throughout history. | | | | | | | | | |
| To know about a range of jobs a knowledge and methods. | and careers that use scientific | | | | | | | | | |
| To know about the work of mode | ern-day scientists. | | | | | | | | | |
| To know about science in the ne | ews and recent discoveries. | | | | | | | | | |
| To know there are spiritual, mor Science. | al, social and cultural links with | | | | | | | | | |
| | | To know about the methods and throughout history and how thes | | | | | | | | |
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| | | To know about current scientific achieve in the future. | research and what it aims to | | | | | | | |
| | | To know that mistakes can lead | to new discoveries. | | | | | | | |
| | | To know that collaboration and peffective scientific progress. | peer reviewing is essential for | | | | | | | |
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