WHCS

Science Curriculum Overview

Phase	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
KS1 Cycle 1 **Work scientifically** **• Ask simple questions.** **• Observe closely, using simple equipment.** **• Perform simple tests.** **• Identify and classify.** **• Use observations and ideas to suggest**	**Understand animals and humans** • Identify, classify and observe. • 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 are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.	**Growing up** • Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. • Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body • Identify the different stages of the life of animals and humans. • Describe the life cycle	**Understand Plants** • Observe and describe growth and conditions for growth. • 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.		**Investigate Materials** • Identify, name, describe, classify, compare properties and changes. • 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. • Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed	

answers to questions. **• Gather and record data to help in answering questions.**	• Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates, including pets).				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.
KS1 Cycle 2 **Work scientifically** **• Ask simple questions.** **• Observe closely, using simple equipment.** **• Perform simple tests.** **• Identify and classify.** **• Use observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.** **• Gather and record data to help in answering questions.**	**Habitats** • Look at the suitability of environments and at food chains. • 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	**Understand Plants** • Identify, classify and describe their basic structure. • 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.	**Understand the Earth's movement in space (Year 1 Unit)** • Observe seasonal changes. • *Observe the apparent movement of the Sun during the day.* • Observe changes across the four seasons. • Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.	**Understand animals including humans** • Look at growth, basic needs, exercise, food and hygiene. • Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. • Investigate 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.	**Senses** • Recognise and name each of the senses. • Observe conditions that our senses react to. • Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. • Investigate the senses of animals including humans.

	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.				
LKS2 **Cycle 1** **Work scientifically** **• Ask relevant questions.** **• Set up simple, practical enquiries and comparative and fair tests.** **• Make accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, e.g. thermometers and data loggers.** **• Gather, record, classify and present data in a variety of**	**Investigate materials** **Rocks and soils** Compare and group rocks and describe the formation of fossils. • Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their simple, physical properties. • Relate the simple physical properties of some rocks to their formation (igneous or sedimentary). • Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are	**Understand movement, forces and magnets** This concept involves understanding what causes motion. • 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.	**Investigate sound and hearing** Look at sources, vibration, volume and pitch. • Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating. • Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear.	**Understand light and seeing** This concept involves understanding how light and reflection affect sight. • 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	**Understand animals and humans** • 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.

ways to help in answering questions. **• Record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, bar charts and tables.** **• Report on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions.** **• Use results to draw simple conclusions and suggest improvements, new questions and predictions for setting up further tests.** **• Identify differences, similarities or changes related to simple, scientific ideas and processes.**	trapped within sedimentary rock. • Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.	• 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. • Describe magnets as having two poles. • Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.		when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid object. • Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.	

• Use straightforward, scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.					
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to support their findings.					
UKS2 **Cycle 1** **Work scientifically** **• Plan enquiries, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary.** **• Use appropriate techniques, apparatus, and materials during fieldwork and laboratory work.** **• Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision.** **• Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys,**	**Understand electrical circuits** • 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.	**Investigate materials** • Understand how 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.	**Understand animals and humans** • Describe the changes as humans develop to old age. • 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 lifestyle on the way the human body functions. • Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans	**Understand evolution and inheritance** • 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.	**Forces** • 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. • *Describe, in terms of drag forces, why moving objects that are not driven tend to slow down.* • *Understand that force and motion can be transferred through mechanical devices such as gears, pulleys, levers and springs.* • Understand that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

tables, bar and line graphs, and models. **• Report findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations of results, explanations involving causal relationships, and conclusions.** **• Present findings in written form, displays and other presentations.** **• Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests.** **• Use simple models to describe scientific ideas, identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.**		• 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, oxidation and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda			
UKS2 **Cycle 2** **Work scientifically**	**Magnets** • Describe magnets as	**Understand light and seeing** This concept involves	**Understand the Earth's movement in space** • Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar		**Investigate living things** • Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a

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