

## Vocabulary progression - Working scientifically

Nursery & Reception	look closely, observe, watch, touch, feel, smell, listen, same, different,
	compare, ask questions, record, sort, group
Year 1 and 2	observe, changes, patterns, grouping, sorting, compare, same, different,
	identify (name), measure, data, record results, drawing, picture, table, tally
	chart, present, pictogram, block chart, Venn diagram, ask questions, test,
	investigate, explore, equipment, resources, magnifying glass, hand lens,
	ruler, tape measure, metre stick, pipette, syringe, spoon, teaspoon, answer
	questions, interpret results, scientific enquiry, pattern seeking,
	comparative testing, observing over time, classifying, researching using
	secondary sources
Year 3 and 4	practical work, fair testing, relationships, accurate, thermometer, data
	logger, stopwatch, timer, estimate, data, diagram, identification key, chart,
	bar chart, prediction, similarity, difference, evidence, information, findings,
	criteria, values, properties, characteristics, conclusion, explanation, reason,
	evaluate, improve
Year 5 and 6	variables, independent variable, dependent variable, control variable,
	evidence, justify, argument (science), causal relationship, accuracy,
	precision, scatter graphs, bar graphs, line graphs, force meter



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## Vocabulary progression – knowledge

EYFS	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery	Topic – All about me	Topic – Terrific	Topic – Patterns	Topic – Ticket	Topic – Amazing animals	Topic – Come
	Head, nose, eyes, chin,	tales	and prints	to ride- People	farm animals, zoo	outside
	cheek, hands, toes,	Water soil,	Material, metal	who help us	animals, pets,	Roots, stem,
	ears, teeth, senses,	sunlight, properties	wood glass paper	Sinking and	mammals, insects,	flower, leaf, seed,
	germs.	of materials,	stone rough	floating, push	simple life cycles, hair,	sun, protection,
		seasonal changes.	smooth, shiny hard,	and pull, press	fur, scales, trunk (recap	decay, mould, sun,
			soft colour mixing	roll, twist,	body parts)	earth, melting and
				healthy,		freezing.
				unhealthy,		
				heart rate,		
				temperature		
				exercise		
Reception	Topic – All about me	Topic –	Topic- Terrific tales	Topic – People	Topic - Amazing animals	Topic - Holidays
	Muscle, skeleton,	celebrations and		who help us	Life cycle, mammal,	Decay mould
	nostril, ankle, wrist,	autumn	Materials, seed,	Nutrition,	insect, fish, fur scales	explore heat earth
	waist, shoulders,	Hibernation,	stem, root, leaf,	healthy,	snout hooves, young,	planet, weather
	elbow, five senses,	nocturnal, liquid,	petal, growth,	unhealthy,	puppy, kitten, kid, foal.	seasons, climate
	gums cavities, germs	soid, melt, dissolve,	waterproof, strong,	exercise water,		melt freeze solid,
		seasonal, changes,	weak	vitamin heart		liquid, gas
		light, dark, reflect,		rate		
		autumn, winter,		temperature,		
		summer spring		sweat, xray,		
				recap on parts		
				of body		

Year 1	Topic - ourselves Head, body, eyes,	<b>Topic - Animals</b> Fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and	<b>Topic - Materials</b> Object, material, wood, plastic, glass,	<b>Topic - Materials</b> Object, material, wood, plastic, glass,	<b>Topic - seasonal</b> Summer, Spring, Autumn, Winter, Sun,	<b>Topic - plants</b> Deciduous, Evergreen trees, Leaves,
	ears, mouth, teeth, leg, , parts of the human body including those within the school's RSE policy, senses, touch, see, smell, taste, hear, fingers, skin, eyes, nose, ears, tongue	mammals carnivores, herbivores and omnivores tail, wing, claw, fin, scales, feathers, fur, beak, paws, hooves, names of animals experienced first- hand from each vertebrate group	metal, water, rock, brick, paper, fabric, elastic, foil, card/cardboard, rubber, wool, clay, hard, soft, stretchy, stiff, bendy, floppy, waterproof, absorbent, breaks/tears, rough, smooth, shiny, dull, see through, not see through, opaque, transparent	metal, water, rock, brick, paper, fabric, elastic, foil, card/cardboard, rubber, wool, clay, hard, soft, stretchy, stiff, bendy, floppy, waterproof, absorbent, breaks/tears, rough, smooth, shiny, dull, opaque, transparent.	Day, Moon, Night, Light, Dark, weather, sunny, rainy, windy, snowy etc, Seasons, sunrise, sunset, Day length	Flowers (blossom), Petals, Fruit, Roots, Bulb, Seed, Trunk, Branches, Stem
Year 2	Topic - Living Things and their Habitats Living Classifying Basic needs Non- living Suited/ suitable Food chain	Topic - Living Things and their Habitats (2) Habitat Microhabitat Environment Shelter Basic needs MRS GREN Classifying Enquiry	Topic - Uses of Everyday Materials Properties Rough/smooth Flexible/rigid Strong/ weak Reflective/non- reflective	Topic - Uses of Everyday Materials Properties Rough/smooth Flexible/rigid Strong/ weak Reflective/non- reflective	Topic - Animals including humans Survival Water Food Adult Baby Offspring Exercise Hygiene	Topic - Plants Seeds Bulbs Water Sunlight Temperature Growth Roots Absorb

			Transparent/ translucent/ opaque Changing shape Twisting, bending, stretching, squishing, pushing, pulling	Transparent/ translucent/ opaque Changing shape Twisting, bending,		
Year 3	Topic - Forces	Topic - Forces	Topic - Animals	Topic - Plants	Topic - Rocks and	Topic - Light and
	Force	Force	including	Air	Fossils	Shadows
	Contact	Contact	Humans	Water	Soil	Light-source
	Friction	Push	Skeleton	Transportation	Organic matter	Mirror
	Push	Pull	Bones	Nutrients	Fossil	Reflect/-ive/-tion
	Pull	North	Muscles	Reproduction	Crystal	Shadow
	Surface	South	Movement	Seed	Sandstone	Blocked
		Surface	Support	Formation	Granite	Transparent
		Magnetic	Nutrition	Seed dispersal	Marble	Translucent
		Attract	Carbohydrate	Pollination	Pumice	Opaque
		Repel	Protein		Absorbent	Natural
		Poles	Fat		Sediment/-ary	Artificial
			Vitamins and		Layer	
			Minerals		Igneous	
			Vertebrates		Magma	
			Invertebrates		Lava	
					Gas	
					Metamorphic	

Year 4	Topic - Electricity	Topic - Sound	Topic - States of	Topic - States of	Topic - Teeth and	Topic - Living
	Applicance	Sound	Matter	Matter	digestion	things and their
	Battery	Source	Solid	Solid	Organ	habitats
	Circuit	Vibrate	Liquid	Liquid	Teeth	Amphibians
	Components	Vibration	Gas	Gas	Salivary glands	Birds
	Conductor	Travel	Change	Change	Tongue	Carnivores
	Electrical	Amplitude	Condensation	Condensation	Oesophagus	Characteristic
	Insulator	High pitch	Evaporation	Evaporation	glands	Classification
	Mains power	Low pitch	Freeze	Freeze	Stomach	Migrate
	Portable	Volume	Heat	Heat	Liver	Human impact
	Pylon	Faint	Precipitation	Precipitation	Pancreas	
	Hydro-electric	Loud	Property	Property	Small intestine	
	dams	Insulation	Temperature	Temperature	Large intestine	
	Solar panels		Thermometer	Thermometer	Rectum	
					Anus	
Year 5	Topic – Earth and	Topic - Forces	Topic - Properties	and changes of	Topic – Living	Topic – Animals
	space	Gravity, force, air	materials	U	things and their	including humans
	Sun, Moon, Earth,	resistance, water	Materials, proper	ties, sort, compare,	habitats	
	planets (Mercury,	resistance,		ctivity, insulation,	life cycle,	reproduction,
	Jupiter, Saturn,	upthrust, friction,		ubility, thermal,	reproduce, sexual,	reproduce,
	Venus, Mars,	gears, pulleys,	-	issolve, solution,	sperm, fertilises,	offspring, growth,
	Uranus, Neptune),	levers	soluble, insoluble, filtration, particles, reversible, irreversible, variables		egg, live young,	foetus, embryo,
	spherical, Solar				metamorphosis,	womb, gestation,
	System, rotate,				asexual, plantlets,	baby, toddler,
	star, orbit				runners, cuttings	child, teenager,
						elderly, growth,
						development,
						puberty,
						puberty, the

Year 6	<b>Topic - Light</b> Straight lines, light rays, angles of incidence, angles of refraction, reflection, emitted, absence of light, laser, retina, pupil, colour spectrum, prism.	Topic – Electricity Circuit diagram, complete circuit, amps, volts, ammetre, voltmetre, electrons, cell, current, parallel, series,	Topic – Living things and their habitats Classification, species, ecosystem, variations, annelids, insects, crustaceans, molluscs,	Topic – Evolution Adaptation, natural selection, evolution, genes, chromosomes, genetics, genetic/physical traits, inheritance, heredity, hereditary, ancestors.	Topic – Animals including humans heart, pulse, rate, pumps, blood, blood vessels, transported, lungs, oxygen, carbon dioxide, cycle, circulatory system, diet, drugs, lifestyle	Topic – Animals including humans heart, pulse, rate, pumps, blood, blood vessels, transported, lungs, oxygen, carbon dioxide, cycle, circulatory system, diet, drugs, lifestyle
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