

Science Long-term Overview

EYFS Communication and Language: Respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions. Answer how and why questions about their experiences and in response to stories and events.

Physical Development: Handle equipment and tools effectively.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Talk about their ideas and choose the resources they need for their chosen activities.

Mathematics: Use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems. Explore characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them.

Understanding the World: Know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. Talk about features of their own environment and how environments might vary from one another. Make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes. Select and use technology for particular purposes.

Cycle A	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3/4		Year 5/6	
Autumn	Animals including humans – animals	Animals including humans – human body	Everyday materials – weather link	Everyday materials – changes	Light – light and dark, reflected light, shadows and sun	Sound	Electricity – circuit symbols, amps and volts	Light – travelling light, light sources, shadows
Spring	Everyday materials	Everyday materials	Plants – basic needs	Plants – seeds and bulbs	States of Matter Including the water cycle	Forces and Magnets	Forces – resistance and friction	Earth and Space
Summer	Plants – naming plants	Plants – basic flowering plants	Animals including humans	Living things and their habitats	Rocks – types of rocks and soil and how fossils are formed	Animals including Humans – Digestive system, teeth and food chains	Forces – Mechanisms (Animals including humans: RSE also covered this half term)	Evolution and Inheritance - Genetics

Cycle B	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3/4		Year 5/6	
Autumn	Animals including humans – animals	Animals including humans – human body	Everyday materials – weather link	Everyday materials – changes	Animals including Humans – importance of diet, exercise, drugs -micro-organisms	Animals including Humans – Skeletal and muscular systems	Living things and their habitats – observable characteristics, classification	Evolution and Inheritance – Evolution and adaptation
Spring	Everyday materials	Everyday materials	Plants – basic needs	Plants – seeds and bulbs	Electricity – Simple series circuit, conductors and insulators	Living things and their habitats – classification keys	Forces - Gravity	Properties and changes of materials
Summer	Plants – naming plants	Plants – basic flowering plants	Animals including humans	Living things and their habitats	Forces – exploring water resistance (pre- curser to Y5/6)	Plants – functions of different parts of flowering plant, requirements of plant life	Living things and their habitats/Animals including humans (including RSE)	Animals including humans – Circulatory systems