

Science Skills

Year	WIDER CURRICULUM	Knowledge & Skills							
Group	Focus & National Curriculum	Asking Questions	Making Observations & Taking Measurements	Engaging in Practical Enquiry	Recording & Presenting Evidence	Answering Questions & Concluding	Evaluating & Raising Further Questions	Communicating their Findings	
EYFS	Term 1: How can data help us understand the world around us? Term 2: Can I design and build a structure using my knowledge and understanding of historical periods? Term 3: Can I design and construct a product using my knowledge and understanding of the engineering process? Term 4: Can I create a piece of art based on a period of history? Term 5: Can I develop an understanding of the living world around me? Term 6: Can I explore cultures and celebrations from around the world?	Notice and ask questions about differences	 Talk about what they see using a wide vocabulary Observe and interact with natural processes, such as ice melting, a sound causing a vibration, light travelling through transparent material, an object casting a shadow, a magnet attracting an object and a boat floating on water. Describe what they see and hear outside including plants and animals Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects 	Repeat actions that have an effect e.g. push and pull Using their senses in hands on exploration of natural materials	Draw pictures of the natural world, including animals and plants. Note and record the weather	Talks about why things happen and how things work			



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Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways

- While exploring the world, the children develop their ability to ask auestions (such as what something is, how things are similar and different, the ways things work, which alternative is better, how thinas chanae and how they happen). Where appropriate, they answer these auestions.
- The children answer questions developed with the teacher often through a scenario.
 The children are involved in
- The children are involved in planning how to use resources provided to answer the questions using different types of enquiry,

Observing closely, using simple Equipment

- Children explore the world around them.
- They make careful observations to support identification, comparison and noticing change.
- They use appropriate senses, aided by equipment such as magnifying glasses or digital microscopes, to make their observations.
- They begin to take measurements, initially by comparisons, then using non-standard units.

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Performing simple tests

• The children use practical resources provided to gather evidence to answer questions generated by themselves or the teacher. They carry out: tests to classify; comparative tests; pattern seeking enquiries; and make observations over time.

Identifying and classifying

- Children use their observations and testing to compare objects, materials and living things. They sort and group these things, identifying their own criteria for sorting.
- They use simple secondary sources (such as identification sheets) to name living things. They describe the characteristics they used to identify a living thing.

Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions

- The children record their observations e.g. using photographs, videos, drawings, labelled diagrams or in writing.
- They record their measurements e.g. using prepared tables, pictograms, tally charts and block graphs.
- They classify using simple prepared tables and sorting rings.

Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions

Children use their experiences of the world around them to suggest appropriate answers to questions. They are supported to relate these to their evidence e.g. observations they have made, measurements they have taken or information they have gained from secondary sources.

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• The children recognise 'biggest and smallest', 'best and worst' etc. from their data.

KS1 Years 1&2



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Asking relevant
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- The children consider their prior knowledge when asking questions.
- They
 independently
 use a range of
 question stems.
 Where
 appropriate, they
 answer these
 questions.
- The children
 answer
 questions posed
 by the teacher.
- Given a range of resources, the children decide for themselves how to gather evidence to answer the question.
- They recognise when secondary sources can be used to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical work.
- They identify the type of enquiry that they have

Making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers

- The children make systematic and careful observations.
- They use a range of equipment for measuring length, time, temperature and capacity. They use standard units for their measurements.

Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests

- The children select from a range of practical resources to gather evidence to answer questions generated by themselves or the teacher.
- They follow their plan to carry out: observations and tests to classify; comparative and simple fair tests; observations over time; and pattern seeking.

Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions

Recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables

- The children sometimes decide how to record and present evidence. They record their observation e.g. using photographs, videos, pictures, labelled diagrams or writing. They record their measurements e.g. using tables, tally charts and bar charts
- (given templates, if required, to which they can add headings). They record classifications e.g. using tables, Venn diagrams, Carroll diagrams.
 Children are supported to present the same data in different ways in order to help with answering the question.

Using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.

· Children answer

- their own and others' questions based on observations they have made, measurements they have taken or information they have gained from secondary sources. The answers are consistent with the
- Identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes

evidence

• Children interpret their data to generate simple comparative statements based on their evidence. They begin to identify naturally occurring patterns and causal relationships.

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• They identify ways in which they adapted their method as they progressed or how they would do it differently if they repeated the enquiry.

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- Children use their evidence to suggest values for different items tested using the same method e.g. the distance travelled by a car on an additional surface.
 Following a
- Following a scientific experience, the children ask further questions which can be answered by

Reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions

• They communicate their findings to an audience both orally and in writing, using appropriate scientific vocabulary.



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	using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers •gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions •recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables •reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions •using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions •identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes •using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to	chosen to answer their question.				raise further questions • They draw conclusions based on their evidence and current subject knowledge.	extending the same enquiry.		



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During years 5 and 6, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods. processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content: planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary

- Children independently ask scientific questions. This may be stimulated by a scientific experience or involve asking further auestions based on their developed understanding following an enquiry.
- Given a wide range of resources the children decide for themselves how to gather evidence to answer a scientific question.
- They choose a type of enquiry to carry out and justify their choice.
- They recognise how secondary sources can be used to answer

Taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate

- The children select measuring equipment to give the most precise results e.g. ruler, tape measure or trundle wheel, force meter with a suitable scale. • During an enquiry, they make decisions e.g.
- During an enquiry, they make decisions e.g. whether they need to: take repeat readings (fair testing); increase the sample size (pattern seeking); adjust the observation period and frequency (observing over time); or check further secondary sources (researching); in order to get accurate data (closer to the true value).

Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary

 The children select from a range of practical resources to gather evidence to answer their questions. They carry out fair tests. recoanisina and controlling variables. They decide what observations or measurements to make over time and for how long. They look for patterns and relationships using a suitable sample.

Recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs

· The children decide how to record and present evidence. They record observations e.a. using annotated photographs, videos, labelled diagrams, observational drawings, labelled scientific diagrams or writing. They record measurements e.g. using tables, tally charts, bar charts, line araphs and scatter graphs. They record classifications e.g. using tables, Venn diagrams, Carroll diagrams and classification keys. •Children present the same data in different wavs in order to help with answering the auestion.

Identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments

· Children answer

- their own and others' questions based on observations they have made. measurements they have taken or information they have aained from secondary sources. When doing this, they discuss whether other evidence e.a. from other groups, secondary sources and their scientific understanding, supports or refutes their answer. Thev talk about how their scientific ideas change due to new
- evidence that they have gathered.
 They talk about how new discoveries change scientific understanding.
- Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in

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• They evaluate, for example, the choice of method used, the control of variables, the precision and accuracy of measurements and the credibility of secondary sources used.

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results, in oral and

written forms such

 They identify any limitations that reduce the trust they have in their data.

Using test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests

• Children use the scientific knowledge gained from enquiry work to make predictions they can investigate using comparative and fair tests.

Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations

 They communicate their findings to an audience using relevant scientific language and illustrations.



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