

	Science at St Thomas's Primary School
Intent	Scientific enquiry is at the heart of our science curriculum – promoting discovery and wonder amongst all of our children. Enquiry work is underpinned by explicitly taught scientific theory, incorporating rich and specific vocabulary – children are encouraged to use acquired knowledge as a basis for investigation and questioning. Our children are provided with hands-on, exploratory opportunities enabling them to deepen their understanding.  Inherently inquisitive, children at St Thomas' are given the opportunity to explore many scientific concepts. In the Early Years Foundation Stage, scientific concepts are explored through play, child-initiated investigation and adult-led input that follows the children's ideas and interests. Children progress onto formal strands of 'working scientifically' as they advance through the key stages. By the time children leave year 6, they will confidently understand the ways in which they can measurably explore the world around them, choosing relevant and effective investigation methods.
Implement	At St Thomas, we implement a science curriculum that is progressive throughout the school covering the key strands of The National Curriculum. Science is taught discretely, focusing on the knowledge and skills stated in the National Curriculum, ensuring that knowledge builds progressively and that children develop skills systematically. Connections between subjects are made to reinforce learning where appropriate. Science teaching focuses on enabling children to think as scientists. A variety of teaching approaches are used and lessons are planned to include opportunities for children to work as pairs, in groups and to work independently. New information and knowledge is introduced in small steps. Effective questioning is a crucial component of all our lessons. Key questions are planned to encourage children to think about their learning, to reflect upon previous learning and to make connections between new and existing learning. We also encourage them to build upon their peers' learning. We encourage adults and children to use both rich language and precise vocabulary linked to the subject area that they are studying so that they can understand it and can then use it to reason, articulate and make generalisations. To ensure that the children get the best support in lessons adaptations are made in lesson design and resources.
Impact	Evidence through pupil voice and outcomes in books will show that children can confidently articulate and demonstrate their scientific knowledge and understanding (including key scientific concepts) using the correct vocabulary. Children will be able to make connections between the different scientific concepts they have studied and apply their learning to a range of scenarios to aid their understanding of the world around them.
Context	"I come that they might have life and life in all its fullness." The Gospel of John 10 v 10 Our church lies at the centre of our local area.  Before 1758, Heaton Chapel did not exist but was simply part of Heaton Norris. The need for a chapel was identified by Parliament in 1645 but it was another 100 years until the church was dedicated 28th October 1758. The main road from Manchester to Stockport ran through Heaton Chapel. There was a toll gate opposite the church. Heaton Chapel Station was built in 1851 close to the St. Thomas' Rectory because of the clergy man at the church. A large biscuit works was opened in 1918 by McVitie and Price. In this location chocolate covered biscuits such as Penguin biscuits and Jaffa cakes are made.  Today, St Thomas' has a diverse cohort of pupils. Science capital varies from family to family. We educate the children of taxi drivers, nursery workers, doctors, shop assistants, published scientists and scientific researchers.



Learning and Growing in the Sight of God							
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AND SEVERANCE.	ENENDSHIP.	CONDASSION.					
At St Thomas we have created a balance of knowledge and skills in each unit of study. Knowledge and therefore learning is built upon in each lesson, with regular opportunities given for knowledge retrieval. Children are given every chance of success in order to maximise motivation	At St Thomas the children are encouraged throughout each aspect of science they study to empathise with the people or places they affect, to explore different viewpoints and to grow their understanding of themselves and others.	Our church is at the centre of our community and our school. We link our Christian Values throughout our curriculum and work and learn together in the sight of God.					

#### **Substantive**

#### **Substantive Knowledge**

Substantive knowledge refers to the residual knowledge that children should take away from the unit after it has been taught. It is the knowledge of the products of science, such as models, laws and theories.

#### **Disciplinary**

#### **Disciplinary Knowledge**

Disciplinary knowledge refers to what our children need to know about how science establishes and refines scientific knowledge e.g How can the substantive knowledge learned in class about plants be used to test a hypothesis like, 'Where is the best place for my plant to grow?'

#### **Disciplinary Concepts**

Disciplinary concepts are concepts used in the study of science. They form the basis of many questions' that scientists explore about the world and include observation, pattern seeking, comparison, classifying and specific research from secondary sources. Coupled with the discreet teaching of how to generate scientific explanations (both verbally and written), present and analyse data (in-line with our rigorous mathematics curriculum) and allowing the children to develop the skills needed to use scientific apparatus, these concepts will enable children to ask and explore scientifically-valid questions, create connections, identify contrasts, examine trends and construct analyses.



Knowledge of methods that scientists use to answer questions.  Thinking and investigating like a scientist	Knowledge of apparatus and techniques, including measurement.  Using equipment and measuring like a scientist
This covers the diverse methods that scientists use to generate knowledge, not just fair testing. For example, use of models, chemical synthesis, classification, description and the identification of correlations (pattern-seeking) have played important roles, alongside experimentation, in establishing scientific knowledge.	This covers how to carry out specific procedures and protocols safely and with proficiency in the laboratory and field. It includes the accurate measurement and recording of data. Pupils learn that all measurement involves some error and scientists put steps in place to reduce this.
Knowledge of data analysis.  Presenting information and making links like a scientist	Knowledge of how science uses evidence to develop explanations.
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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery	All about Me/Our bodies	Celebrations/Light and Dark	Weather	Space	Materials/Mini-beasts	Comparing animals
Reception	All about Me/Our bodies	Celebrations/Light and Dark	Weather	Space	Materials/Mini-beasts	Comparing animals
Year 1	Animals – including humans HUMAN ELEMENT Seasons	Everyday Materials Seasons	Animals – including humans ANIMAL ELEMENT Seasons	Plants Seasons	Seasons	Seasons
Year 2	Animals including humans		Living things and their habitats		Materials	Plants
Year 3	Forces and Magnets	Rocks and Fossils	Animals including Humans	Animals including Humans	Light	Plants
Year 4	Electricity	Scientists and Inventions	Animals including Humans	States of Matter	Sound	Living things and their habitats
Year 5	Lifecycle (Continuous)  Properties and changes of materials	Lifecycles (Cont.) Forces	Lifecycles (Cont.) Earth and Space	Lifecycles (Cont.)	Lifecycles (Cont.)  Animals including Humans	Lifecycles
Year 6	Animals including humans 'The Circulatory System'	Evolution and Inheritance 'Charles Darwin & his Discoveries'	Living things and their habitats	Electricity	Light	



Nursery	All about Me/Our Bodies	Celebrations/Light and Dark	Weather	Space	Materials/Minibeasts	Comparing Animals
Enquiry Question	What do I look like?	What is a celebration?	Where does rain come from?	Why are there stars in the sky?	Why do some creatures fly?	Why do animals have fur?
St Thomas' Life Question	Will you always look like this?	What might I celebrate?	What would happen if there were no clouds in the sky?	Why can't we see stars in the day?	Why can't all minibeasts fly?	What would happen if they didn't have fur?
Substantive Concepts	Talk about their family and people who are important to them.  Show interest in different occupations. Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history Continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people. Plant seeds and care for growing plants Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal. Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.	Continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people. Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the difference they have experienced or seen in photos.  Explore how things work.  Talk about the differences in materials and changes they notice.	Explore and talk about natural things going on around them e.g. notice the weather. Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. Explore and talk about different forces they can feel.	Interested in finding out how things work. Show an interest in different occupations and ways of life. Explore and talk about natural things going on around them e.g. notice the weather. Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the difference they have experienced or seen in photos.	Interested in finding out how things work. Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials. Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties. Explore how things work. Plant seeds and care for growing plants. Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice. Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary. Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.	Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.  Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.  Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.  Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the difference they have experienced or seen in photos.
Key Vocabulary	Baby, toddler, child, adult, old person, smell, taste, touch, feel, hear, see, blind, deaf	light, torch, bulb, lamp, spotlight, shiny, bright, brighter, brightest, Sun, shine, glow, mirror. Battery, plug, socket, electricity, wire, sound, light, move, celebration, Diwali, bonfire night, colours, celebration	Spring, summer, autumn, winter, sunny, hot, warm, cold, raining, thunder, lightning, snow, frost, puddles, windy, rainbow.	Sun, moon, earth, planets, light, dark.	Mix, stir, cook, hot, oven, microwave, change, burn, melt, hard, runny, set, freeze, freezer, cold, blended, hard, soft, bendy, stiff, wobbly, wood, plastic, paper, card, fabric.  Natural, plant, animal, leaves, seeds, conkers, acorns, twigs, bark, shells, feathers, pebbles, stones, same, different, pattern.	Egg, chick, bird, caterpillar, cocoon, chrysalis, butterfly, frog spawn, tadpole, froglet, frog, grow, change, die, names of animals and their young, fur, feathers, scales, tail, wings, beak, claws, paws, hooves, swim, walk, run, jump, fly, patterns, spots, stripes, grow, change.



Disciplinary Skills and Enquiry Types  O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O	Talk about their family and people who are important to them. Talk about people who live at home with them.  Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history  With support, talk about how they have changed since they were babies.	Use all their senses in hands- on exploration of natural materials. Go on a walk outdoors and collect pine cones, conkers, leaves and talk about what they can see and how they feel and where these natural objects have come from. Place these on a light box and see what features you notice, eg; the spines on the leaves. Talk about this with support.	Use all their senses in hands- on exploration of natural materials. With support, observe over time and talk about the differences between plants and changes they notice. Plant seeds and care for growing plants. Plant a Sunflower seed and water it every day.  Understand some key features of the life cycle of a plant. The Sunflower starts off as a seed and then it flowers.  Explore and talk about natural things going on around them e.g. notice the weather. Children say what happens when the wind is blowing, eg; my hair moves, I feel cold. The wind is blowing the leaves.  Explore and talk about different forces they can feel (as above).	Make rockets using different recycling materials.  Explore two different rocket launchers. Talk about how they will launch into the sky. How will they make this happen?  Which rocket will go up into the sky the quickest?	Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. Observe and hold a variety of Minibeasts and name some of them.  Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties. Listen to the story of the three little pigs, recall what their houses were made fromstraw, sticks and bricks. Explore these materials by using a multisensory approach.  Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials. Go on a walk outdoors and collect pine cones, conkers, leaves and talk about what they can see and how they feel and where they have come from. Place these on a light box and see what features you notice, eg; the spines on the leaves.  Observe and talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.	Observe the life cycle of a butterfly and know that it starts off as an egg and then goes through changes to become a butterfly. Observe over time. How does the Caterpillar change over time?
Using equipment and measuring like a scientist		Test all of the natural resources on the light board to discover which objects will let the light shine through. Test same objects using the torches. Which light source was brighter?	Use Magnifying glasses to look closely at the plants and talk about changes with support. Use a watering can to water the plants every day.	Use different media to create simple representations of rockets.  Test out a ready made rocket launcher (stomp rocket) talk about what they will do to make it launch. Discuss how far it will go up in the air use a meter rule. Will it travel to the same height or travel further?	Use magnifying glasses to look closely at the minibeasts in their natural habitat. Talk about what they look like and notice some similarities/differences.  Use magnifying glasses to look for patterns and details on the objects.	Use magnifying glasses and take photo's to observe and record the changes.
Presenting	Sort images of humans according to their age.	Mark make/draw a picture showing the natural objects.	Make direct comparisons between the plants and Compare how quickly	Compare different photo's of rockets. Look at similar/different features.	Record the features of the minibeasts by drawing them.  Find and identify natural objects to include in the collection.	Sort the photo's of the life cycle into the correct order.



information and making links like a scientist	Mark make/draw a picture of themselves and their family.		different seeds/bulbs germinate.  Mark make/draw a picture of the plants at different stages.	Take a photo on an ipad to record how far the rocket travelled.	Which natural objects are from plants, animals or neither? Draw pictures of natural objects from the collection.  Group together natural objects that are similar in the collection	
Learning and explaining like a scientist	Research using information books: How does a baby change over time?  Identifying pictures of babies, toddlers, children, adults and old people in magazines or other media	Look at information books and photographs that show Autumn and identify some things we might see outdoors at this time of the year.	Identify pictures of plants in information books and stories. Talk about what they see with support.  Look at seed and bulb packets to learn how to plant and look after them.	Research rockets using information and story books. Talk about what they see.  Watch videos showing rockets launching. Cpmpare with your own investigation.	Encourage children to identify items in the collection that are the same or similar. Encourage children to ask questions about the surrounding natural environment and the natural objects in the collection.	Watch a video showing the life cycle of the butterfly. Identify and talk about each stage with support in information books.
Scientific equipment/ techniques used	Photographs of humans at different stages, sorting hoops.	Light board, torches, natural materials. Books. Photographs.	Plants, watering can, magnifying glasses, information and story books.	Recycling materials, paint, crayons, chalk. Information books and story books. Ipad, rocket launcer (stomp rocket).	Natural objects from the outdoor environment. Magnifying glasses.	Butterfly garden kit, magnifying glasses, Plastic life-cycle figures.
Experiential Knowledge Our Church Our Community Visit / Place / Person	Visit from a Dentist, Doctor and a parent with a baby. Parents of different occupations.	Visit from parents of different cultures. Visit to St Thomas' Church.	Autumnal walk on the school premises outdoor areas.	Visit from a Scientist. STEM Week Science Fair	Minibeast Roadshow.	Visit to Reddish Vale Farm.
Protected Characteristics	Pregnancy, age, sex, race, Marriage, disability.	Age, sex, race, disability.		Age, sex, race, disability.	Pregnancy, age, sex.	Pregnancy, age, sex, race, disability.



Decention	All about Me/Our	Celebrations/Light	Weather	Space	Materials/Mini-	Comparing
Reception	Bodies	and Dark			beasts	Animals
Enquiry Question	Do we all look the same?	Are all celebrations the same?	Should the weather be the same all the time?	Could we live in Space?	What is a habitat?	Why are there so many different animals?
St Thomas' Life Question	What is a family?	If we had no lights, would it always be dark?	What would happen if it never rained?	What would you look for in space?	Why do some animals/creatures live outside? Can they live indoors?	Should animals exist?
Substantive Concepts	Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society;  Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class;  Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.  Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.	Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.	Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants; - Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; - Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.	Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps. Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and when appropriate – maps.	Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants; - Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class;	Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants; - Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; - Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.
Key Vocabulary	Hair (e.g. black, brown, dark, light, blonde, ginger, grey, white, long, short, straight, curly), eyes (e.g. blue, brown, green, grey), skin tones (e.g. black, brown, white), big/tall, small/short, bigger/smaller, baby, toddler, child, adult, old person, old, young, brother, sister, mother, father, aunt, uncle, grandmother, grandfather, cousin, friend, family, boy, girl, man, woman	Sun, sunny, light, shadow, shady, clouds, torch, seethrough, not see-through, source, light source, transparent, opaque.	Spring, summer, autumn, winter, seasons, sunny, cloudy, hot, warm, cold, shower, raining, storm, thunder, lightning, hail, Ice, water, frozen, icicle, snow, melt, wet, cold, sleet, snow, icy, frost, puddles, windy, rainbow, animals, young, plants, flowers	Sun, Moon, Earth, star, planet, sky, day, night, space, round, bounce, float, gravity, Astronaut, spacecraft, light, dark.	slippery, smooth, big, bigger, biggest, smaller, smaller, smallest, hard, soft, bendy, rigid, wood, plastic, paper, card, metal, strong, weak, hot, apply heat, waterproof, soggy, not waterproof, best, change, change back.  Tree, bush, herb, names of plants they see. plant, flower, vegetable, weed, animal, names of plants and animals they see, name of a contrasting environment (e.g. beach, forest)	names of animals, live, on land, in water, jungle, desert, North Pole, South Pole, sea, hot, cold, wet, dry, snow, ice, hair (e.g. black, brown, dark, light, blonde, ginger, grey, white, long, short, straight, curly), eyes (e.g. blue, brown, green, grey), skin (e.g. black, brown, white), big/tall, small/short, bigger/smaller,



Disciplinary Skills & **Enquiry Types** 









Understand the life cycle of a human. Know that you start life as a baby, grown into an infant, teenager and adult.

transparent/Opaque. Use torches to test materials and objects from around the classroom. Know that when the light does not pass through this is called opaque. When the light passes through it is transparent. Begin to understand how the sun or other light formstorches can make shadows/silhouettes. Look for shadows created by the Sun on cloudy and non-cloudy days. Observe over time how the shadows change throughout the day.

Identify materials that are

Children know how to ask questions about the world the world through using my senses - feeling, hearing. seeing, smelling and touching.

Use senses to describe what you can see, feel and hear outside during the different seasons. Go on nature and seasonal walks to observe key features of the seasons. Listen to the different sounds in the environment and talk about and describe what you can hear.

Encourage children to talk about how they feel in different types of weather/seasons. Encourage children to talk about the clothes they wear in different seasons and why.

Observe How a puddle changes over time. What happens when the weather is freezing?

Investigate/Understand what happens to water when it is put into an ice cube container and placed in freezing conditions/temperatures, and what happens when it is put back into warm conditions. Know that a liquid can become a solid and that the solid form can be melted back to liquid.

Observe that the Sun appears to move across the

Observing that it is warmer and brighter when the Sun is shining than when it is behind the clouds Observing that they can see the Moon at night and sometimes in the day Observe that they can only see the stars at night.

Name some of the Planets. Talk about gravity on earth and how this is different in space.

Explore materials- with magnets. Investigate which materials are magnetic/nonmagnetic. Which materials attract/repel.

Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. Look at and hold a variety of Minibeasts, name them and talk about where these minibeasts might live in their natural habitats. Go on a minibeast hunt on the school grounds. Look at their features closely using magnifying glasses and pots.

Plant seeds and care for growing plants. Plant a Broad Bean and then water it. Observe it over time and

notice the changes from seed, germination, leaf growth and flowering. Developing an understanding of growth, decay and

changes over time. Observe what happens to the Broad Bean over time once it is fully grown. Observe the Broad Bean growing in different materials eg; cotton wool, sand, soil and paper towels.

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Identify similarities and differences in relation to living things-compare differences in how different plants and seeds grow.

Understand the lifecycle of a Butterfly. Observe over time and be able to talk about the stages; egg, larva, pupa and adult. Know this is called Metamorphosis.

Begin to understand what hibernation is and name an animal that hibernates. Begin to understand how animals hibernate according to the season/weather.

Share books about animals in the local area and animals in other countries e.g. jungle, polar regions, desert, Look at and talk about

pictures of animals in different habitats.

Name and describe animals they see in books, pictures, videos or while on a trip Describe different habitats

Encourage children to name and describe animals that live in different habitats while reading books, watching videos, looking at pictures or playing matching games.

- Encourage children to ask questions about different animals and the habitats they live in.
- Encourage children to describe habitats

Identify some Dinosaurs and which dinosaurs are meat or plant eaters, know these are known as Carnivores. Herbivores and Omnivores



Using equipment and measuring like a scientist	Sort images of people according to their characteristics.	Using sorting hoops, sort materials that do/do not let the light pass through. Make shadows using their bodies, both outside using the Sun and inside using torches. Compare the shape of shadows made by different objects.	Sort and classify which clothes are suitable for each season.  Fill some containers with water and put them in different places in school. Will the water in all of the containers freeze? Investigate what will happen to the frozen water if left out of the freezer.	Make and test air-propelled rockets to find out which is the 'best'. Compare which rocket can fly the furthest.  Find simple patterns in how light levels and temperature change with the movement, or obscuring of, the Sun. Cloudy, dark, grey clouds, white clouds.	Identify similarities and differences in relation to materials, Use sorting hoops and sort into magnetic and non-magnetic by testing which materials will stick to a magnet.  Keep a bean diary to record in key changes in words or pictures. Investigate which material the broad bean has grown the fastest in.	Sort animals according to where they live using small world animals and photographs of different habitats.
Presenting information and making links like a scientist	Draw and paint a portrait of yourself looking closely at features such as eye/hair/skin colour. Draw a picture of family and community.	Use a simple tick sheet to record their findings.	Make predictions and use a simple tick sheet. Use an Ipad to take photographs of what is happening/happened to the water/ice.	Record using a simple tick sheet. Make some planets and spacecraft using different media. Write about what you would take to space, and what you would need.	Record the life cycle of a butterfly using simple diagrams to put into the correct order. Use plastic models to record.  Record magnetic/non-magnetic materials using a simple tick sheet.  Take photographs of the minibeasts they find in the school grounds. Draw/collage pictures of them.  Record changes of plants using	Draw animals in their different habitats.  Make models of animals and their habitats using a range of media.
Learning and explaining like a scientist	Find out information from visitors (dentist, nurse and people of different occupations. Pattern seeking Are taller children faster? Are taller children stronger?	Find out about shadows and rainbows from information books and videos.	Look at photographs of different seasons and types of weather Share books about different seasons and types of weather. Ipad, tick sheet, containers.	Find out about the Solar System, stars and space travel from information and story books. Watch video clips of Astronauts in space, predict and discuss how Astronauts carry out different activities including; sleep, wash, brush teeth, comb hair and eat. Find out about nocturnal animals.	an ipad to take photographs.  Look at photographs and information books showing the lifecycle of broad beans and butterflies. Watch time lapse videos to show metamorphosis.	Use information and story books to learn how animals from different habitats are cared for. Learn about animals in different habitats.
Scientific equipment/ techniques used	Mirrors, information and story books.	Materials, torches, chalk, investigation tick sheets.	Photographs, information books, story books, video clips.	Photographs, information books, story books, video clips and tick sheets.	Assortment of materials and objects, magnets, sorting hoops, tick sheets. Ipad,	Art and DT media, photographs, books, videos, field trip.



					magnifying glasses. Butterfly kit. Bug viewers, information books, time lapse video's.	
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YEAR 1	Animals Incl Humans (HUMAN ELEMENT)	Everyday materials	Animals Incl Humans (ANIMAL ELEMENT)	Plants	Living Things and their Habitats (Seasonal Changes)
Enquiry Question	What makes you human?	What materials is best for making a party hat?	How can we group different animals?	What does a plant need to grow well?	What happens when seasons change?
St Thomas' Life Question	Should everyone be treated fairly?	How do we celebrate?	How should we care for creatures?	How should we care for plants?	What happens when seasons change?
Substantive Concepts	Humans have key parts in common, but these vary from person to person. Humans (and other animals) find out about the world using their senses. Humans have five senses – sight, touch, taste, hearing and smelling. These senses are linked to particular parts of the body. Although we often use our fingers and hands to feel objects, the children should understand that we can feel with many parts of our body.  Can play and lead 'Simon says'  During PE lessons, can follow instructions involving parts of the body  Can label parts of the body on pictures and diagrams  Can explore objects using different senses	All objects are made of one or more materials. Some objects can be made from different materials e.g. plastic, metal or wooden spoons.  Materials can be described by their properties e.g. shiny, stretchy, rough etc. Some materials e.g. plastic can be in different forms with very different properties.  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.	Animals vary in many ways having different structures e.g. wings, tails, ears etc. They also have different skin coverings e.g. scales, feathers, hair. These key features can be used to identify them.  Animals eat certain things - some eat other animals, some eat plants, some eat both plants and animals  Can name a range of animals which includes animals from each of the vertebrate groups  Can describe the key features of these named animals  Can label key features on a picture/diagram  Can write descriptively about an animal  Can write a What am I? riddle about an animal  Can describe what a range of animals eat	Growing locally, there will be a vast array of plants which all have specific names. These can be identified by looking at the key characteristics of the plant. Plants have common parts, but they vary between the different types of plants. Some trees keep their leaves all year while other trees drop their leaves during autumn and grow them again during spring.  Can name trees and other plants that they see regularly  Can describe some of the key features of these trees and plants e.g. the shape of the leaves, the colour of the flower/blossom  Can point out trees which lost their leaves and those that kept them the whole year  Can point to and name the parts of a plant, recognising that they are not always the same e.g.	In the UK, the day length is longest at mid-summer (about 16 hours) and gets shorter each day until midwinter (about 8 hours) before getting longer again.  The weather also changes with the seasons. In the UK, it is usually colder and rainier in winter, and hotter and drier in the summer. The change in weather causes many other changes. Some examples are: numbers of minibeasts found outside; seed and plant growth; leaves on trees; and type of clothes worn by people.  Can name the four seasons and identify when in the year they occur  Can describe weather in different seasons over a year  Can describe days as being longer (in time) in the summer and shorter in the winter  Can describe other features that change through the year



Key Vocabulary	parts of the body including those within the school's RSE policy, senses, touch, see, smell, taste, hear, fingers, skin, eyes, nose, ear, tongue  Although we often use our fingers and hands to feel objects, the children should understand that we can feel with many parts of our body	Object, material, wood, plastic, glass, 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	head, body, eyes, ears, mouth, teeth, leg, tail, wing, claw, fin, scales, feathers, fur, beak, paws, hooves, names of animals experienced first-hand from each vertebrate group  The children need to be able to name and identify a range of animals in each group e.g. name specific birds and fish. They do not need to use the terms mammal, reptiles etc. or know the key characteristics of each, although they will probably be able to identify birds and fish, based on their characteristics.  The children also do not need to use the words carnivore, herbivore and omnivore. If they do, ensure that they understand that carnivores eat other animals, not just meat.	leaves and stems may not be green  Leaf, flower, blossom, petal, fruit, berry, root, seed, trunk, branch, stem, bark, stalk, bud  Names of trees in the local area  Names of garden and wild flowering plants in the local area	weather, sunny, rainy, raining, shower, windy, snowy, cloudy, hot, warm, cold, storm, thunder, lightning, hail, sleet, snow, icy, frost, puddles, rainbow, seasons, winter, summer, spring, autumn, Sun, sunrise, sunset, day length
Disciplinary Skills & Enquiry Types  Thinking and Investigating like a scientist	Make first-hand close observations of parts of the body e.g. hands, eyes.  Can name body parts correctly when talking about measurements and comparisons e.g. "My arm is x straws long." "My arm is x straws long and my leg is y straws long. My leg is longer than my arm." "We both have hands, but his are bigger than mine." "These people have brown eyes and these have blue."  Investigate human senses e.g. Which part of my body is good for feeling, which is not? Which food/flavours can I identify by taste? Which smells can I match?	Observe, investigate and describe the properties of different materials.	Use first-hand close observations to talk about different animals and make detailed drawings of animals and their features/structures.	Plant seeds and grow a flower or plant, observing it grows and changes over time.  Observe growth and change of the different plants in the school yard and in the local area while on visits to the junior site.	Go on walks in the local community; school yard, junior site, local park. Observe the weather, sky, temperature, trees and plants. Talk about what you can see, what the weather feels like, what the plants/trees look like.



	Using equipment and measuring like a scientist	Compare two people:  By direct comparison and then taking measurements of parts of their body using non-standard units.  Compare measurements between the different parts of their own body.  Look for patterns between people e.g. Do people with big hands have big feet?  Classify people according to their features.	Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.  Sort objects and materials using a range of properties Choose an appropriate method for testing an object for a particular property	Can sort and group animal figures/photographs according to similarities and differences Can use simple charts etc. to identify unknown animals.	Can collect information on features of the flower/plant that change during the year. Can sort and group parts of plants using similarities and differences Can use simple charts etc. to identify plants	Use the evidence gathered to describe the general types of weather and changes in day length over the seasons.
	Presenting information and making links like a scientist	Record findings in writing/prepared tables.	Label a picture or diagram of an object made from different materials.	Can create a drawing of an imaginary animal labelling its key features	Take photos to document changes and growth.	Make a weather forecast video, write seasonal poetry, create seasonal artwork.
	Learning and explaining like a scientist	Can talk about their findings from investigations using appropriate vocabulary e.g. "My fingers are much better at feeling than my toes" "We found that the crisps all taste the same."	Use their test evidence to answer the questions about properties e.g. "Which cloth is the most absorbent?"	Can use secondary resources to find out what animals eat, including information books, talking to experts e.g. pet owners, zookeepers etc.	Use photographs and information books to talk about how plants change over time.	Use their evidence to describe some other features of their surroundings, e.g. themselves, animals, plants that change over the seasons
	equipment/ ues used	Prepared tables, non-standard units-cubes, food/crisps.	Prepared diagrams	Information books, inviting parents of related occupations in for discussions.	Propagator, seeds, Ipad, photo timelines	Ipad, local environment, videos and information books.
Our Cor	I Knowledge Church mmunity ce / Person		Pirate boat building day.	Minibeast hunt at the juniors	Plant walk in the local area.	Walks in the local area.
Protected Ch	naracteristics	Disability, race.	Sex			Religion, belief



YEAR 2	Animals Incl Humans	Living Things and their Habitats	Materials (incl Rocks and Fossils)	Plants
Enquiry Question	What do living things need to survive?	How is an animal adapted to its habitat?	What would be a good material for a boat?	What do plants need to germinate and grow?
St Thomas' Life Question	How can we help people different to us?	How should we care for animals?	Which materials could we recycle?	How do plants and trees make our world a nicer place?
Substantive Concepts	Animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. In humans and some animals, these offspring will be young, such as babies or kittens that grow into adults. In other animals, such as chickens or insects, there may be eggs laid that hatch to young or other stages which then grow to adults. The young of some animals do not look like their parents e.g. tadpoles.  All animals, including humans, have the basic needs of feeding, drinking and breathing that must be satisfied in order to survive. To grow into healthy adults, they also need the right amounts and types of food and exercise.  Good hygiene is also important in preventing infections and illnesses.  Can describe how animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults, using the appropriate names for the stages  Can state the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival  Can state the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene  Can name foods in each section of the Eatwell Guide	All objects are either living, dead or have never been alive. Living things are plants (including seeds) and animals. Dead things include dead animals and plants and parts of plants and animals that are no longer attached e.g. leaves and twigs, shells, fur, hair and feathers (This is a simplification, but appropriate for Year 2 children.)  An object made of wood is classed as dead. Objects made of rock, metal and plastic have never been alive (again ignoring that plastics are made of fossil fuels).  Animals and plants live in a habitat to which they are suited, which means that animals have suitable features that help them move and find food and plants have suitable features that help them to grow well. The habitat provides the basic needs of the animals and plants – shelter, food and water.  Within a habitat there are different micro-habitats e.g. in a woodland – in the leaf litter, on the bark of trees, on the leaves. These micro-habitats have different conditions e.g. light or dark, damp or dry. These conditions affect which plants and animals live there. The plants and animals in a habitat depend on each other for food and shelter etc. The way that animals obtain their food from plants and other animals can be shown in a food chain.	identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching  - Can name an object, say what material it is made from, identify its properties and make a link between the properties and a particular use  - Can label a picture or diagram of an object made from different materials  - For a given object can identify what properties a suitable material needs to have  - Whilst changing the shape of an object can describe the action used  - Can use the words flexible and/or stretchy to describe materials that can be changed in shape and stiff and/or rigid for those that cannot  - Can recognise that a material may come in different forms which have different properties	Plants may grow from either seeds or bulbs. These then germinate and grow into seedlings which then continue to grow into mature plants. These mature plants may have flowers which then develop into seeds, berries, fruits etc. Seeds and bulbs need to be planted outside at particular times of year and they will germinate and grow at different rates. Some plants are better suited to growing in full sun and some grow better in partial or full shade. Plants also need different amounts of water and space to grow well and stay healthy.  Can describe how plants that they have grown from seeds and bulbs have developed over time Can identify plants that grew well in different conditions



			Can find a range of items outside that are living, dead and never lived  Can name a range of animals and plants that live in a habitat and micro-habitats that they have studied  Can talk about how the features of these animals and plants make them suitable to the habitat  Can talk about what the animals eat in a habitat and how the plants provide shelter for them  Can construct a food chain that starts with a plant and has the arrows pointing in the correct direction		
Key Voc	abulary	offspring, reproduction, growth, baby, toddler, child, teenager, adult, old person, names of animals and their babies (e.g. chick/hen, kitten/cat, caterpillar/butterfly), survive, survival, water food, air, exercise, heartbeat, breathing, hygiene, germs, disease, food types (e.g. meat, fish, vegetables, bread, rice, pasta, dairy)	living, dead, never been alive, suited, suitable, basic needs, food, food chain, shelter, move, feed, water, air, survive, survival, names of local habitats (e.g. pond, woodland etc.), names of microhabitats (e.g. under logs, in bushes etc.), conditions, light, dark, shady, sunny, wet, damp, dry, hot, cold, names of living things in the habitats and microhabitats studied	Names of materials – wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper, cardboard  Properties of materials – as for Year 1 plus opaque, transparent and translucent, reflective, non-reflective, flexible, rigid  Shape, push/pushing, pull/pulling, twist/twisting, squash/squashing, bend/bending, stretch/stretching	light, shade, Sun, warm, cool, water, space, grow, healthy, bulb, germinate, shoot, seedling
Disciplinary Skills & Enquiry Types	Thinking and Investigating like a scientist	Can measure/observe how animals, including humans, grow.  Investigate whether older year two children can run faster than the younger year one children.		Observe and manipulate a range of materials.  Talk about their ideas about why the key properties of a material is suitable or not to use for a particular purpose.  Investigate Which materials would be good for a boat?	Observe bulbs and seeds over time.  Investigate similarities and difference between bulbs and seeds, and identify plants that grew well in different conditions.
	Using equipment and measuring like a scientist	Can describe, including using diagrams, the life cycle of some animals, including humans, and their growth to adults e.g. by creating a life cycle book for a younger child. <b>Sort</b> Food packaging to investigate healthy/not healthy food. Record running times for a year one/two boy/girl.	Can sort pictures/photos into living, dead and never lived.	Can sort materials using a range of properties  Can explain using the key properties why a material is suitable or not suitable for a purpose  Can begin to choose an appropriate method for testing a material for a particular property.	Nurture seeds and bulbs into mature plants by following instructions. (indoors) and compare seeds and bulbs that have been planted outdoors.



Presenting infor and making link scientist		baby/animal by creating a parenting/pet owners' guide Explain how development and health might be affected by differing conditions and needs being met/not what animals eat  Can explain in simple terms why an animal or plant is suited to a habitat e.g. the caterpillar can live under the soil like a worm needs fresh leaves to eat: the	The children record their observations using photographs, drawings, labelled diagrams or in writing. Classify using simple prepared tables.	Photograph seeds and bulbs at different stages of germination, Record information as a pictogram or prepared table.
Learning and exp		of boys/girls from year one/two, prepared tables to record explaining	Can use their test evidence to select appropriate material for a purpose e.g. Which material is the best for a rain hat?	Use test evidence to identify which seeds and bulbs matured into plants.
Scientific equipmer techniques used	Stop watches, information books,			Information books, instructions, time lapse videos, prepared table/pictograms, seeds, bulbs, propagator, soil, watering can, Ipad.
Experiential Knowled Our Church Our Community Visit / Place / Person	Career day, road safety, harvest festival, sporting events.	Career day, road safety, harvest festival, sporting events.  Visit to the Juniors, Rockpool Experience, Kenya Visit, Production.	Fire Brigade Visit, Forest School	Growing plants, outdoor artwork at the juniors.
Protected Characteristics	All	All Sex, pregnancy, age.	Disability	



	Animals including humans	Plants	Rocks	Light	Forces
Year 3					
Enquiry Question	What would happen if we didn't eat? Human versus insects- who's built for speed?  Should hunger exist?	What do all plants have in common?  How does parable of the mustard	Can all rock types be used for building houses?  Which soil type is most successful to grow seeds into plants?  Matthew 7:24-27 'Build Your House	Will taller members of the class have longer shadows?  Are shadows most visible at night?  What do we mean when we	Are all metals magnetic?  Are only metals magnetic?  Why do so many people choose to
St Thomas' Life Question		seed relate to real life?	on the Rock'	describe someone as a 'light' in our lives?	attract religion into their lives?
Substantive Concepts	Identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food – they get nutrition from what they eat.  Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.  Animals, unlike plants which can make their own food, need to eat in order to get the nutrients they need. Food contains a range of different nutrients – carbohydrates (including sugars), protein, vitamins, minerals, fats, sugars, water – and fibre that are needed by the body to stay healthy. A piece of food will often provide a range of nutrients.  Humans, and some other animals, have skeletons and muscles which help them move and provide protection and support	Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots; stem/trunk; leaves; and flowers.  Explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant.  Investigate the way in which water is transported within plants.  Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.  Many plants, but not all, have roots, stems/trunks, leaves and flowers/blossom. The roots absorb water and nutrients from the soil and anchor the plant in place. The stem transports water and nutrients/minerals around the plant and holds the leaves and flowers up in the air to enhance photosynthesis, pollination and seed dispersal. The leaves use	Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties.  Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock.  Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.  Rock is a naturally occurring material. There are different types of rock e.g. sandstone, limestone, slate etc. which have different properties. Rocks can be hard or soft. They have different sizes of grain or crystal. They may absorb water. Rocks can be different shapes and sizes (stones, pebbles, boulders). Soils are made up of pieces of ground down rock which may be mixed with plant and animal material (organic matter). The type of rock, size of rock pieces and the amount of organic matter affect the property of the soil.	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 when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object.  Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.  We see objects because our eyes can sense light. Dark is the absence of light. We cannot see anything in complete darkness. Some objects, for example, the sun, light bulbs and candles are sources of light.  Objects are easier to see if there is more light. Some surfaces reflect light. Objects are easier to see when there is less light if they are reflective.  The light from the sun can damage	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.  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.  A force is a push or a pull. When an object moves on a surface, the texture of the surface and the object affect how it moves. It may
	food  Can state that to be healthy we need to eat the right types of food to give us the correct amount of these nutrients	seed dispersal. The leaves use sunlight and water to produce the plant's food. Some plants produce flowers which enable the plant to reproduce. Pollen, which is produced by the male part of the flower, is transferred to the female part of other flowers (pollination).	were formed millions of years ago. When plants and animals died, they fell to the seabed. They became covered and squashed by other material. Over time the dissolving animal and plant matter is replaced by minerals from the water.	our eyes and therefore we should not look directly at the sun and can protect our eyes by wearing sunglasses or sunhats in bright light.	help the object to wit moves. It may help the object to move better or it may hinder its movement e.g. ice skater compared to walking on ice in normal shoes.  A magnet attracts magnetic material. Iron and nickel and other



	Can name some bones that make up their skeleton, giving examples that support, help them move or provide protection  Can describe how muscles and joints help them to move	This forms seeds, sometimes contained in berries or fruits which are then dispersed in different ways. Different plants require different conditions for germination and growth.  Can explain the function of the parts of a flowering plant  Can describe the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation, seed dispersal, and germination  Can give different methods of pollination and seed dispersal, including examples		Shadows are formed on a surface when an opaque or translucent object is between a light source and the surface and blocks some of the light. The size of the shadow depends on the position of the source, object and surface.	materials containing these, e.g. stainless steel, are magnetic. The strongest parts of a magnet are the poles. Magnets have two poles – a north pole and a south pole. If two like poles, e.g. two north poles, are brought together they will push away from each other – repel. If two unlike poles, e.g. a north and south, are brought together they will pull together – attract.
<b>Key Vocabulary</b> (On Knowledge Organiser)	Nutrition, nutrients, carbohydrates, sugars, protein, vitamins, minerals, fibre, fat, water, skeleton, bones, muscles, joints, support, protect, move, skull, ribs, spine	photosynthesis, pollen, insect/wind pollination, male, female, seed formation, seed dispersal (wind dispersal, animal dispersal, water dispersal), air, nutrients, minerals, soil, absorb, transport	rock, stone, pebble, boulder, grain, crystals, layers, hard, soft, texture, absorb water, fossil, bone, flesh, minerals, marble, chalk, granite, sandstone, slate, soil, types of soil (e.g. peaty, sandy, chalk, clay)	light, light source, Sun, sunlight, dangerous	Pull Push Friction Surface Magnet Magnetic field Pole Attract Repel, Compass
Disciplinary Skills & Enquiry Types     Thinking and Investigating like a scientist   Thinking and Investigating like a scientist	Plan a daily diet to contain a good balance of nutrients.  Use food labels to answer enquiry questions e.g. How much fat do different types of pizza contain? How much sugar is in soft drinks?	Observe what happens to plants over time when the leaves or roots are removed.  Observe the effect of putting cut white carnations or celery in coloured water.  Investigate what happens to plants when they are put in different conditions e.g. in darkness, in the cold, deprived of air, different types of soil, different fertilisers, varying amount of space.  Spot flowers, seeds, berries and fruits outside throughout the year.	Observe rocks and soils closely. Devise a test to investigate the hardness of a range of rocks.  Observe how rocks change over time e.g. gravestones or old building.  Devise a test to investigate the water retention of soils.  Observe how soil can be separated through sedimentation.  Research the work of Mary Anning.	Explore how different objects are more or less visible in different levels of lighting.  Explore how objects with different surfaces, e.g. shiny vs matt, are more or less visible.	Classify materials according to whether they are magnetic.  Explore the way that magnets behave in relation to each other.





			Observe seeds being blown from the trees e.g. sycamore seeds			
a	Using equipment and measuring like a scientist	Use food labels to explore the nutritional content of a range of food items.  Investigate patterns asking questions such as: Can people with longer legs run faster?		Devise a test to investigate how much water different rocks absorb.  Devise a test to see in which soil plants thrive most.	Explore how shadows vary as the distance between a light source and an object or surface is changed.	Carry out investigations to explore how objects move on different surfaces e.g. spinning tops/coins, rolling balls/cars, clockwork toys, soles of shoes etc.  Explore what materials are attracted to a magnet.  Use a marked magnet to find the unmarked poles on other types of magnets  Explore how magnets work at a distance e.g. through the table, in water, jumping paper clips up off the table.  Devise an investigation to test the strength of magnets.
i	Presenting information and making links like a scientist	Classify food in a range of ways. Enquiry questions e.g. How much fat do different types of pizza contain? How much sugar is in soft drinks?  Compare, contrast and classify skeletons of different animals.	Classify seeds in a range of ways, including by how they are dispersed. Create a new species of flowering plant.	Classify rocks in a range of ways, based on their appearance. Classify soils in a range of ways based on their appearance.	Choose suitable materials to make shadow puppets.  Create artwork using shadows.	Can use their results to make predictions for further tests e.g. it will spin for longer on this surface than that, but not as long as it spun on that surface  Can use classification evidence to identify that some metals, but not all, are magnetic
6	Learning and explaining like a scientist	Research the parts and functions of the skeleton.  Explore the nutrients contained in fast food.	Research different types of seed dispersal.	Research using secondary sources how fossils are formed.	Explore shadows which are connected to and disconnected from the object e.g. shadows of clouds and children in the playground.  Can clearly explain, giving examples, that objects are not visible in complete darkness	Can use their results to describe how objects move on different surfaces  Through their exploration, they can show how like poles repel and unlike poles attract, and name unmarked poles  Can use test data to rank magnets



Scientific equipment/ techniques used	-Drawing tables -Measuring length using rulers, metre sticks and trundle wheels - reading data accurately (in line with ARES for maths data handling expectations)	-Measuring length using rulers, metre sticks and trundle wheels -Using tools for magnification - Verbalise (or write) an explanation of what they have observed - Clear drawing and labelling of		Can describe and demonstrate how shadows are formed by blocking light  Can describe, demonstrate and make predictions about patterns in how shadows vary  Can describe patterns in visibility of different objects in different lighting conditions and predict which will be more or less visible as conditions change  Torches Puppets Projector screens Light boxes	Can use their results to make predictions for further tests e.g. it will spin for longer on this surface than that, but not as long as it spun on that surface
		diagrams using pencil or computing equipment			Can use classification evidence to identify that some metals, but not all, are magnetic
Experiential Knowledge Our Church Our Community Visits / Places / People	-Visit from a dental hygienist	-Local area walk -Wild walk in the grounds	- Local area walk -Wild walk in the grounds		- Park trip – properties of playground equipment?
Protected Characteristics	S. Quandidady			S. Denkildy	



	Electricity	Animals Including	States of Matter	Sound	Living Things and their
Year 4		Humans			Habitats
	Without electricity, would we survive in the present day?	Is the digestive system the most important human system?	Solids are stronger than liquid or gas	If a sound is inaudible by human ears is it still a sound?	Do the features of amphibians make them the most resilient
Enquiry Question	Which appliance is most important?	Are humans designed to digest all food groups?	Without the water cycle, would Earth survive?	Are percussion instruments always louder than wind instruments?	creatures?
St Thomas' Life Question	Can religion be a conductor in your journey of life?	A rich diet is not merely the food we consume	Noah's Ark	Does God always hear our prayers?	God's creations are all miracles
	Identify common appliances that run on electricity.	Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.	Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases.	Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating.	Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways.
	Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.	Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions.	Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this	Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear.	Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment.
	Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery.	Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.	happens in degrees Celsius (°C).  Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in	Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it.	Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.
	Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in	Food enters the body through the mouth. Digestion starts when the teeth start to break the food down. Saliva is added and the tongue rolls	the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.	Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.	Living things can be grouped (classified) in different ways according to their features.
Substantive Concepts	a simple series circuit.  Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.	the food into a ball. The food is swallowed and passes down the oesophagus to the stomach. Here the food is broken down further by being churned around and other chemicals are added.	A solid keeps its shape and has a fixed volume. A liquid has a fixed volume but changes in shape to fit the container. A liquid can be poured and keeps a level, horizontal surface. A gas fills all	Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.  Sound produces vibrations which travel through a medium from the source to our ears. Different	Classification keys can be used to identify and name living things. Living things live in a habitat which provides an environment to which they are suited (Year 2 learning). These environments may change
	Many household devices and appliances run on electricity. Some plug in to the mains and others run on batteries. An electrical circuit consists of a cell or battery	The food passes into the small intestine. Here nutrients are removed from the food and leave the digestive system to be used elsewhere in the body. The rest of	available space; it has no fixed shape or volume. Granular and powdery solids like sand can be confused with liquids because they can be poured, but when poured	mediums such as solids, liquids and gases can carry sound, but sound cannot travel through a vacuum (an area empty of matter). The vibrations cause parts of our body	naturally e.g. through flooding, fire, earthquakes etc. Humans also cause the environment to change. This can be in a good way (i.e. positive human impact, such as
	connected to a component using wires. If there is a break in the circuit, a loose connection or a short circuit, the component will not work.	the food then passes into the large intestine. Here the water is removed for use elsewhere in the body. What is left is then stored in	they form a heap and they do not keep a level surface when tipped. Each individual grain demonstrates the properties of a solid.	inside our ears to vibrate, allowing us to hear (sense) the sound. The loudness (volume) of the sound depends on the strength	setting up nature reserves) or in a bad way (i.e. negative human impact, such as littering). These environments also change with the
	A switch can be added to the circuit to turn the component on and off.  Metals are good conductors so they can be used as wires in a circuit.  Non-metallic solids are insulators	the rectum until it leaves the body through the anus when you go to the toilet. Humans have four types of teeth: incisors for cutting; canines for	Melting is a state change from solid to liquid. Freezing is a state change from liquid to solid. The freezing point of water is OoC. Boiling is a change of state from liquid to gas	(size) of vibrations which decreases as they travel through the medium. Therefore, sounds decrease in volume as you move away from the source. A sound insulator is a	seasons; different living things can be found in a habitat at different times of the year.



	except for graphite (pencil lead).	tearing; and molars and premolars	that happens when a liquid is	material which blocks sound	
	Water, if not completely pure, also	for grinding (chewing).	heated to a specific temperature	effectively.	
	conducts electricity.	Living things can be classified as	and bubbles of the gas can be seen	Pitch is the highness or lowness of	
		producers, predators and prey	in the liquid. Water boils when it is	a sound and is affected by features	
		according to their place in the food	heated to 100oC. Evaporation is	of objects producing the sounds.	
		chain.	the same state change as boiling	For example, smaller objects	
			(liquid to gas), but it happens	usually produce higher pitched	
			slowly at lower temperatures and	sounds	
			only at the surface of the liquid.		
			Evaporation happens more quickly		
			if the temperature is higher, the		
			liquid is spread out or it is windy.		
			Condensation is the change back		
			from a gas to a liquid caused by		
			cooling.		
			Water at the surface of seas, rivers		
			etc. evaporates into water vapour		
			(a gas). This rises, cools and		
			condenses back into a liquid		
			forming clouds. When too much		
			water has condensed, the water		
			droplets in the cloud get too heavy		
			and fall back down as rain, snow, sleet etc. and drain back into rivers		
			etc. This is known as precipitation.		
			This is the water cycle.		
	Electricity, electrical	Digestive system, digestion, mouth,	solid, liquid, gas, heating, cooling,	Sound, source, vibrate, vibration,	Classification, classification keys,
	appliance/device, mains, plug,	teeth, saliva, oesophagus, stomach,	state change, melting, freezing,	travel, pitch (high, low), volume,	environment, habitat, human
	electrical circuit, complete circuit,	small intestine, nutrients, large	melting point, boiling, boiling point,	faint, loud, insulation	impact, positive, negative, migrate,
	component, cell, battery, positive,	intestine, rectum, anus, teeth,	evaporation, condensation,	Tairit, loud, irisulation	hibernate
	negative, connect/connections,	incisor, canine, molar, premolars,	temperature, water cycle		mbernate
	loose connection, short circuit,	herbivore, carnivore, omnivore,	temperature, water eyere		
Key Vocabulary	crocodile clip, bulb, switch, buzzer,	producer, predator, prey, food			
(On Knowledge Organiser)	motor, conductor, insulator, metal,	chain			
(On Knowledge Organiser)	non-metal, symbol				
	N.B.				
	Children in Year 4 do not need to use				
	standard symbols for electrical				
	components, as this is taught in Year				
	6.				



		Classify the materials that were suitable/not suitable for wires.	Research the function of the parts of the digestive system.	Observe closely and classify a range of solids. Observe closely and	Classify sound sources.	Observe plants and animals in different habitats throughout the
	(4)	·	Explore eating different types of	classify a range of liquids		year.
	Thinking and		food to identify which teeth are being used for cutting, tearing and	Classify materials according to whether they are solids, liquids and		Compare and contrast the living things observed.
	Investigating like		grinding	gases.		J
			Classify animals as herbivores, carnivores or omnivores according to the type of teeth they have in	Observe a range of materials melting e.g. ice, chocolate and butter.		Classify living things found in different habitats based on their features.
			their skulls.			Use fieldwork to explore human
			Use food chains to identify producers, predators and prey	Use secondary sources to find out about the water cycle.		impact on the local environment e.g. litter, tree planting.
			within a habitat.			Use secondary sources to find out about how environments may
			Use secondary sources to identify animals in a habitat and find out			naturally change.
Disciplinary Skills &			what they eat.			Use secondary sources to find out about human impact, both positive and negative, on environments.
Enquiry Types						,
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		Construct a range of circuits.		Can measure temperatures using a thermometer	Explore making sounds with a range of objects, such as musical	
		Explore which materials can be used instead of wires to make a circuit.		Explore making gases visible e.g.	instruments and other household objects.	
		Evalore how to connect a range of		squeezing sponges under water to		
		Explore how to connect a range of different switches and investigate		see bubbles, and showing their effect e.g. using straws to blow	Explore how string telephones or ear gongs work.	
		how they function in different ways.		objects, trees moving in the wind		
		Choose switches to add to circuits to		Investigate how to melt ice more	Explore altering the pitch or volume of objects, such as the	
		solve particular problems, such as a		quickly.	length of a guitar string, amount of	
		pressure switch for a burglar alarm.		Observe the changes when making	water in bottles, size of tuning forks.	
	Using equipment	Apply their knowledge of conductors		rocky road cakes or ice-cream.	TOTAS.	
	and measuring like a scientist	and insulators to design and make			Measure sounds over different	
	like a scientist	different types of switch.		Investigate the melting point of different materials e.g. ice,	distances.	
		Make circuits that can be controlled		margarine, butter and chocolate.	Measure sounds through different	
		as part of a DT project.		Explore freezing different liquids	insulation materials.	
		N.B.		e.g. tomato ketchup, oil, shampoo.		
		Children should be given one				
		component at a time to add to circuits.		Use a thermometer to measure temperatures e.g. icy water		
		Circuits.		temperatures e.g. icy water		



Presenting information and making links like a scientist	Can incorporate a switch into a circuit to turn it on and off  Can connect a range of different switches identifying the parts that are insulators and conductors  Can add a circuit with a switch to a DT project and can demonstrate how it works  Can make electric circuits  Can control a circuit using a switch	Can record the teeth in their mouth (make a dental record)  Can use diagrams or a model to describe the journey of food through the body explaining what happens in each part  Can create food chains based on research	(melting), tap water, hot water, boiling water (demonstration).  Observe water evaporating and condensing e.g. on cups of icy water and hot water.  Set up investigations to explore changing the rate of evaporation e.g. washing, puddles, handprints on paper towels, liquids in containers  Can create a concept map, including arrows linking the key vocabulary  Can give reasons to justify why something is a solid liquid or gas  Can give examples of things that melt/freeze and how their melting points vary  From their observations, can give the melting points of some materials  Can present their learning about the water cycle in a range of ways e.g. diagrams, explanation text,	Can give examples to demonstrate how the pitch of a sound are linked to the features of the object that produced it  Can give examples of how to change the volume of a sound e.g. increase the size of vibrations by hitting or blowing harder  Can give examples to demonstrate that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases  Can demonstrate how to increase or decrease pitch and volume using musical instruments or other	Use classification keys to name unknown living things.  Create a simple identification key based on observable features.  Can keep a careful record of living things found in different habitats throughout the year (diagrams, tally charts etc.)  Can use classification keys to identify unknown plants and animals
(i)	Can name the components in a circuit	Create a model of the digestive system using household objects.	can name properties of solids, liquids and gases	objects  Can use data to identify patterns in pitch and volume  Can name sound sources and state that sounds are produced by the vibration of the object	Can present their learning about changes to the environment in different ways e.g. campaign video,
Learning and explaining like a scientist	Can name some metals that are conductors  Can name materials that are insulators  Can communicate structures of	Can explain the role of the different types of teeth  Can explain how the teeth in animal skulls show they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores	Can give everyday examples of melting and freezing  Can give everyday examples of evaporation and condensation  Can describe the water cycle	Can state that sounds travel through different mediums such as air, water, metal  Can explain what happens when you strike a drum or pluck a string	persuasive letter
	circuits using drawings which show how the components are connected		Using their data, can explain what affects how quickly a solid melts	and use a diagram to show how sounds travel from an object to the ear	



Scientific equipment/ techniques used	Use classification evidence to identify that metals are good conductors and non-metals are insulators  Can give reasons for choice of materials for making different parts of a switch  Can describe how their switch works  Elements for circuits: Wires Cells Switches Buzzers Bulbs Motors  Various materials to explore conduction  Venn diagrams	Classification Exploring models and diagrams	Can explain why there is condensation on the inside the hot water cup but on the outside of the icy water cup  From their data, can explain how to speed up or slow down evaporation  Thermometer Petri Dishes	Can explain how loudness can be reduced by moving further from the sound source or by using a sound insulating medium  Range of instrument Tuning forks Decibel readers	Classification keys Venn Diagrams
Experiential Knowledge Our Church Our Community Visits / Places / People	Classification keys  MoSI trip	MoSI trip		Orchestra? Class wide music lessons from Stockport music service	Explore school grounds/ forest school/ gardens Park trip
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Year 5	Properties and Changes of Materials	Forces	Earth and Space	Lifecycles (Living things and their habitats)	Animals Including Humans
Enquiry Question	Has a dissolved material disappeared?  What happens when a liquid can't dissolve anything else?	Will heavier objects travel to Earth more quickly?  Will less friction equate to more speed?	Does your location on the planet alter the length of your daytime?  Are all planets the same shape?	If creatures stopped pro-creating, would the planet survive?  Are bees the planets most important creature?	How do we learn how to care for one another?
St Thomas' Life Question	When placed in different circumstances do we change? Is this change reversible?	Can religion give us the push we need to accelerate and progress?	Creation – did God create Earth or the whole universe?	Concept of Heaven	Why is a sense of community and belonging essential in human development?
Substantive Concepts	Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets.  Know that 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.  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 and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda.	A force causes an object to start moving, stop moving, speed up, slow down or change direction. Gravity is a force that acts at a distance. Everything is pulled to the Earth by gravity. This causes unsupported objects to fall.  Air resistance, water resistance and friction are contact forces that act between moving surfaces. The object may be moving through the air or water, or the air and water may be moving over a stationary object.  A mechanism is a device that allows a small force to be increased to a larger force. The pay back is that it requires a greater movement. The small force moves a long distance and the resulting large force moves a small distance, e.g. a crowbar or bottle top remover. Pulleys, levers and gears are all mechanisms, also known as simple machines.  Can demonstrate the effect of gravity acting on an unsupported object Can give examples of friction, water resistance	The Sun is a star. It is at the centre of our solar system. There are 8 planets (can choose to name them, but not essential). These travel around the Sun in fixed orbits. Earth takes 365½ days to complete its orbit around the Sun. The Earth rotates (spins) on its axis every 24 hours. As Earth rotates half faces the Sun (day) and half is facing away from the Sun (night). As the Earth rotates, the Sun appears to move across the sky. The Moon orbits the Earth. It takes about 28 days to complete its orbit. The Sun, Earth and Moon are approximately spherical.  Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system.  Describe the movement of the Earth.  Describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies.  Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky.	Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.  Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.  As part of their life cycle, plants and animals reproduce. Most animals reproduce sexually. This involves two parents where the sperm from the male fertilises the female egg. Animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. In humans and some animals, these offspring will be born live, such as babies or kittens, and then grow into adults. In other animals, such as chickens or snakes, there may be eggs laid that hatch to young which then grow to adults. Some young undergo a further change before becoming adults e.g. caterpillars to butterflies. This is called a metamorphosis.  Plants reproduce both sexually and asexually. Bulbs, tubers, runners and plantlets are examples of asexual plant reproduction which involves only one parent.  Gardeners may force plants to reproduce asexually by taking cuttings. Sexual reproduction	When babies are young, they grow rapidly. They are very dependent on their parents. As they develop, they learn many skills. At puberty, a child's body changes and develops primary and secondary sexual characteristics. This enables the adult to reproduce. This needs to be taught alongside PSHE. The new statutory requirements for relationships and health education can be found below:  Statutory guidance on Physical health and mental wellbeing (primary and secondary).  Other useful guidance includes: Joint briefing on teaching about puberty in KS2 from PHSE Association and Association for Science Education  Briefing on human's development and reproduction in the Primary Curriculum from PHSE Association and Association for Science Education.



	Materials have different uses depending on their properties and state (liquid, solid, gas). Properties include hardness, transparency, electrical and thermal conductivity and attraction to magnets. Some materials will dissolve in a liquid and form a solution while others are insoluble and form sediment.  Mixtures can be separated by filtering, sieving and evaporation.  Some changes to materials such as dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible, but some changes such as burning wood, rusting and mixing vinegar with bicarbonate of soda result in the formation of new materials and these are not reversible.  Can use understanding of properties to explain everyday uses of materials, for example, how bricks, wood, glass and metals are used in buildings  Can explain what dissolving means, giving examples  Can name equipment used for filtering and sieving  Can use knowledge of liquids, gases and solids to suggest how materials can be recovered from solutions or mixtures by evaporation, filtering or sieving  Can describe some simple reversible and non-reversible changes to materials, giving examples	Can give examples of when it is beneficial to have high or low friction, water resistance and air resistance		occurs through pollination, usually involving wind or insects.	
<b>Key Vocabulary</b> (On Knowledge Organiser)	Thermal/electrical insulator/conductor, change of state, mixture, dissolve, solution, soluble, insoluble, filter, sieve, reversible/non-reversible change, burning, rusting, new material	Force, gravity, Earth, air resistance, water resistance, friction, mechanisms, simple machines, levers, pulleys, gears	Sun, Moon, Earth, planets (Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn, Venus, Mars, Uranus, Neptune), spherical, Solar System, rotate, star, orbit	life cycle, reproduce, sexual, fertilises, asexual, plantlets, runners, tubers, bulbs, cuttings	Puberty – the vocabulary to describe sexual characteristics



Disciplinary Skills & Enquiry Types	Thinking and Investigating like a scientist	Investigate the properties of different materials in order to recommend materials for particular functions depending on these properties e.g. test waterproofness and thermal insulation to identify a suitable fabric for a coat.  Explore adding a range of solids to water and other liquids e.g. cooking oil, as appropriate.  Separate mixtures by sieving, filtering and evaporation, choosing the most suitable method and equipment for each mixture.  Explore a range of non-reversible changes e.g. rusting, adding fizzy tablets to water, burning  Can group solids based on their observations when mixing them with water	Investigate the effect of friction in a range of contexts e.g. trainers, bathmats, mats for a helter-skelter.  Investigate the effects of water resistance in a range of contexts e.g. dropping shapes through water and pulling shapes, such as boats, along the surface of water.  Investigate the effects of air resistance in a range of contexts e.g. parachutes, spinners, sails on boats.	Make first-hand observations of how shadows caused by the Sun change through the day.	Use secondary sources and, where possible, first-hand observations to find out about the life cycle of a range of animals.  Compare the gestation times for mammals and look for patterns e.g. in relation to size of animal or length of dependency after birth.  Use secondary sources to find out about pollination.	This unit is likely to be taught through direct instruction due to its sensitive nature, although children can carry out a research enquiry by asking an expert e.g. school nurse to provide answers to questions that have been filtered by the teacher  Can present information about the changes occurring during puberty as an information leaflet for other Y5 children or answers to 'problem page questions
	Using equipment and measuring like a scientist	Explore adding a range of solids to water and other liquids e.g. cooking oil, as appropriate.  Separate mixtures by sieving, filtering and evaporation, choosing the most suitable method and equipment for each mixture.  Explore a range of non-reversible changes e.g. rusting, adding fizzy tablets to water, burning.  Can give reasons for choice of equipment and methods to separate a given solution or mixture such as salt or sand in water  Investigate rates of dissolving by carrying out comparative and fair test.	Explore how levers, pulleys and gears work.  Make a product that involves a lever, pulley or gear.  Create a timer that uses gravity to move a ball.  Can explain the results of their investigations in terms of the force, showing a good understanding that	Can explain how a sundial works  Make first-hand observations of how shadows caused by the Sun change through the day.  Can create a voice over for a video clip or animation	Grow and observe plants that reproduce asexually e.g. strawberries, spider plants, potatoes.  Take cuttings from a range of plants e.g. African violet, mint.  Plant bulbs and then harvest to see how they multiply.  Dissect a flowering plant and observe the key components.	
	Presenting information and making links like a scientist	Carry out comparative and fair tests involving non-reversible changes e.g. What affects the rate of rusting?	as the object tries to move through the water or air or across the surface the particles in the water, air or on the surface slow it down	Can show, using diagrams, the movement of the Earth and Moon  Can explain evidence gathered about the position of shadows in		



	Learning and explaining like a scientist	What affects the amount of gas produced?  Can create a chart or table grouping/comparing everyday materials by different properties Investigate rates of dissolving by carrying out comparative and fair tests.  Carry out comparative and fair tests involving non-reversible changes e.g. What affects the rate of rusting? What affects the amount of gas produced?  Research new materials produced by chemists e.g. Spencer Silver (glue of sticky notes) and Ruth Benerito (wrinkle free cotton).  Can use test evidence gathered about different properties to suggest an appropriate material for a particular purpose  Can explain the results from their	Can demonstrate clearly the effects of using levers, pulleys and gears  Research how the work of scientists such as Galileo Galilei and Isaac Newton helped to develop the theory of gravitation.	term of the movement of the Earth and show this using a model  Can explain verbally, using a model, why we have time zones  Can explain the movement of the Earth and Moon  Can explain what causes day and night  Can use the model to explain how the Earth moves in relation to the Sun and the Moon moves in relation to the Earth  Can demonstrate and explain verbally how day and night occur  Can describe the arguments and evidence used by scientists in the past  Research time zones.	Look for patterns between the size of an animal and its expected life span.	
Scientific equ techniques Experiential Kr Our Chur	nowledge	investigations  Heat sources Sieves Measuring equipment Water sources Various liquids Goggles Lab coats  Community room – cooking	Newton meters Friction ramps Motors Cells  Outdoor learning areas – parachute drops/ aeroplane testing etc	Light boxes Puppets Projectors/ screens  Planetarium visit?	Dissecting equipment Seeds and plants Gardening equipment Soil  Stick insects? Observe from baby to adult	See PSHE guidance
Visits / Places , Protected Char						All



Year 6	Animals Including Humans 'The Circulatory System'	Evolution and Inheritance 'Charles Darwin and his Discoveries'	Living Things and their Habitats	Electricity	Light
Enquiry Question	Is the heart the most important organ?  Which of the human 'systems' is most vital?	Would evolution have happened without key, catastrophic weather events on planet Earth?  Did the whale evolve from a land mammal?	Could plants and animals ever be classified into the same broad group?	More battery power will increase the brightness of the bulb  More bulbs within a circuit will dilute the brightness	Light cannot bend
St Thomas' Life Question	Is the heart simply a biological organ required to keep us alive?	How do we evolve throughout our own lifetime?	Are we able to classify people by faith and beliefs or do the similarities outweigh the differences?	How can religion provide power to our life journey?	What alters the light within us?
Substantive Concepts	Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function. Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans. The heart pumps blood in the blood vessels around to the lungs. Oxygen goes into the blood and carbon dioxide is removed. The blood goes back to the heart and is then pumped around the body. Nutrients, water and oxygen are transported in the blood to the muscles and other parts of the body where they are needed. As they are used, they produce carbon dioxide and other waste products. Carbon dioxide is carried by the blood back to the heart and then the cycle starts again as it is transported back to the lungs to be removed from the body. This is the human circulatory system. Diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle have an impact on the way our bodies function. They can affect how well out heart and lungs work, how likely we are to suffer from conditions such as diabetes, how	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. All living things have offspring of the same kind, as features in the offspring are inherited from the parents. Due to sexual reproduction, the offspring are not identical to their parents and vary from each other. Plants and animals have characteristics that make them suited (adapted) to their environment. If the environment changes rapidly, some variations of a species may not suit the new environment and will die. If the environment changes slowly, animals and plants with variations that are best suited survive in greater numbers to reproduce and	Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals.     Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.  Living things can be formally grouped according to characteristics. Plants and animals are two main groups but there are other livings things that do not fit into these groups e.g. microorganisms such as bacteria and yeast, and toadstools and mushrooms. Plants can make their own food whereas animals cannot. Animals can be divided into two main groups: those that have backbones (vertebrates); and those that do not (invertebrates). Vertebrates can be divided into five small groups: fish; amphibians; reptiles; birds; and mammals. Each group has common characteristics. Invertebrates can be divided into a number of groups, including insects, spiders, snails and worms.	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. Adding more cells to a complete circuit will make a bulb brighter, a motor spin faster or a buzzer make a louder sound. If you use a battery with a higher voltage, the same thing happens. Adding more bulbs to a circuit will make each bulb less bright. Using more motors or buzzers, each motor will spin more slowly and each buzzer will be quieter. Turning a switch off (open) breaks a circuit so the circuit is not complete and electricity cannot flow. Any bulbs, motors or buzzers will then turn off as well. You can use recognised circuit symbols to draw simple circuit diagrams.  Can make electric circuits and demonstrate how variation in the	Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines.  Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye.  Explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes.  Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.  Light appears to travel in straight lines, and we see objects when light from them goes into our eyes.  The light may come directly from light sources, but for other objects some light must be reflected from the object into our eyes for the object to be seen.  Objects that block light (are not fully transparent) will cause shadows. Because light travels in straight lines the shape of the shadow will be the same as the outline shape of the object.  Can describe, with diagrams or models as appropriate, how light travels in straight lines traight lines either from



		clearly we think, and generally how fit and well we feel. Some conditions are caused by deficiencies in our diet e.g. lack of vitamins. This content is also included	pass their characteristics on to their young. Over time, these inherited	Plants can be divided broadly into two main groups: flowering plants; and non-flowering plants.	working of particular components, such as the brightness of bulbs, can be changed by increasing or decreasing the number of cells or using cells of different voltages  • Can draw circuit diagrams of a range of simple series circuits using recognised symbols  •	sources or reflected from other objects into our eyes  • Can describe, with diagrams or models as appropriate, how light travels in straight lines past translucent or opaque objects to form a shadow of the same shape
<b>Key Vocabula</b> (On Knowledge Org	•	Heart, pulse, rate, pumps, blood, blood vessels, transported, lungs, oxygen, carbon dioxide, nutrients, water, muscles, cycle, circulatory system, diet, exercise, drugs, lifestyle	offspring, sexual reproduction, vary, characteristics, suited, adapted, environment, inherited, species, fossils, evolve, evolution	vertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, invertebrates, warm-blooded, cold-blooded, insects, spiders, snails, worms, flowering, non-flowering, mosses, ferns, conifers	Circuit, complete circuit, circuit diagram, circuit symbol, cell, battery, bulb, buzzer, motor, switch, voltage  N.B.  Children do not need to understand what voltage is, but will use volts and voltage to describe different batteries. The words "cells" and "batteries" are now used interchangeably.	As for Year 3 - Light, plus straight lines, light rays
Inv	ninking and vestigating like scientist	Carry out a range of pulse rate investigations:  Pattern seeking – exploring recovery rate for different groups of people.  Research the negative effects of drugs (e.g. tobacco) and the benefits of a healthy diet and regular exercise by asking an expert or using carefully selected secondary sources.	Design a new plant or animal to live in a particular habitat.  Use secondary sources to find out about how the population of peppered moths changed during the industrial revolution.  Make observations of fossils to identify living things that lived on Earth millions of years ago.  Identify features in animals and plants that are passed on to offspring and explore this process by considering the artificial breeding of animals or plants e.g. dogs.  Compare the ideas of Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace on evolution.  Research the work of Mary Anning and how this provided evidence of evolution.	Use secondary sources to learn about the formal classification system devised by Carl Linnaeus and why it is important.  Use first-hand observation to identify characteristics shared by the animals in a group.  Use secondary sources to research the characteristics of animals that belong to a group.  Create an imaginary animal which has features from one or more groups.	Can devise ways to measure brightness of bulbs, speed of motors, volume of a buzzer during a fair test	



Using equipment and measuring like a scientist	Fair/ comparative test – effect of different activities on my pulse rate pattern seeking exploring which groups of people may have higher or lower resting pulse rates observation over time - how long does it take my pulse rate to return to my resting pulse rate (recovery rate)		Classify plants and animals, presenting this in a range of ways e.g. Venn diagrams, Carroll diagrams and keys.  Can use classification materials to identify unknown plants and animals  Can create classification keys for plants and animals	Make circuits to solve particular problems, such as a quiet and a loud burglar alarm.  Carry out fair tests exploring changes in circuits.  Make circuits that can be controlled as part of a DT project. Can incorporate a switch into a circuit to turn it on and off  Can change cells and components in a circuit to achieve a specific effect	Explore different ways to demonstrate that light travels in straight lines e.g. shining a torch down a bent and straight hose pipe, shining a torch through different shaped holes in card.  Explore the uses of the behaviour of light, reflection and shadows, such as in periscope design, rear view mirrors and shadow puppets
Presenting information and making links like a scientist	Create a role play model for the circulatory system. Use the role play model to explain the main parts of the circulatory system and their role  Present information e.g. in a health leaflet describing impact of drugs and lifestyle on the body  Can draw a diagram of the circulatory system and label the parts and annotate it to show what the parts do	Can give examples of how plants and animals are suited to an environment  Can give examples of how an animal or plant has evolved over time e.g. penguin, peppered moth  Use models to demonstrate evolution e.g. 'Darwin's finches' bird beak activity.	Use information about the characteristics of an unknown animal or plant to assign it to a group.	Can communicate structures of circuits using circuit diagrams with recognised symbols  Can predict results and answer questions by drawing on evidence gathered	Can predict and explain, with diagrams or models as appropriate, how the path of light rays can be directed by reflection to be seen, e.g. the reflection in car rear view mirrors or in a periscope  Can predict and explain, with diagrams or models as appropriate, how the shape of shadows can be varied
Learning and explaining like a scientist	Can use subject knowledge about the heart whilst writing conclusions for investigations  Can explain both the positive and negative effects of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the body  Produces a piece of writing that demonstrates the key knowledge e.g. explanation text, job description of the heart	Can explain the process of evolution	Can give a number of characteristics that explain why an animal belongs to a particular group	Explain how a circuit operates to achieve particular operations, such as to control the light from a torch with different brightness's or make a motor go faster or slower.	Can explain how evidence from enquiries shows that light travels in straight lines



Scientific equipment/ techniques used	Pulse rate monitor Stop Watch Graphs and Charts	Sketches/ notation	Classification Keys Venn diagrams Charts/ graphs	Circuit components Wires Bulbs Cells Switches Motors	Mirrors Glass Prisms Torches Periscopes
Experiential Knowledge Our Church Our Community Visits / Places / People	Visit from A&E consultant?	Evolution workshop	School outdoor areas – forest school/ gardens Local environment walk		
Protected Characteristics					