



Curriculum – Science

National Curriculum Knowledge and Skills

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Features

At both key stages the knowledge progression takes full account of the national curriculum's strands of:

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Working scientifically

Skills are dependent on specific knowledge. A skill is the capacity to perform and in order to perform a deep body of knowledge needs to be acquired and retained.

The working scientifically part does not conform with the knowledge-rich system as it is checking on pupils' ability to, amongst other things, carry out research, ask questions and carry out tests. The working scientifically statements should be assessed as an on-going feature of the science lessons, whilst the scientific knowledge should be assessed away from the point of teaching.

St Nicholas SCIENCE Experience

In addition to the National Curriculum knowledge and skills, at St. Nicholas at Wade Primary School, we want to enrich the curriculum with additional scientific experiences within our locality. These additional experiences will include:

- Visiting local beaches, allotments, farmlands/farmers
- Trips to Monkton Nature Reserve, Planet Earth and the Powell Cotton Museum
- Visits from real life scientists from the STEM hub / parents or family members
- Taking part in the Science Jamboree
- Learning about inspirational male and female scientists
- Outdoor learning experiences from Anna Outdoors
- Taking part in STEM days / weeks
- Finding out about different types of flowers – start in nurseries and grow their own in school
- Visit Dreamland as part of science units on forces
- Learning about bees and their important role in the ecosystem

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- Using own school grounds on a regular basis: pond, bug hotels, allotment area, tree and bush lines etc.
- Science ambassadors

Knowledge and Skills Progression in Computing – Reception Development Matters Statements

- Compare length, weight and capacity. (M)
- Explore the natural world around them. (UW)
- Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. (UW)
- Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live. (UW)
- Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them. (UW)

Early Learning Goals feeding into National Curriculum – Computing

- Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. (UW)
- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter. (UW)
- Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding. (CAL)
- Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers. (CAL)
- Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary. (CAL)
- Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate. (CAL)

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	Biology		Chemistry		Physics	
Year 1	Animals including humans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals • identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores • describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets) • identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. 	Everyday Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	Seasonal Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • observe changes across the four seasons • observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.

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	Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees• identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties	
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Year 2	Biology	Chemistry		Physics		
	All living things and their habitats	Everyday Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Light	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	

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		other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food				
	Animals including humans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene. 	Rocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Forces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
	Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy 				

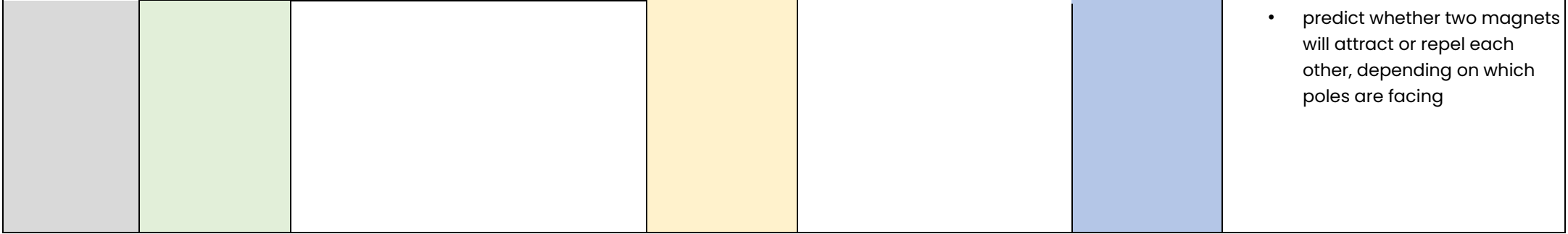
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Key Stage 2 Years 3 & 4	<p>During years 3 and 4, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their finding 					
	Biology		Chemistry		Physics	
Year 3	Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Rocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Light	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

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		pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.				
	Animals Including Humans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 			Forces and Magnets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> compare how things move on different surfaces notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing. 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

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	Biology		Chemistry		Physics	
Year 4	All living thing and their habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways • explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment • recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. 	States of matter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases • observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C) • identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of 	Electricity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify common appliances that run on electricity • construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers • 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 • recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit

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				evaporation with temperature		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.
	Animals including humans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey 			Sound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.

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Year 5	Biology		Chemistry		Physics	
	All living thing and their habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Properties and Changes in Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Electricity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system describe the movement of the Moon relative to 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.

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				<p>recover a substance from a solution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 		
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				associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda.		
	Animals including humans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe the changes as humans develop to old age. 			Forces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

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	Year 6	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Light	
	All living thing and their habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	

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	<p>Animals including humans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 			<p>Electricity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
	<p>Evolution and Inheritance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 				

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