

Science Curriculum Key Vocabulary Progression Chart

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Working Scientifically	Working Scientifically	Working Scientifically	Working Scientifically	Working Scientifically	Working Scientifically
question, answer, explore,	As Yr. 1 plus:	As Yr. 2, plus:	As Yr. 3, plus:	As Yr. 4, plus:	As Yr. 5, plus:
observe, observing,	chart, tally, table, pictogram,	scientific, enquiry, oral and	increase, decrease, accurate,	plan, variables (independent,	causal relationships, degree of
equipment, identify, sort,	block diagram / graph, gather,	written explanations,	appearance	dependent, controlled),	trust
group, compare, differences,	order, patterns,	conclusion, predictions, criteria,		measurements, accuracy, precise,	
similar, similarities, describe,	comparatives – hotter/ cooler,	classify, changes, data, contrast,		repeat readings, predictions,	
measurements, collect, test,	older / younger etc.	evidence, improve, secondary		further comparative and fair test,	
results, secondary sources		sources, guides, keys, construct,		identify, classify and describe,	
record – diagram, chart		interpret research – relevant		patterns, systematic, quantitative	
		question		measurements, fact, opinion,	
		equipment - thermometer,		report data – scientific diagrams,	
		microscope, magnifying glass		labels, classification keys, tables,	
		data – gather, standard units,		scatter graphs, bar graph and line	
		record, classify, present, fair test		graphs	
		record – drawings, labelled		report and present – conclusions,	
		diagrams, keys, bar charts, tables		casual relationships, explanations,	
		diagrams, keys, but enarts, tubies		degree of trust, oral and written	
				display and presentation	
				evidence – support, refute, ideas	
				or arguments	
				subjects - biology, physics,	
				chemistry	
Animals including humans	Animals including humans	Animals including humans	Animals including humans	Animals including humans	
ish, birds, insects, mammals,	survival, water, air, food,	skeleton, muscles, support,	mouth, tongue, teeth,	reproduction – sexual, asexual	
eptiles, amphibians, carnivores,	reproduce, offspring, grow,	protection, movement, brain,	oesophagus, stomach, small	germination, pollination, birth,	
neat-eaters, herbivores, plant	adult, young, baby, kitten, calf,	blood vessels, heart, bones, skull,	intestine, large intestine,	fertilisation, menstrual cycle,	
eeders, omnivores, habitat, wild	puppy, food chain, prey,	ribs, spine/backbone, joints,	nutrients, absorb, canine,	puberty, eggs, live young, egg	
nimals, pets, senses,	predator, camouflage,	sockets,	incisor, molar, producer,	cell	
near/hearing, see/seeing,	protection, senses, balanced	tendons, vertebrates,	consumer, apex predator	embryo, ovary, placenta, penis,	
mell/smelling, touch/touching,	diet, exercise, hygiene,	invertebrates		testes, vagina, uterus, function	
aste/tasting, body parts, mouth,	healthy/unhealthy, infection	Food Chains and webs		circulatory system, blood,	
ead, body, neck, arms,		food chain, food web, sources of		clotting, plasma, oxygenated,	
yebrows eyelashes, legs,		food, survive, nutrients, nutrition,		deoxygenated	
lbows, wrists, chest, knees,		energy, plant, producer, animals,		blood vessels, capillaries,	
inkle, foot, face, eyes, ears,		herbivore, prey, carnivore,		arteries, veins, lungs, bronchi,	
ose, teeth, wing, claw, tail,		predator, apex predator,		wind pipe, diaphragm	
eak, fur, feather, fins, scales		consumer, omnivore		heart - ventricles, aorta, valve,	
		habitats - pond, woodland		rate	
		Nutrition		pulmonary vein/artery, red	
		needs, survive, growth, water,		blood cells, white blood cells,	
		food, nutrition, nutrients, dietary		oxygen,	
		fibre, carbohydrate, protein,		carbon dioxide, lifestyle, diet,	
		vitamins, minerals, fat, intake,		clotting, plasma	
		absorb, balanced diet, exercise,			
		healthy, unhealthy			

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Living things & their habitats	Plants	Plants	Living things & their habitats		Living things & their habitats
alive, living, non-living, dead,	Names of: garden plants/wild	air, water, part, role, temperature,	classification, classification keys,		characteristic, trait, organism,
move, grow, feed, breathe,	plants/flowering plants/	absorb, soil, well-drained,	environment, habitat, fish,		vertebrate, invertebrate,
needs, water, shelter, heat,	trees/vegetables	fertiliser, nutrients, life cycle,	reptiles, insects, amphibians,		micro-organism/microbes –
habitat, microhabitat,		reproduction,	mammals, birds, humans		bacteria, fungus
conditions, woodland, meadow,	leaf/leaves, flower, blossom,	transport/transportation,	vertebrates - mammals,		names of invertebrates -
hedgerow, pond, habitat,	petal, fruit, berry, root, bulb,	pollination, seed formation, seed	reptiles		arachnid, mollusc, insect and
adapt/adaptations, food chain,	seed, tree, deciduous,	dispersal	invertebrates - insects,		crustacean
carnivore, herbivore, omnivore	evergreen/coniferous, trunk,		arachnids		habitats, ecosystem
	branch, stem, stalk, reproduce,		human impact		
	germinate, growth, seedling,		plant groups - trees, grasses,		
	shoot, fully grown, growth,		flowering and non-flowering		
	healthy, lifecycle, wither/die,		plants		
	soil, earth, water, light, hot/cold,				
	temperature, nutrients				
					Evolution & Inheritance
					adaptation, change, evolution,
					features, characteristic, trait,
					reproduction, genetics, genes,
					DNA, chromosomes, inheritance
					survival, environment, habitat,
					conditions, fossils, natural
					selection, variation, competition
Everyday materials			States of matter	Properties and changes to	
and their uses				materials	
			air, oxygen, powder,	dissolve, solution, solute,	
object, material, wood, paper,			grain/granular, state, solid,	solvent, soluble, insoluble,	
plastic, glass, metal, rock, solid,			liquid, gas, gaseous, changes of	solubility, mixture, suspension,	
liquid, gas, water, rough,			state, particles, water vapour,	filter, evaporate, sieve,	
smooth, bright/shiny, dull/dim,			water cycle, heating/cooling,	reversible change, irreversible	
property, absorbent,			temperature, degree Celsius,	change, new material, electrical	
waterproof, bendy, stiff, soft,			melt, freeze, boil, evaporation,	conductivity, thermal	
hard, squashing, squash, bend,			· ·	conductivity, buoyancy, burning,	
flexible, twist, stretch, push,			condensation, energy transfer	rusting, gas release	
pull, roll, slide, bounce, see				, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
through, transparent, opaque					
names of common materials -					
cotton, wool, fabric, elastic, foil					
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			Rocks rock, stone, pebble, boulder, absorbent, let water through/permeable, soil, organic matter, sediment, fossil, grains, crystals, layers, texture, crumble, magma, pressure, gas bubbles Names of properties - hard, soft, smooth Names of common rocks/soil types - marble, chalk, clay, canditana numica		
	Seasonal change season – autumn, winter, spring, summer days, hours, months, year, day/night, light, dark, shadow, sun, moon, movement weather - rain, windy, sunny		sandstone, pumice	Earth & Space Earth, planets, sun, star, constellation, moon celestial body, sphere/spherical rotation, spin, phases of moon, axis of rotation, night/day solar system – Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune time zones, orbit, elliptical orbit revolve, sundials, asteroids, comets, meteors, galaxy, light years	
		Forces & magnets force, gravity, push/pull, direction of force, air resistance, streamlined, float/sink, friction, contact, surface, force-meter, magnet, magnetic force, strength, attract, repel, poles - north, south, magnet - bar, ring, button, horse-shoe names of common magnetic and non-magnetic materials		Forces friction, gravity, drag forces, air resistance, water resistance, mechanisms, lever, gears, pulleys, springs, Newtons, transference	
			Electricity electricity, appliance, device, battery power, mains power, circuit - complete/incomplete, circuit symbol, component, series cell, battery, positive, negative, wire, bulb, buzzer, switch, conductor, insulator, plug, socket		Electricity circuit diagrams, circuit symbol, cell, battery, wire, bulb, switch, buzzer, motor, connection circuit - closed, open positive, negative, series circuit, terminal, current, resistance, voltage/volts, amps

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		Light light - source, beam, sunlight, direction, names of light sources - torch, ceiling light etc., dark/darkness, reflect, reflective, mirror, shadow, block/absorb, transparent, opaque, translucent, bright, dim			Light reflect/reflective, shadow, absorption, transmission, lenses, optics, prism, rainbow, reflection, refraction, spectrum
			Sound sound, sound source, noise, ear, hearing, vibrate/vibration, travel, sound wave, pitch, tone, volume, loud/quiet, tune, high/low, echo, tuning fork, insulation, conduction, instrument, percussion, string, brass, woodwind		