

SCIENCE CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Year 1	Seasons and Weather	Plants	Conservation	Materials	Animals, including humans
	How much rainfall is there in this month (observing over time)	Do the tallest trees have the biggest leaves? (pattern seeking) How can we identify the trees that we observed on our tree hunt? (identifying and classifying)	How does littering affect animals? (research)	Which material is the most common in the classroom? (identifying and classifying) Which is the best brand kitchen towel for absorbing water? (fair testing)	How many of each type of animal are there (identifying and classifying)
Year 2	Seasons and Weather	Conservation	Living things and their	Materials	Plants
	What happens to our bodies How can we conserve	How can we conserve	habitats	Which colour is the least	What are the best
	when we exercise? (pattern seeking)	energy at home and at school? (research)	Which of these shows things that are alive were once	translucent? (fair testing)	conditions to grow a seed? (fair testing)
	How do germs spread?		alive and have never been		How does my seed/bean
	(observing over time)		alive? (identifying and classifying)		change as it grows? (observing over time)

Year 3	Animals, including humans	Light	Forces and Magnets	Plants	Rocks
	Do all bones have the same function? (research: identify and classify)	Which of these are light sources? (identifying and classifying)	How do objects move on different surfaces? (fair testing)	How is water transported through a plant? (observing over time)	Can we identify different rocks using the identification key? (identifying and
	What nutrients do humans need and how do they get them? (research)	Are shadows larger when the object obstructing the light is closer to the light source? (fair testing)	Which materials are magnetic? (identifying and classifying)	Flying hig together	classifying How does adding different amounts of sand to soil affect the speed in which water passes through it? (fair testing)
Year 4	Living things and their habitats	Animals, including humans	States of matter	Electricity	Sound
		Do different liquids affect teeth differently? (fair testing)	Which materials change state when they're heated? (identifying and classifying) How does heat impact the rate of evaporation? (fair testing)	Which materials are conductors of electricity? (identifying and classifying; fair testing) Does the length of a wire affect the brightness of a bulb? (fair testing)	How does the size of a column of air of a straw impact the pitch of the sound? (fair testing)
	Which of these animals are				
	vertebrates and which are invertebrates? (identifying and classifying)				
	What impact can humans have on the environment? (research)				
Year 5	Living things and their habitats	Animals, including humans	Properties and changes of	Earth and Space	Forces
		Do larger animals have	materials	How did moon landings	Can the size of a parachute
	How can we classify living things based on their characteristics? (identifying and classifying)	longer gestation periods?	How does the temperature	contribute to life on Earth?	affect the speed in which it
		(pattern seeking)	of tea affect how long it	(research)	falls? (fair testing)
		How does a baby grow? (research)	takes for a sugar cube to dissolve? (fair testing)	How do shadows change throughout the day? (observing over time)	What impact does the shape of a small boat have on water resistance? (fair testing)
			How much salt can be		
			dissolved into 100ml of water? (fair testing)		

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Year 6	Living things and their habitat				
	What are the similarities and differences of microorganisms? (research)				
	What are the similarities and				

microorganisms? (research)
What are the similarities and
differences between
different mammals?
(research/identifying and
classifying)

Animals, including humans How does the heart work?

(research)

How does your heart rate change through the day?
(observing over time)

Evolution and inheritance

How did Darwin's finches evolve in order to survive? (fair test for modelling) What different fossils are

What different fossils are there? (identifying and classifying)

Light

Does the angle of a light source affect the shape of the shadow? (fair testing)

How does the brain recognize how we can see? (research)

Electricity

How does the voltage of cells affect the brightness of a bulb? (fair testing)

How does the brightness of a bulb vary depending on the amount of resistance in the circuit? (fair testing)

