

Hazel Slade Primary Academy



Science Policy

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1. Rationale

Science teaches an understanding of natural phenomena. It aims to stimulate a child's curiosity in finding out why things happen in the way they do. It teaches methods of enquiry and investigation to stimulate creative thought. Children learn to ask scientific questions and begin to appreciate the way science will affect their future on a personal, national, and global level.

2. Principles for the Teaching and Learning of Science

At Hazel Slade Primary Academy we know that amazing Science teaching and learning occurs when:

- Children are engaged and eager to learn.
- All children develop skills and understanding progressively across school.
- Children are prepared to "have a go" and learn from their mistakes.
- Teaching encourages children to be engaged in the 'awe and wonder' of the scientific world.
- Children are encouraged to become scientists and are able to explore science inside and outside of the class environment.
- Children know how well they are doing in their science learning and know how to get better.
- The curriculum gives opportunities that nurture curiosity and imagination.
- The majority of children make at least good progress in science compared with their starting points.
- Basic skills e.g. speaking and listening, mathematics, literacy and ICT skills are applied with real purpose in science learning.
- Children learn to identify hazards and reduce them to lower the risk so that themselves and others can learn more safely.

3. Organisation and Methodology

There is a whole school approach to planning and assessment, based on the National Curriculum. We believe science encompasses the acquisition of knowledge, concepts, skills and positive attitudes. Through the Programmes of Study in the Science National Curriculum, children will acquire and develop these skills throughout their Primary years. We believe that science promotes communication in a specific and precise language involving mathematical and logical thinking. It allows children to develop ways of finding out for themselves and gives them practice in problem solving. In science, pupils are encouraged to be open-minded and to try and make sense of what they see and find out.

4. Programmes of Study

Provision is made for different ages and levels of ability. Children are given opportunities to:

- Take increasing responsibility for their work.
- Work independently and in groups.
- Be involved in tasks of varying duration.
- Undertake teacher directed and child initiated tasks. Children undertake a range of activities designed to enhance their scientific knowledge and understanding including
- Planning experimental work, obtaining, considering and presenting evidence. Scientific enquiry should include: observations over time; pattern seeking; identifying, classifying and grouping; comparative and fair testing and research using secondary sources.
- Using Computing where appropriate.
- Evaluating their work.

- Taking part in investigative activities both in the local and wider environment.
- Undertaking trips and visits where appropriate.

All children, regardless of race or gender, will have equal opportunities to participate in all activities. Positive attempts will be made to develop and use a wide range of resources and activities, which reflect the interests, and cultural background of all pupils. Appropriate provision will be made for children with special educational needs. Individual staff expertise and skills will be utilised to the benefit of both children and staff. Careful monitoring and evaluation of policy will be undertaken to ensure maximum effectiveness. The help of parents and other interested people will be encouraged and used where appropriate.

5. Content

Statutory requirements are laid down in the Science National Curriculum, For KS1 there is one 2-year planning cycle, and in KS2, there are two 2-year planning cycles – Lower KS2 and Upper KS2.

During the KS1 2-year cycle, Year 1 key concepts in the areas of PLANTS, ANIMALS INCLUDING HUMANS, EVERYDAY MATERIALS and SEASONAL CHANGES are covered, along with Year 2 key concepts in the areas of PLANTS, ANIMALS INCLUDING HUMANS, USES OF EVERYDAY MATERIALS and LIVING THINGS AND THEIR HABITATS.

During the Lower KS2 2-year cycle, Year 3 key concepts in the areas of PLANTS, ANIMALS INCLUDING HUMANS, ROCKS, LIGHT and FORCES AND MAGNETS are covered, along with Year 4 key concepts in the areas of ANIMALS INCLUDING HUMANS, LIVING THINGS AND THEIR HABITATS, STATES OF MATTER, SOUND and ELECTRICITY.

During the Upper KS2 2-year cycle, Year 5 key concepts in the areas of ANIMALS INCLUDING HUMANS, LIVING THINGS AND THEIR HABITATS, PROPERTIES AND CHANGES OF MATERIALS, EARTH AND SPACE and FORCES are covered, along with Year 5 key concepts in the areas of ANIMALS INCLUDING HUMANS, LIVING THINGS AND THEIR HABITATS, EVOLUTION AND INHERITANCE, LIGHT and ELECTRICITY.

Working Scientifically is embedded within the above content. For each science topic covered, planning covers:

- Working Scientifically skills
- Topic related key concepts
- Links with other areas of the curriculum
- Vocabulary to be developed
- Resources required to deliver the work
- Teaching activities
- Health and safety points and risk assessments

6. Foundation Stage

We teach Science in the Reception class as an integral part of the topic work covered during the year. As the reception class is part of the Foundation Stage of the National Curriculum, we relate the scientific aspects of the children's work to the objectives set out in the Early Learning Goals (ELGs), which underpin the curriculum planning for children aged three to five. Science makes a significant contribution to the objective in the ELGs of developing a child's knowledge and understanding of the world, e.g. through investigating what floats and what sinks when placed in water and investigating plants and minibeasts.

7. Equal Opportunities

Equal Opportunities: At Hazel Slade Primary School we are committed to providing all children with an equal entitlement to scientific activities and opportunities regardless of race, gender, culture or class.

8. Inclusion

In school we aim to meet the needs of all our children by differentiation in our science planning and in providing a variety of approaches and tasks appropriate to ability levels. This enables children with learning and/or physical difficulties to take an active part in scientific learning and practical activities and investigations and to achieve the goals they have been set. Some children will require closer supervision and more adult support to allow them to progress whilst more able children will be extended through differentiated activities. By being given enhancing and enriching activities, more able children will be able to progress to a higher level of knowledge and understanding appropriate to their abilities.

9. Dyslexia friendly

In order to accommodate the individual's particular learning style, lessons will be planned wherever possible in a multi-sensory way so that the various activities will cater for all pupils in the spirit of inclusion. There will also be a consideration of how to record lesson outcomes so that each pupil is offered a variety of methods and is not inhibited by any specific difficulty.

10. Cross Curricular Links

Teachers will be committed to linking the children's learning in science to other curricular areas through the Mini Adventures planned. Speaking and listening will be actively promoted during scientific investigations. The children develop many of their non-fiction reading and writing skills in science. Mathematical skills such as weighing and measuring are an important part of science lesson. Where appropriate, children will record their findings using charts, tables and graphs using Computers.

11. Assessment and Recording

Assessment for learning is continuous throughout the planning, teaching and learning cycle. We focus on assessing one science skill at a time, and we assess children's work in science by making judgments as we observe children during lessons, question, talk and listen to children, and review their written work. We also make use of 'End of Topic' assessments. Class investigations, Science based trips and visitors are recorded in pupil's individual Topic books.

12. Resources

- Appropriate books will be available in the classroom libraries at all times.
- Children will be taught to use a range of scientific equipment.
- Children will have regular use of ICT resources during science sessions.
- Newspapers, magazines etc. will be used as appropriate.
- Children will have direct access to resources, within health and safety limitations, which they will be taught to use with respect.

13. Health and Safety

- A risk assessment will be made, as part of the planning process, before any potentially dangerous scientific activity is undertaken.
- Children will be informed of any risks or hazards but will also be encouraged to assess and identify risks for themselves.

- Children will be shown how to use scientific equipment safely.
- Safety glasses will be used where appropriate.

14. Staff Development / INSET

- Opportunities will be taken for staff to undertake training in Science to develop and reinforce knowledge and skills and to review the latest developments.
- Where appropriate staff expertise from within the establishment or from other schools or the Advisory Service will be used to support staff development.
- The Science Leader will be responsible for the development and monitoring of the Curriculum at each Key Stage and attending regular Science updates

Appendix 1 – Programme of Study Progression Map

Science

Programme of Study Progression Map

Intent

It is our intention in Science to develop in our children a lifelong curiosity and interest in the sciences. When planning for the science curriculum, we intend for children to have the opportunity, wherever possible, to learn through varied systematic investigations, leading to them being equipped for life to ask and answer scientific questions about the world around them. As children progress through the year groups, they build on their skills in working scientifically, as well as on their scientific knowledge, as they develop greater independence in planning and carrying out fair and comparative tests to answer a range of scientific questions.

Implementation

The acquisition of key scientific knowledge is an integral part of our science lessons. The progression of skills for working scientifically are developed through the year groups and scientific enquiry skills are of key importance within lessons. The progression of these skills is set out in the Science Progression Map. Each lesson has a clear focus. Scientific knowledge and enquiry skills are developed with increasing depth and challenge as children move through the year groups. They complete investigations and hands-on activities while gaining the scientific knowledge for each unit. Activities are effectively differentiated so that all children have an appropriate level of support and challenge. Our detailed lesson plans include adult guidance to ensure that teachers are equipped with secure scientific subject knowledge, enabling them to deliver high-quality teaching and learning opportunities while making them aware of possible scientific misconceptions.

Impact

In Science, progress is measured through a child's ability to know more, remember more and explain more. This can be measured in different ways in our units. The use of green key questions ensures opportunities are built into the lesson for ongoing assessment. The learning environment across the school will be more consistent with science technical vocabulary displayed, spoken and used by all learners. Whole-school and parental engagement will be improved through the use of science-specific home learning tasks. Children who feel confident in their science knowledge and enquiry skills will be excited about science, show that they are actively curious to learn more and will see the relevance of what they learn in science lessons to real-life situations and also the importance of science in the realworld.

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| Animals Including Humans | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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. | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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. | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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. | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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. | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe the changes as humans develop to old age. | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</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. |
| Plants | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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. | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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. | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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 pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. | | | |

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| Living Things and Their Habitats | | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive; • identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. • identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats; • describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food. | | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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. | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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. | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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 micro-organisms, plants and animals; • give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics. |
| Evolution and Inheritance | | | | | | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</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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| Seasonal Changes | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • observe changes across the 4 seasons; • observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies. | | | | | |
| Forces | | | <p>Forces and Magnets</p> <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • compare how things move on different surfaces; • notice that some forces need contact between 2 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 2 poles; • predict whether 2 magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing. | | <p>Forces</p> <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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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| Light | | | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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. | | | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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. |
| Sound | | | | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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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| Earth and Space | | | | | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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. | |
| Electricity | | | | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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; • recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors. | | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</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. |

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| Materials | <p>Everyday Materials</p> <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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; • compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties. | <p>Uses of Everyday Materials</p> <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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. | <p>Rocks</p> <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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. | <p>States of Matter</p> <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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 evaporation with temperature. | <p>Properties and Changes of Materials</p> <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <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 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. | |

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| Scientists and Inventors | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees; • 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; • describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials; • compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties; • observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies. | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food; • find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy; • describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene; • 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 about people who have developed new materials (non-statutory). | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; • identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement; • 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; • notice that light is reflected from surfaces; • observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others. | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things; • identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions; • 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); • recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear; • 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; • recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit. | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird; • 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; • use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating; • describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system; • find out about the work of naturalists and animal behaviourists (non-statutory); • describe how scientific ideas have changed over time (non-statutory). | <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics; • 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; • recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago; • use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram. |

Appendix 2 – Working Scientifically Progression Map

Working Scientifically Progression Map

Understanding the World (The World)

Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.

Physical Development (Health and Self-Care)

Children know the importance for good health of physical exercise, and a healthy diet, and talk about ways to keep healthy and safe.

Key Stage 1 National Curriculum Working Scientifically

During years 1 and 2, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content:

- asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways;
- observing closely, using simple equipment;
- performing simple tests;
- identifying and classifying;
- using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions;
- gathering and recording data to help in answering questions.

Lower Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Working Scientifically

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:

- 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 findings.

Upper Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Working Scientifically

During years 5 and 6, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content:

- planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary;
- taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate;
- recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs;
- using test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests;
- reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and a degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations;
- identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.

Intent

It is our intention in PlanIt Science to develop in all young people a lifelong curiosity and interest in the sciences. When planning for the science curriculum, we intend for children to have the opportunity, wherever possible, to learn through varied systematic investigations, leading to them being equipped for life to ask and answer scientific questions about the world around them. As children progress through the year groups, they build on their skills in working scientifically, as well as on their scientific knowledge, as they develop greater independence in planning and carrying out fair and comparative tests to answer a range of scientific questions. Each PlanIt unit has an accompanying knowledge organiser which can be used to help reinforce the key knowledge for each unit as set out in the science national curriculum. The knowledge organisers help children to consolidate and retain the science knowledge they have learnt and also reinforce key scientific vocabulary from each unit. The PlanIt Science scheme of work ensures that children have a varied, progressive and well-mapped-out science curriculum that provides the opportunity for progression across the full breadth of the science national curriculum for KS1 and KS2.

Implementation

The acquisition of key scientific knowledge is an integral part of our science lessons. Linked knowledge organisers enable children to learn and retain the important, useful and powerful vocabulary and knowledge contained within each unit. The progression of skills for working scientifically are developed through the year groups and scientific enquiry skills are of key importance within lessons. The progression of these skills is set out in the PlanIt Science Progression Map. Each lesson has a clear focus. Scientific knowledge and enquiry skills are developed with increasing depth and challenge as children move through the year groups. They complete investigations and hands-on activities while gaining the scientific knowledge for each unit. Interwoven into the teaching sequence are key assessment questions, identified in green on lesson plans. These allow teachers to assess children's levels of understanding at various points in the lesson. They also enable opportunities to recap concepts where necessary. The sequence of lessons helps to embed scientific knowledge and skills, with each lesson building on previous learning. There is also the opportunity to regularly review and evaluate children's understanding. Activities are effectively differentiated so that all children have an appropriate level of support and challenge. Our detailed lesson plans include adult guidance to ensure that teachers are equipped with secure scientific subject knowledge, enabling them to deliver high-quality teaching and learning opportunities while making them aware of possible scientific misconceptions.

Impact

In PlanIt Science, progress is measured through a child's ability to know more, remember more and explain more. This can be measured in different ways in our units. The use of green key questions ensures opportunities are built into the lesson for ongoing assessment. Attainment and progress can be measured across the school using our assessment spreadsheets. The impact of using the full range of resources included in the science unit will also be seen across the school with an increase in the profile of science. The learning environment across the school will be more consistent with science technical vocabulary displayed, spoken and used by all learners. Whole-school and parental engagement will be improved through the use of science-specific home learning tasks and shared use of knowledge organisers. Children who feel confident in their science knowledge and enquiry skills will be excited about science, show that they are actively curious to learn more and will see the relevance of what they learn in science lessons to real-life situations and also the importance of science in the real world.

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| Asking Questions and Carrying Out Fair and Comparative Tests | <p>KS1 Science National Curriculum</p> <p>Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways.</p> <p>Performing simple tests.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a explore the world around them, leading them to ask some simple scientific questions about how and why things happen; b begin to recognise ways in which they might answer scientific questions; c ask people questions and use simple secondary sources to find answers; d carry out simple practical tests, using simple equipment; e experience different types of scientific enquiries, including practical activities; f talk about the aim of scientific tests they are working on. | <p>Lower KS2 Science National Curriculum</p> <p>Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them.</p> <p>Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a start to raise their own relevant questions about the world around them in response to a range of scientific experiences; b start to make their own decisions about the most appropriate type of scientific enquiry they might use to answer questions; c recognise when a fair test is necessary; d help decide how to set up a fair test, making decisions about what observations to make, how long to make them for and the type of simple equipment that might be used; e set up and carry out simple comparative and fair tests. | <p>Upper KS2 Science National Curriculum</p> <p>Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary.</p> <p>Using test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a with growing independence, raise their own relevant questions about the world around them in response to a range of scientific experiences; b with increasing independence, make their own decisions about the most appropriate type of scientific enquiry they might use to answer questions; c explore and talk about their ideas, raising different kinds of scientific questions; d ask their own questions about scientific phenomena; e select and plan the most appropriate type of scientific enquiry to use to answer scientific questions; f make their own decisions about what observations to make, what measurements to use and how long to make them for, and whether to repeat them; g plan, set up and carry out comparative and fair tests to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary; h use their test results to identify when further tests and observations may be needed; i use test results to make predictions for further tests. |

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| Observing and Measuring Changes | <p>KS1 Science National Curriculum Observing closely, using simple equipment.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a observe the natural and humanly constructed world around them; b observe changes over time; c use simple measurements and equipment; d make careful observations, sometimes using equipment to help them observe carefully. | <p>Lower KS2 Science National Curriculum Making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a make systematic and careful observations; b observe changes over time; c use a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers; d ask their own questions about what they observe; e where appropriate, take accurate measurements using standard units using a range of equipment. | <p>Upper KS2 Science National Curriculum Taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a choose the most appropriate equipment to make measurements and explain how to use it accurately; b take measurements using a range of scientific equipment with increasing accuracy and precision; c make careful and focused observations; d know the importance of taking repeat readings and take repeat readings where appropriate. |
| Identifying, Classifying, Recording and Presenting Data | <p>KS1 Science National Curriculum Identifying and classifying.</p> <p>Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a use simple features to compare objects, materials and living things; b decide how to sort and classify objects into simple groups with some help; c record and communicate findings in a range of ways with support; d sort, group, gather and record data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions such as in simple sorting diagrams, pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables. | <p>Lower KS2 Science National Curriculum Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions.</p> <p>Recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a talk about criteria for grouping, sorting and classifying; b group and classify things; c collect data from their own observations and measurements; d present data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions; e use, read and spell scientific vocabulary correctly and with confidence, using their growing word reading and spelling knowledge; f record findings using scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts and tables. | <p>Upper KS2 Science National Curriculum Recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a independently group, classify and describe living things and materials; b use and develop keys and other information records to identify, classify and describe living things and materials; c decide how to record data from a choice of familiar approaches; d record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar graphs and line graphs. |

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| Drawing Conclusions, Noticing Patterns and Presenting Findings | <p>KS1 Science National Curriculum Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a notice links between cause and effect with support; b begin to notice patterns and relationships with support; c begin to draw simple conclusions; d identify and discuss differences between their results; e use simple and scientific language; f read and spell scientific vocabulary at a level consistent with their increasing word reading and spelling knowledge at key stage 1; g talk about their findings to a variety of audiences in a variety of ways. | <p>Lower KS2 Science National Curriculum Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions.</p> <p>Reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a draw simple conclusions from their results; b make predictions; c suggest improvements to investigations; d raise further questions which could be investigated; e first talk about, and then go on to write about, what they have found out; f report and present their results and conclusions to others in written and oral forms with increasing confidence. | <p>Upper KS2 Science National Curriculum Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and a degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a notice patterns; b draw conclusions based in their data and observations; c use their scientific knowledge and understanding to explain their findings; d read, spell and pronounce scientific vocabulary correctly; e identify patterns that might be found in the natural environment; f look for different causal relationships in their data; g discuss the degree of trust they can have in a set of results; h independently report and present their conclusions to others in oral and written forms. |
| Using Scientific Evidence and Secondary Sources of Information | | <p>Lower KS2 Science National Curriculum Identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes.</p> <p>Using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a make links between their own science results and other scientific evidence; b use straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or support their findings; c identify similarities, differences, patterns and changes relating to simple scientific ideas and processes; d recognise when and how secondary sources might help them to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical investigations. | <p>Upper KS2 Science National Curriculum Identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a use primary and secondary sources evidence to justify ideas; b identify evidence that refutes or supports their ideas; c recognise where secondary sources will be most useful to research ideas and begin to separate opinion from fact; d use relevant scientific language and illustrations to discuss, communicate and justify their scientific ideas; e talk about how scientific ideas have developed over time. |