

Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School

To be the best we can be: for God, for others and for ourselves

Science Progression Grid

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Plants	Plant seeds and care for growing plants. Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant.	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 (at least: flower, leaf, root, stem, trunk, seed, branch and petal).	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 (and how changing these affects the plant). Plants are living and eventually die.	Identify, locate 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 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. Seeds are formed after the flowers are pollinated. Many flowers produce fruits which protect the seed and/or aid seed dispersal. Seed dispersal, by a variety of methods, helps ensure that new plants survive.		Name, locate and describe the functions of the main parts of reproductive system of plants (stigma, stamen, petal, sepal, pollen, ovary).	
Animals including humans	Understand the key features of the life cycle an animal. Begin to understand the need to respect and care for all living things.	Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. Compare and describe differences Recognise that humans have many similarities. Identify and name a variety of common animals including some fish, some amphibians, some reptiles, some birds and some 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 Find out and describe how animals look different to one another.	Notice that humans have offspring which grow into adults. Find out about and describe the basic needs of 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. Medicines can be useful when we are ill. Medicines can be harmful if not used properly. Notice that animals have offspring which grow into adults. Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals for survival (water, food and air).	Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. Identify animals (vertebrates) which have a skeleton which supports their body, aids movement & protects vital organs Identify animals without internal skeletons/backbones (invertebrates) and describe how they have adapted other ways to support themselves, move & protect their vital organs. Know how the skeletons of birds, mammals, fish, amphibians or reptiles are similar and the differences in their skeletons. Know that muscles, which are attached to the skeleton, help animals move parts of their body. Explore how humans grow bigger as they reach maturity by making comparisons linked to body proportions and skeleton growth.	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 preyDescribe how teeth and gums have to be cared for in order to keep them healthy.	Describe the changes as humans develop to old age. Animals are alive; they move, feed, grow, use their senses, reproduce, breathe/respire and excrete. 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.	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 (in the long term and short term). Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans. The heart is a major organ and is made of muscle. The heart pumps blood around the body through vessels and this can be felt as a pulse. The heart pumps blood through the lungs in order to obtain a supply of oxygen. Blood carries oxygen/essential materials to different parts of the body.

		Group together animals according to their different features. Recognise similarities between animals: Animals have senses to explore the world around them and to help them to survive. Recognise that animals need to be treated with care and sensitivity to keep them alive and healthy. Animals are alive; they move, feed, grow, use their senses and reproduce.		Recognise that animals are alive; they move, feed, grow, use their senses and reproduce. 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. An adequate and varied diet is beneficial to health Regular and varied exercise from a variety of different activities is beneficial to health			During exercise muscles need more oxygen so the heart beats faster and our breathing and pulse rates increase. Animals are alive; they move, feed, grow, use their senses, reproduce, breathe/respire and excrete. An adequate, varied and balanced diet is needed to help us grow and repair our bodies (proteins), provide us with energy (fats and carbohydrates) and maintain good health (vitamins and minerals). Tobacco, alcohol and other 'drugs' can be harmful. All medicines are drugs, not all
h E	Use all their senses in nands-on exploration of natural materials. Explore collections of materials with similar and/or 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, rock, brick, paper and cardboard. 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.	Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, water, 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 (applying a force). Some materials can be found naturally; others have to be made.	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 Recognise that rocks and soils can feel and look different. Recognise that rocks and soils can be different in different places/environments.	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. Solids, liquids and gases can be identified by their observable properties. Solids have a fixed size and shape (the size and shape can be changed but it remains the same after the action). Liquids can pour and take the shape of the container in which they are put. Liquids form a pool not a pile. Solids in the form of powders can pour as if they were liquids but make a pile not a pool. Gases fill the container in which they are put. Gases escape from an unsealed container. Gases can be made smaller by squeezing/pressure.	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. Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes. Changes can occur when different materials are mixed. Some material changes can be reversed and some cannot. Recognise that dissolving is a reversible change and recognise everyday situations where dissolving occurs. Distinguish between melting and dissolving. Mixtures of solids can be separated by sieving. Mixtures of solids can be separated by filtering if the solid is insoluble (undissolved). Evaporation helps us separate soluble materials from water. Changes to	drugs are medicines.

				Liquids and gases can flow.	materials can happen at	
					different rates (factors	
					affecting dissolving,	
					factors affecting	
					evaporation – amount of	
					liquid, temperature, wind	
					speed, etc). Freezing,	
					melting and boiling	
					changes can be	
					reversed. 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	
Forces	Explore and talk		Compare how some things move		Explain that unsupported	
	about different forces		on different surfaces.		objects fall towards the	
	they can feel.		Notice that some forces need		Earth because of the	
	(Sand/water/block		contact between two objects but		force of gravity acting	
	play/outdoor		magnetic forces can act at a		between the Earth and	
	environment).		distance.		the falling object.	
			Observe how magnets attract or		Identify the effects of air	
			repel each other and attract some		resistance, water	
			materials and not others.		resistance and friction	
			Compare and group together a		that act between moving	
			variety of everyday materials on		surfaces.	
			the basis of whether they are		Recognise that some	
			attracted to a magnet, and identify		mechanisms, including	
			some magnetic materials.		levers, pulleys and gears,	
			Describe magnets as having two		allow a smaller force to	
			poles.		have a greater effect.	
			Predict whether two magnets will		There are different types	
			attract or repel each other,		of forces (push,	
			depending on which poles are		pull, friction, air	
			facing.		resistance, water	
					resistance, magnetic	
					forces, gravity) which	
					have different effects on	
					objects	
					Gravity can act without	
					direct contact between	
					the Earth and an object.	
					Friction, air resistance	
					and water resistance can	
					be useful or unwanted.	
					The effects of friction, air	
					resistance and water	
					resistance can be	
					reduced or increased for	
					a preferred effect.	
					More than one force can	
					act on an object	
					simultaneously	

Living habitats	Recognise some	Explore and compare the	Recognise that living things	Describe how living things are
	environments that	differences between things that	can be grouped in a variety	classified into broad groups
	are different to the	are living, dead, and things that	of ways.	according to common
	one in which they	have never been alive.	Explore and use	observable characteristics and
	live.	Identify that most living things	classification keys to help	based on similarities and
		live in habitats to which they are	group, identify and name a	differences, including micro-
		suited and describe how	variety of living things in	organisms, plants and animals.
		different habitats provide for the	their local and wider	Give reasons for classifying
		basic needs of different kinds of	environment.	plants and animals based on
		animals and plants, and how	Recognise that	specific characteristics.
		they depend on each other.	environments can change	Living things can be grouped
		Identify and name a variety of	and that this can sometimes	into micro-organisms, plants
		plants and animals in their	pose dangers to living	and animals.
		habitats, including micro-	things.	Vertebrates can be grouped as
		habitats.	Use and make identification	fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds
		Describe how animals obtain	keys for plants and	and mammals.
		their food from plants and other	animals.	Invertebrates can be grouped
		animals, using the idea of a	diffilals.	as snails and slugs, worms,
		simple food chain, and identify		spiders and insects.
		and name different sources of		Plants can be grouped as
		food.		flowering plants and non-
		Different kinds of plants and		flowering plants. Recognise
		animals live in different kinds of		that living things have changed
		places.		over time and that fossils
		There are different kinds of		provide information about
		habitat near school which need		living things that inhabited the
		to be cared for		Earth millions of years ago.
		Habitats provide the preferred		Recognise that living things
		conditions for the animals/plants		produce offspring of the same
		that live there		kind, but normally offspring
		Observe living things in their		vary and are not identical to
		habitats during different		their parents.
		seasonal changes.		Identify how animals and plants
				are adapted to suit their
				environment in different ways
				and that adaptation may lead
				to evolution.
Electricity			Identify common appliances	Associate the brightness of a
			that run on electricity.	lamp or the volume of a buzzer
			Construct a simple series	with the number and voltage of
			electrical circuit, identifying	cells used in the circuit.
			and naming its basic parts,	Compare and give reasons for
			including cells, wires, bulbs,	variations in how components
			switches and buzzers.	function, including the
			Identify whether or not a	brightness of bulbs, the
			lamp will light in a simple	loudness of buzzers and the
			series circuit, based	on/off position of switches.
			on whether or not the lamp	Use recognised symbols (at
			is part of a complete loop	least: cells, wires, switches,
			with a battery.	bulbs, buzzers and motors)
			Recognise that a switch	
				when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.
			opens and closes a circuit	
			and associate this	Use/interpret circuit diagrams
			with whether or not a lamp	to construct a variety of more
			lights in a simple series	complex circuits predicting
		I	circuit.	whether they will 'work'.
			l	Wiledier dieg will work.
			Recognise some common	metre trej mi nem.
			conductors and insulators,	michiel diej im non.

				Electricity can be dangerous. Electricity sources can be mains or battery. Batteries 'push' electricity round a circuit and can make bulbs, buzzers and motors work. Faults in circuits can be found by methodically testing connections. Drawings, photographs and diagrams can be used to represent circuits		
Environmental science	Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment. Focus on sea pollution through plastics.		Recycling materials such as paper, glass and plastic can support the environment and reduces the need for raw materials. We should reduce, reuse and recycle our waste. Recycling is the process of converting waste into reusable materials	Forest ecosystems are important because it protects plant, animal and insects. It also protects the forest floor, which slows down soil erosion. Deforestation has a negative affect on the water cycle, climate change, biodiversity and soil when it exposed to the sun's heat. Recycling materials such as paper, glass and plastic can support the environment and reduces the need for raw materials so that that rainforests can be preserved.	Global warming is a major aspect of climate change which, in addition to rising global surface temperatures, also includes its effects, such as changes in precipitation. Ecosystems are dynamically interacting systems of organisms, the communities they make up, and the non-living components of their environment.	
Space And light	Explore the natural world around them. Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.	Observe and describe changes across the four seasons. Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length and temperature varies.	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 a solid object. Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows can change.		Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun and each other in the solar system. Describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth. Describe Sun/Earth/Moon as approximately spherical bodies. Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night. The Earth spins once around its own axis in 24 hours, giving day and night. The Earth orbits the Sun in one year. We can see the Moon because the Sun's light reflects off it. The Moon orbits the Earth in approximately 28 days and changes to 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 the light that travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes (and represent this in simple diagrammatic form). Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.

				appearance of the moon	
				are evidence of this.	
				Use the Earth's	
				movement in space to	
				explain the apparent	
				movement of the sun	
				across the sky.	
				The Sun appears to move	
				across the sky from East	
				to West and this causes	
				shadows to change	
				during the day.	
				Changes to shadow	
				length over a day or	
				changes to sunrise and	
				sunset times over a year	
				are evidence supporting	
				the movement of the	
				Earth.	
Sound			Vibrations		
			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		
			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.		
			Recognise that sounds can		
			be made in a variety of		
			ways.		
			Sounds travel away from		
			their source in all directions.		
			Vibrations may not always		
			be visible to the naked eye.		
			Pitch		
			Find patterns between the		
			pitch of a sound and		
			features of the object that		
			produced it.		
			Sounds can be high or low		
			pitched.		
			The pitch of a sound can be		
			altered.		
			Pitch can be altered either		
			by changing the material,		
			tension, thickness or length		
			of vibrating objects or		
			abanaina tha larath of		
			changing the length of a		
			vibrating air column.		
			Muffling/blocking sounds		
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		Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. Sounds are heard when they enter our ears (although the structure of the ear is not important key learning at this age phase). Sounds can travel through solids, liquids and air/gas by making the materials vibrate. Sound travel can be reduced by changing the material that the vibrations travel through. Sound travel can be blocked.	