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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Y1	Weather and Seasons Humans – Parts of the body and senses	Plants and trees	Materials	Animals	Parts of a plant	Weather and Seasons
Year 1 Milestones	Observe seasonal changes Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies. Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.	Identify & describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.	Distinguish between an object & 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 material Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.	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 & describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. Observe seasonal changes	Observe seasonal changes Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.
	Question	Observation	Test	Classify	Hypothesise	Gather and Record
Skill Focus	Working Scientifically 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		Working ScientificallyAsking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different waysObserving closely, using simple equipmentPerforming simple testsIdentifying and classifying Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions		Working Scientifically 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	

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Y2	Basic needs of humans	Living, dead, never alive Food chains	Materials	Life Cycles	Basic needs of plants Growing plants	Habitats including microhabitats.
Year 2 Milestones	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.	Explore & compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive 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.	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.	Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults	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.	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 micro-habitats
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Science Progression – Working Scientifically

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		questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world.	experiences and in response to stories or events.		I can ask simple questions about how things change or how they happen or what will happen if? I can sort questions into those that can be answered by trying it out and those that cannot.	recognising that they can be answered in different ways	questions that lead to scientific enquiry are asked independently.
fec	otices detailed eatures of objects in heir environment.	Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects. Talks about why things happen and how things work.	Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change. (Objects, materials, living things.) They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.	Observe closely with simple equipment With help, I can use simple equipment to collect data I recognise some simple equipment we use	Observe closely with <i>simple</i> equipment I can make simple measurements I can use simple equipment e.g. handlenses and egg timers to gather data	Observing closely, using simple equipment	an explanation can be given as to why something has happened, using appropriate scientific vocabulary. close observations are made using simple equipment.
ob we Exp lin dif shu tas pu	nderstands use of bjects (eg. What do ve use to cut things.) xplores objects by nking together lifferent approaches: haking, hitting, boking, feeling, asting, mouthing, bulling, turning and boking.	Can select and use activities and resources with help. Uses various construction materials. Beginning to construct, stacking blocks vertically and horizontally, making enclosures and creating spaces. Joins construction pieces together to build and balance. Realises tools can be used for a purpose.	Manipulates materials to achieve a planned effect. Constructs with a purpose in mind, using a variety of resources. Uses simple tools and techniques competently and appropriately. Selects appropriate resources and adapts work where necessary.	Perform simple tests I state what I am doing now. I am beginning to say what to do next.	Perform simple tests I have experienced different ways of asking questions. I have started to work on different types of enquiry. I am beginning to recognise the ways I can answer questions. I can carry out simple tests.	Performing simple tests	more complex tests, such as fair tests, are beginning to be performed.

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Classify	Beginning to organise and categorise objects, e.g. putting all the teddy bears together or teddies and cars in separate piles	Builds up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences.	Extends vocabulary, especially by grouping and naming.	Identifying and Classifying I use my senses to observe & start to describe simple features of objects, events / living things. I respond & begin to sort appropriately with regard to simple features. I can observe a change. I begin to make simple comparisons.	Identifying and Classifying I can explore the world around me. I can make comparisons of objects, materials and living things. I decide on how to group and sort things with help. I observe changes over time.	Identifying and classifying	classify using more complicated taxonomies, etc.
Gather & record	Distinguishes between the different marks they make. Creates and experiments with symbols and marks representing ideas of number.	Sometimes gives meaning to marks as they draw and paint	Gives meaning to marks they make as they draw, write and paint.	Gather and record data I communicate and draw simple pictures of my findings with help. I can add blocks to towers, showing early measurement. I can stick pictures onto a chart drawn for me. With help, I can use simple books and other sources to help find out about simple scientific ideas.	Gather and record data I can record simple data. I can record what I found out in a variety of ways. (ICT and on paper, using text, drawings and labelled diagrams) I fill in a tally chart if the teacher makes it for me or with help. I can use simple chart templates provided to communicate with help. I ask people questions to find out answers. I can use simple secondary resources to help find answers	Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions. (And recognise that they can be answered in different ways.)	observations are recorded using ICT & on paper, using text, drawings and labelled diagrams. prepared tables & block graphs are used to present information data is gathered & recorded to help in answering questions.
Hypothesise	Explores objects by linking together different approaches: shaking, hitting, looking, feeling, tasting, mouthing, pulling, turning and poking.	Talks about why things happen and how things work.	Develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events.	Use observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions. I begin to tell others some differences and similarities. I use annotate drawings and simple sentences to communicate. I can state what happened or what we did.	Use observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions. I am beginning to notice patterns with help. I can talk about what has happened and how I found it out. I am beginning to use some simple scientific language to share what I found out. I describe obs. simply with a range of vocab.	Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions	observations and ideas are used to suggest answers to questions. systematic observations and measurements of what is observed are made.
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Science Progression – Scientific Knowledge

	Nursery 2/3	Nursery 3/4	Reception	Y1	Y2	beyond
Plants	Notices detailed features of objects in their environment.	Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects. Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time.	Make observations of plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes. Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change.	identify & name a variety of common wild & garden plants, including deciduous & evergreen trees		identify & describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants
				identify & describe the basic structure of a	observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants	explore the requirements of plants for life & growth & how they vary from plant to plant investigate the way in which
				variety of common flowering plants, including trees.	find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.	water is transported within plants explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants
their habitats		Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time.	Children know about similarities and differences in relation to living things.		explore & compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name	
Living things and the	Notices detailed features of objects in their environment.	Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world. Shows care and	Talks about features of their own immediate environment and how environments might		different sources of food. 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	
		concern for living things and the environment	vary from one another.	24-119	animals in their habitats, including micro- habitats	
onal changes	Notices detailed features of objects in their environment.	Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the	Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change. Talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how	observe changes across the four seasons observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.		
Seasonal		natural world.	environments might vary from one another			

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including humans	Enjoys playing with small world models such as a farm. Beginning to organise and categorise objects, e.g. putting all the teddy bears together or teddies and cars in	Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects. Shows care and concern for living things and the	-Children know about similarities and differences in relation to living things.	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	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.	identify that animals, including humans, need the right types & amount of nutrition, & that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat
Animals	separate piles	environment		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		identify that humans & some other animals have skeletons & muscles for support, protection & movement
	Notices detailed features of objects in	Can talk about some of the things they have	Looks closely at similarities, differences,	body is associated with each sense. distinguish between an object & the material from which it is made		
materials	their environment. Creates sounds by banging, shaking, tapping or blowing.	observed such as natural and found objects. Talks about why things	patterns and change Children know about similarities and differences in relation to materials. Experiments to create different textures.	identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock	T	
Jday m	Explores and experiments with a range of media through sensory exploration, and using whole body. Experiments with blocks, colours and marks.	riments with a work. e of media		variety of everyday material	identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal,	
Everyday		Realises tools can be used for a purpose	Selects and uses technology for particular purposes.	compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple	plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses	
		Uses various construction materials.	Manipulates materials to achieve a planned effect.	physical properties.	find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.	

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