

Science Curriculum Overview

	Autumn A	Autumn B	Spring A	Spring B	Summer A	Summer B
Year 1	The Human Body	Animals and their Needs	Seasons and Weather	Taking Care of the Earth	Plants	Materials and Magnets
	Naming parts of the body, the five senses and associated body parts, understanding sensory impairment.	Living things, naming animals, grouping animals, describing animals, how plants and animals obtain food, offspring, caring for animal babies, caring for pets.	The four seasons, tools to record the weather, daily weather and weather forecasts, weather symbols, weather around the world, floods and hurricanes.	The Earth's natural resources, conservation of natural resources, logging, recycling, how pollution is caused and can be prevented.	What plants need to grow, the parts and functions of plants, food production, flowers and seeds, deciduous and evergreen, farming, crops, pesticides, harvest, from field to supermarket.	Classification of materials, magnets, magnetic attraction.
Year 2	The Human Body The skeletal and muscular systems, exercise, digestive system and healthy eating, circulatory system, preventing illness, germs and disease, animals and their offspring.	Living Things in their Environments Habitats: rainforest, desert, meadow and underground habitats. Food chains, oceans and undersea habitats, deep ocean habitats and habitat destruction and damage.	Electricity Circuits, conductive and non-conductive materials, safety rules.	Plants Seeds and bulbs, plants and water, light, temperature, healthy plants	Materials and Matter Comparing materials, changing materials, concepts of atoms, matter, solids, liquids, gases, measurements.	Astronomy Our solar system, orbit and rotation, sun, moon, planets, stars, constellations.
Year 3	The Human BodyThe digestive system, teeth and senses, a healthy diet, nutrition, vitamins and minerals, skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.	Cycles in Nature Seasonal cycles and plants, animal migration. Life cycles of a plant and a frog.	Light The speed of light, shadows, transparent and opaque objects, reflection, mirrors: plane, concave, convex, the human eye.	Plants Functions of plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers, Life and growth, variety of plants, water transportation, seed formation and dispersal	Rocks Sorting rocks, how rocks are formed, hardness and permeability, fossils, soil.	Forces and Magnets Forces, friction, magnets, magnetic poles, magnetic fields, law of magnetic attraction, compasses.

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Year 4	The Human Body	Classification of Plants and	Ecology	Sound	States of Matter and the	Electricity
	The muscular system, the skeletal system, the nervous system, the digestive system, teeth.	Animals Cold-blooded or warm- blooded, vertebrates or invertebrates, characteristics of animal classes, classification of plants.	Habitats, interdependence of organisms and their environment, producers, consumers and decomposers, food webs, producers, predators and prey, fossils, man-made threats to the environment.	How sound is created, how sound travels, sound waves, speed of sound, pitch, intensity, the human voice, hearing, the human ear.	Water Cycle Change of state, evaporation, condensation, precipitation, humidity, groundwater.	Electric current, series and parallel circuits, switches, closed circuit, open circuit, short circuit, conductors and insulators.
Year 5	The Human Body:	Materials	Living Things	Forces	Astronomy	Meteorology
	Human growth stages, adolescence and puberty, The human reproductive system, The endocrine system.	Properties- solubility, conductivity, flexibility etc, fair testing, solubility, separation of mixtures, reversible changes- dissolving, mixing, change of state.	Life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird, life process of reproduction in some plants and animals, Photosynthesis, vascular and non-vascular plants.	Gravity, friction, air resistance, water resistance, pulleys, gears and levers.	The Big Bang theory, gravity, the Universe, our Solar System, the moon and our galactic neighbourhood.	Weather and climate, the atmosphere, the Ozone layer, air movement and wind direction, cold and warm fronts, thunder and lightning.
Year 6	The Human Body The circulatory system, the heart, the blood vessels, the blood, blood pressure and heart rate, changes to humans as we get older	Classification of Living Things Classifying organisms, plant and animal cells, fungi, protists, monera, taxonomy, Latin names, vertebrates.	Electricity Brightness, buzzers, voltage, switches, simple circuits and symbols	Light How light travels, Our eyes, light sources, shadows	Reproduction Asexual reproduction, sexual reproduction in non-flowering and flowering plants, pollination, fertilisation, reproduction in animals, growth stages.	Evolution Fossils, adaptation, characteristics passing through generations, Mary Anning, Alfred Wallace, Charles Darwin, Darwin's sketches of finches.