

Progression in Key Concepts and Skills in Science.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	(KS1 Skills)	(KS1 Skills)	(Lower KS2	(Lower KS2 Skills)	(Upper KS2	(Upper KS2
			Skills)		Skills)	Skills)
Working scientifically	To use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills (adult support may be needed)	To use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills with increasing confidence	To use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills	To use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills	To use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills	To use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills
Questioning and enquiring planning	Ask simple questions about the world around us. Begin to recognise that they can be answered in different ways (different types of enquiry including - observing changes over time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying, carrying out simple comparative tests, finding things out from secondary sources).	Ask questions about the world around us. Recognise that they can be answered in different ways (different types of enquiry including - observing changes over time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying, carrying out simple comparative tests, finding things out from secondary sources).	Ask some relevant questions and use different types of scientific enquiries to answer them. Begin to develop their ideas about functions, relationships and interactions. Begin to raise their own questions about the world around them. Begin to make some decisions about which types of enquiry will be the best way of answering questions including observing changes over time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying, carrying out simple	Ask relevant questions and use different types of scientific enquiries to answer them. Explore everyday phenomena and the relationships between living things and familiar environments. Develop their ideas about functions, relationships and interactions. Raise their own questions about the world around them.	Begin to plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary. Begin to explore and talk about ideas, ask their own questions about scientific phenomena, analyse functions, relationships and interactions more systematically. Begin to recognise scientific ideas change and develop over time. Begin to select the most appropriate ways to answer science questions	Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary. Explore and talk about ideas, ask their own questions about scientific phenomena, analyse functions, relationships and interactions more systematically. Recognise more abstract ideas and begin to recognise how these ideas help them to understand how the world operates.

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Unit 6

		comparative and fair tests, finding things out using secondary sources.	Make some decisions about which types of enquiry will be the best way of answering questions including observing changes over time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying, carrying out simple comparative and fair tests, finding things out using secondary sources.	using different types of scientific enquiry (including observing changes over different periods of time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying, carrying out comparative and fair tests and finding things out using a wide range of secondary sources of information.)	Recognise scientific ideas change and develop over artime. Select the most appropriate ways to answer science questions using different types of scientific enquiry (including observing changes over different periods of time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying, carrying out comparative and fair tests and finding things out using a wide range of secondary sources of information.)
Adaptive teaching	Support pupils with visual reso Support with question stems Adjust size of diagrams/table Provide word mats to support Provide pencil grips where neo Recap previous learning to sup Support with group work in se Brake down into small steps -	es based on motor skills with technical vocabulary cessary to support with control for dr pport memory cssions where needed	rawing and writing		



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Investigating	Perform simple tests with support. Observe closely, using simple equipment, with support. Begin to discuss ideas about how to find things out. Begin to say what happened in an investigation. Begin to observe changes over time.	Perform simple tests. Observe closely, using simple equipment. Discuss ideas about how to find things out. Say what happened in an investigation. Observe changes over time.	Set up some simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests. Begin to recognise when a simple fair test is necessary and help to decide how to set it up. Begin to think of more than one variable factor. Begin to make systematic and careful observation and where appropriate, take accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment appropriately, including thermometers and data loggers. Help to make decisions about what observations to make and how long to make them for.	Skills) Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests. Recognise when a simple fair test is necessary and help to decide how to set it up. Think of more than one variable factor. Make systematic and careful observation and where appropriate, take accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers. Make decisions about what observations to make and how long to make them for. Decide what simple equipment to use.	Begin to make their own decisions about what observations to make, what measurements to use and how long to make them for. Begin to use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests. Begin to recognise when and how to set up comparative and fair tests and explain which variables need to be controlled and why. Suggest improvements to my method and begin to give reasons. Decide when it is appropriate to do a fair test.	Make their own decisions about what observations to make, what measurements to use and how long to make them for. Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests. Recognise when and how to set up comparative and fair tests and explain which variables need to be controlled and why. Suggest improvements to my method and give reasons. Decide when it is appropriate to do a fair test and why. Take measurements, using
			mane mem jor.	equipment to use.	Begin to take measurements, using a	a range of scientific equipment, with increasing

		Decide what simple equipment to use.	range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate	accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate
Adaptive teaching	Support pupils with larger/adapted equipmed Support pupils with visual resources for volumities to engage pupils. Adjust size of diagrams/tables based on more provide word mats to support with technic Mixed ability pairings. Provide pencil grips where necessary to support with group work in sessions where the photos and examples to support when	ocabulary Is notor skills al vocabulary pport with control for drawing and writing d on fine motor skills.	ng	

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Recording and reporting findings	Gather and record data with some adult support, to help in answering questions. With support, use equipment and simple measurements to gather data. Begin to record simple data. Begin to record and communicate findings in a range of ways. Record results in a simple table that the teacher has provided.	Gather and record data to help in answering questions. Use equipment and simple measurements to gather data. Record simple data. Record and communicate findings in a range of ways. Show results in a table that my teacher has provided. With guidance, begin to notice patterns and relationships.	Gather, record, and begin to classify and present data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions. Begin to record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts and tables. Begin to report on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions. Use notes, simple tables and standard units and with support, decide how to record and analyse data. Begin to record results in tables and bar charts.	Gather, record, classify and present data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions. Record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts and tables. Report on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions. Use notes, simple tables and standard units to record observations and decide how to analyse data. Can record results in tables and bar charts.	Begin to record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables and bar and line graphs. Begin to report and present findings from enquiries. Begin to decide how to record data from a choice of familiar approaches. Begin to choose how best to present data.	Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables and bar and line graphs. Report and present findings from enquiries. Decide how to record data from a choice of familiar approaches. Choose how best to present data.
Adaptive teaching	Provide word mats to Provide pencil grips w	l ums/tables based on m support with technico where necessary to sup vork in sessions where	al vocabulary port with control for c	drawing and writing		

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Brake down into small steps - task board
Use photos and examples to support when recording information
Provide blank tables etc to record findings into

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Identifying, grouping and classifying	Identify and classify with some support. Begin to observe and identify, compare and describe. Begin to use simple features to compare objects, materials and living things and, with help, decide how to sort and group them.	Identify and classify. Observe and identify, compare and describe. Use simple features to compare objects, materials and living things and, with help, decide how to sort and group them.	Begin to identify differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes. Begin to talk about criteria for grouping, sorting and classifying and use simple keys. Begin to compare and group according to behaviour or properties, based on testing.	Identify differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes. Talk about criteria for grouping, sorting and classifying and use simple keys. Compare and group according to behaviour or properties, based on testing.	Begin to use and develop keys and other information records to identify, classify and describe living things and materials.	Use and develop keys and other information records to identify, classify and describe living things and materials.
Adaptive teaching	Multi sensory opporter Provide sentence stervisual cards for groud Mixed ability pairings Provide word mats to Provide pencil grips we Recap previous learning Support with group we Brake down into small	ping and classifying s support with technica where necessary to sup ing to support memory work in sessions where I steps - task board	s al vocabulary oport with control for c			

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Research	Begin to use simple secondary sources to find answers. Begin to find information from books and computers with help. Use games, action sings and rhymes to learn key knowledge.	Use simple secondary sources to find answers. Can find information to help me from books and computers with help.	Begin to recognise when and how secondary sources might help to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical investigations.	Recognise when and how secondary sources might help to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical investigations.	Begin to recognise which secondary sources will be most useful to research their ideas.	Recognise which secondary sources will be most useful to research their ideas.
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			Skills)	Skills)	Skills)	Skills)
Conclusions	Begin to use their	Use their observations	Begin to use results to	Use results to draw simple	Begin to report and	Report and present
	observations and ideas	and ideas to suggest	draw simple conclusions,	conclusions,	present findings from	findings from enquiries,
	to suggest answers to guestions.	answers to questions.	Make predictions for	Make predictions for	enquiries, including conclusions, causal	including conclusions, causal relationships and
	questions.	Talk about what they	new values, suggest	new values, suggest	relationships and	explanations of and
	Begin to talk about what	have found out and how	improvements and raise	improvements and raise	explanations of and	degree of trust in results,
	they have found out and	they found it out.	further questions.	further questions.	degree of trust in	in oral and written forms
	how they found it out.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	, ,	,	results, in oral and	such as displays and other
	l '	Say what happened in an	Begin to use	Use straightforward	written forms such as	presentations.
	Begin to say what	investigation.	straightforward	scientific evidence to	displays and other	
	happened in an		scientific evidence to	answer questions or to	presentations.	Identify scientific
	investigation.	Say whether they were	answer questions or to	support their findings.		evidence that has been
		surprised at the results	support their findings.		Begin to identify	used to support or refute
	Begin to say whether	or not.	1461	With support, if needed,	scientific evidence that	ideas or arguments.
	they were surprised at the results or not.	Say what they would	With support, look for	look for changes, patterns, similarities and	has been used to support or refute ideas or	Draw conclusions based on
	The results or not.	change about an	changes, patterns, similarities and	differences in their data		their data and
	Begin to say what they	investigation.	differences in their data	in order to draw simple	arguments.	observations, use evidence
	would change about an	investigation.	in order to draw simple	conclusions and answer		to justify their ideas, use
	investigation.		conclusions and answer	questions.	Begin to use test results	scientific knowledge and
			questions.	'	to make predictions to	understanding to explain
			•	Identify new questions	set up further	their findings.
			With support, identify	arising from the data,	comparatives and fair	_
			new questions arising	make new predictions and	tests.	Use test results to make
			from the data, make new	find ways of improving		predictions to set up
			predictions and find	what they have already	Begin to look for	further comparatives and
			ways of improving what	done.	different causal	fair tests.
			they have already done.	Car makkama in man Da	relationships in their	1 1. C
			Danis to dan a matter:::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::	See patterns in results.	data and identify	Look for different causal
			Begin to see a pattern in results.	Say what they found aut	evidence that refutes or	relationships in their data
			resuits.	Say what they found out, linking cause and effect.	supports their ideas.	and identify evidence that
				inking cause and effect.		

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		Say what they have found out, and begin linking cause and effect. Begin to say how they could make it better. Am beginning to answer questions from what they have found out.	Say how they could make it better. Answer questions from what they have found out.	Use their results to identify when further tests and observations are needed. Begin to separate opinion from fact. Begin to draw conclusions and identify scientific evidence. Use simple models. Know which evidence proves a scientific point. Begin to use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests.	refutes or supports their rideas. Use results to identify when further tests and observations are needed. Separate opinion from fact. Know which evidence proves a scientific point. Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests.
Adaptive teaching	Support pupils with visual resourd Provide sentence stems for compound Visual cards for displaying conclusion Provide word mats to support with Provide pencil grips where necessing Recap previous learning to support Support with group work in session Brake down into small steps - tast Use alternative recording method Mixed ability pairings Provide iPad assistive technology	arison sions h technical vocabulary sary to support with control for c rt memory ons where needed k board ds e.g. iPad talk to text			

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Vocabulary	Use some simple scientific language Use comparative language with support.	Use simple scientific language and some science specific words. Use comparative language - bigger, faster etc	Begin to use some scientific language to talk and, later, write about what they have found out. Begin to use comparative and superlative language.	Use some scientific language to talk and, later, write about what they have found out. Use comparative and superlative language	Begin to read, spell and pronounce scientific vocabulary correctly. Begin to use relevant scientific language and illustrations to discuss, communicate and justify scientific ideas. Begin to confidently use a range of scientific vocabulary. Begin to use conventions such as trend, rogue result, support prediction and -er word generalisation. Begin to use scientific	Read, spell and pronounce scientific vocabulary correctly. Use relevant scientific language and illustrations to discuss, communicate and justify scientific ideas. Confidently use a range of scientific vocabulary. Use conventions such as trend, rogue result, support prediction and -er word generalisation. Use scientific ideas when describing simple
					ideas when describing simple processes. Begin to use the correct science vocabulary	processes. Use the correct science vocabulary
Adaptive teaching	Multi sensory opport Provide word mats to Pre teach vocabulary	visual resources for voc unities to engage pupils o support with technica o unit so they hear voc	s Il vocabulary			



Recap previous vocabulary to support memory
Support with group work in sessions where needed
Brake down into small steps - task board
Mixed ability pairings

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Understanding	Begin to talk about how science helps us in our daily lives eg. predicting the weather to keep people safe/ waterproof materials Begin to understand science can sometimes be dangerous.	Talk about how science helps us in our daily lives eg. torches and lights help us see hen it is dark. Begin to understand science can sometimes be dangerous.	Begin to know which things in science have made our lives better. Begin to understand risk in science.	Know which things in science have made our lives better. Understand there is some risk in science.	Begin to talk about how scientific ideas have changed over time. Begin to explain the positive and negative effects of scientific development. Begin to see how science is useful in everyday life. Begin to say which parts of our lives rely on science.	Talk about how scientific ideas have changed over time. Explain the positive and negative effects of scientific development. See how science is useful in everyday life. Say which parts of our lives rely on science.
Adaptive teaching	Support pupils with v Multi-sensory opport Adjust size of diagra Provide word mats to Provide pencil grips v Recap previous learni Select equipment that Support with group w Brake down into smal	ing to support memory at is appropriate based work in sessions where I steps – task board	cabulary s otor skills al vocabulary sport with control for a			



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	Interpret data from a variety of formats and recognise inconsistencies. Give explanations for differences in repeated results. Draw valid conclusions that use more than one piece of supporting evidence. Evaluate my work and make suggestions for improvement. Identify several variables and select the best one/s to investigate. Say why equipment is appropriate to the task. Make suggestions to control risk. Decide which format is best to present data. Use scientific conventions to explain abstract ideas. Know the difference between scientific evidence and opinion. Understand that people have different ideas about science. Say how science affects me and other people in different ways. Understand that science can be used in a positive way. Use more than one step to describe a process. Explain scientific ideas in a clear and detailed way. Identify strengths and weaknesses in science models and thoughts.