

What will a Humshaugh First School Scientist look like?			
	At the end of EYFS they will have the following skills:	At the end of Year 2 they will have the following skills:	At the end of Year 4 they will have the following skills:
Being a Scientist	The principal focus of science teaching in Early Years is to enable pupils to develop emerging science skills required as precursors to the statutory requirements of Working Scientifically in Science for Key Stage One. Children should; • be encouraged to show curiosity about objects and people. • know how to take risks, engage in new experiences and learn by trial and error.	The principal focus of science teaching in key stage 1 is to enable pupils to experience and observe phenomena, looking more closely at the natural and humanly constructed world around them. They should be encouraged to be curious and ask questions about what they notice. They should be helped to develop their understanding of scientific ideas by using different types of scientific enquiry to answer their own questions, including observing changes over a period of time, noticing patterns, grouping and	The principal focus of science teaching in lower key stage 2 is to enable pupils to broaden their scientific view of the world around them. They should do this through exploring, talking about, testing and developing ideas about everyday phenomena and the relationships between living things and familiar environments, and by beginning to develop their ideas about functions, relationships and interactions. They should ask their own questions about

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 find ways to solve 	classifying things, carrying out	what they observe and make
problems, find new	simple comparative tests, and	some decisions about which
ways to do things and test	finding things out using	types of scientific enquiry are
their ideas.	secondary sources of	likely to be the best ways of
 develop ideas of 	information. They should begin	answering them, including
grouping, sequences, cause	to use simple scientific	observing changes over time,
and effect	language to talk about what	noticing patterns, grouping
 know about 	they have found out and	and classifying things, carrying
similarities and differences in	communicate their ideas to a	out simple
relation to objects, materials	range of audiences in a variety	comparative and fair tests
and living things	of ways. Most of the learning	and finding things out using
 comment and ask 	about science should be done	secondary sources of
questions about aspects of the	through the use of first-hand	information. They should
natural world	practical experiences, but there	draw simple conclusions and
 observe and make links in 	should also be some use of	use some scientific language,
their experiences	appropriate secondary sources,	first, to talk about and, later,
 answer how and why 	such as books, photographs	to write about what they
questions about their	and videos.	have found out.
experiences	Pupils should read and spell	Pupils should read and spell
 make observations of 	scientific vocabulary at a level	scientific vocabulary correctly
animals and plants, explain	consistent with their increasing	and with confidence, using
why some things occur and	word-reading and spelling	their growing word-reading
talk about changes	knowledge at key stage 1.	and spelling knowledge.
 build up scientific 	Working scientifically:	Working scientifically:
vocabulary that reflects the	During years 1 and 2, pupils	During years 3 and 4, pupils
breadth of their experiences	should be taught to use the	should be taught to use the

following practical scientific methods, processes and ski through the teaching of the programme of study conter • 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	ills methods, processes and skills through the teaching of
	classifying and presenting data

		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.
Knowledge	At Key Stage 1, pupils at Humsh	augh First School are taught about:
	• Plants	
	 Animals, including humans 	
	• Everyday materials (Y1) and th	eir uses (Y2)
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Seasonal changes
 Living things and their habitats
Please see the Primary National Curriculum document for Year 1 and 2 detail
At Lower Key Stage 2, pupils at Humshaugh First School are taught about:
• Plants
 Animals, including humans
• Rocks
● Light
 Forces and magnets
 Living things and their habitats
• States of matter
• Sound
• Electricity
Please see the Primary National Curriculum document for Year 3 and 4 detail

Progression in working scientifically skills

Year 1 & 2	Year 3 & 4
 Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways While exploring the world, the children develop their ability to ask questions (such as what something is, how things are similar and different, the ways things work, which alternative is better, how things change and how they happen). Where appropriate, they answer these questions. The children answer questions developed with the teacher often through a scenario. The children are involved in planning how to use resources provided to answer the questions using different types of enquiry, helping them to recognise that there are different ways in which questions can be answered. 	 Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them The children consider their prior knowledge when asking questions. They independently use a range of question stems. Where appropriate, they answer these questions. The children answer questions posed by the teacher. Given a range of resources, the children decide for themselves how to gather evidence to answer the question. They recognise when secondary sources can be used to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical work. They identify the type of enquiry that they have chosen to answer their question.
Making observations and taking measurements	
 Observing closely, using simple equipment Children explore the world around them. They make careful observations to support identification, 	Making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers

 comparison and noticing change. They use appropriate senses, aided by equipment such as magnifying glasses or digital microscopes, to make their observations. They begin to take measurements, initially by comparisons, then using non-standard units. 	 and data loggers The children make systematic and careful observations. They use a range of equipment for measuring length, time, temperature and capacity. They use standard units for their measurements.
Engaging in practical e	nquiry to answer questions
 Performing simple tests The children use practical resources provided to gather evidence to answer questions generated by themselves or the teacher. They carry out: tests to classify; comparative tests; pattern seeking enquiries; and make observations over time. Identifying and classifying Children use their observations and testing to compare objects, materials and living things. They sort and group these things, identifying their own criteria for sorting. They use simple secondary sources (such as identification sheets) to name living things. They describe the characteristics they used to identify a living thing. 	 Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests The children select from a range of practical resources to gather evidence to answer questions generated by themselves or the teacher. They follow their plan to carry out: observations and tests to classify; comparative and simple fair tests; observations over time; and pattern seeking. Explanatory note A comparative test is performed by changing a variable that is qualitative e.g. the type of material, shape of the parachute. This leads to a ranked outcome. A fair test is performed by changing a variable that is quantitative e.g. the thickness of the material or the area of the canopy. This leads to establishing a causative relationship.

Recording and presenting evidence		
 Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions The children record their observations e.g. using photographs, videos, drawings, labelled diagrams or in writing. They record their measurements e.g. using prepared tables, pictograms, tally charts and block graphs. They classify using simple prepared tables and sorting rings. 	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 • The children sometimes decide how to record and present evidence. They record their observation e.g. using photographs, videos, pictures, labelled diagrams or writing. They record their measurements e.g. using tables, tally charts and bar charts (given templates, if required, to which they can add headings). They record classifications e.g. using tables, Venn diagrams, Carroll diagrams. • Children are supported to present the same data in different ways in order to help with answering the question.	
Answering ques	tions and concluding	
 Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions Children use their experiences of the world around them to suggest appropriate answers to questions. They are supported to relate these to their evidence e.g. observations they have made, measurements they have taken or information they have gained 	 Using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings. Children answer their own and others' questions based on observations they have made, measurements they have taken or information they have gained from secondary sources. The answers are consistent with the evidence. 	

from secondary sources.	
Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions • The children recognise 'biggest and smallest', 'best and worst' etc. from their data.	 Identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes Children interpret their data to generate simple comparative statements based on their evidence. They begin to identify naturally occurring patterns and causal relationships. Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions They draw conclusions based on their evidence and current subject knowledge.
Evaluating and raising fur	ther questions and predictions
	 Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions They identify ways in which they adapted their method as they progressed or how they would do it differently if they repeated the enquiry. Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions Children use their evidence to suggest values for different items tested using the same method e.g. the

	 distance travelled by a car on an additional surface. Following a scientific experience, the children ask further questions which can be answered by extending the same enquiry.
Communicat	ting their findings
	 Reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions They communicate their findings to an audience both orally and in writing, using appropriate scientific vocabulary.

PLANTS

Early Learning Goal	 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.
Year 1	 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.
Year 2	 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 and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats. (Y2 - Living things and their habitats)
Year 3	 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.

Year 4	 Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. (Y4 - Living things and their habitats) Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. (Y4 - Living things and their habitats) Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. (Y4 - Living things and their habitats)
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LIVING THINGS AND THEIR HABITATS

Early	Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living
Learning	things. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments
Goal	might vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some
	things occur and talk about changes.
Year 1	Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen
	trees. (Y1 - Plants)
	• Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. (Y1
	- Plants)
	 Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and
	mammals. (Y1 - Animals including humans)
	 Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. (Y1 -
	Animals including humans)
	• Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds
	and mammals, including pets). (Y1 – Animals, including humans)
	 Observe changes across the four seasons. (Y1 - Seasonal change)
Year 2	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. Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. (Y2 - Animals including humans)
Year 3	Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. (Y3 - Plants)
Year 4	 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. Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey. (Y4 -
	Animals, including humans)

ANIMALS INCLUDING HUMANS

Early Learning Goal	 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.
Year 1	 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
Year 2	 associated with each sense. 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. 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. (Y2 - Living things and their habitats)
Year 3	 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.
Year 4	 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.

EVOLUTION AND INHERITANCE

Early Learning Goal	 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.
Year 1	
Year 2	 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. (Y2 - Living things and their habitats) Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. (Y2 - Animals, including humans)
Year 3	 Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock. (Y3 - Rocks) Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. (Y3 - Plants)
Year 4	 Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. (Y4 - Living things and their habitats)

SEASONAL CHANGES

Early	Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living
Learning	things. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments
Goal	might vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur and talk about changes.
Year 1	 Observe changes across the four seasons. Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.
Year 2	
Year 3	 Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes. (Y3 - Light)
Year 4	

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MATERIALS

Early Learning Goal	 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.
Year 1	 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 of a variety materials.
Year 2	 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.
Year 3	 Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. (Y3 - Rocks) Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock. (Y3 - Rocks) 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. (Y3 - Forces and magnets)
Year 4	 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.
•	Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors. (Y4 - Electricity)

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ROCKS

Early	Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living
Learning	things. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might
Goal	vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur and talk about changes.
Year 1	• Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. (Y1 - Everyday materials)
	 Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock. (Y1 - Everyday materials)
	• Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. (Y1 - Everyday materials)
	 Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties. (Y1 - Everyday materials)
Year 2	 Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. (Y2 - Uses of everyday materials)
Year 3	 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.
Year 4	

Progression in knowledge

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LIGHT

Early Learning	 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
Goal	vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur and talk about changes.
Year 1	 Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. (Y1 - Animals, including humans)
	 Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. (Y1 - Materials)
Year 2	
Year 3	 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.
Year 4	

FORCES

Early Learning Goal	 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.
Year 1	
Year 2	 Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. (Y2 - Uses of everyday materials)
Year 3	 Compare how things move on different surfaces. Notice that some forces need contact between two 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 two poles. Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.
Year 4	

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SOUND

Early Learning Goal	 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
Veer 1	occur and talk about changes.
Year 1	 Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. (Y1 - Animals, including humans)
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	 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.

ELECTRICITY

Early Learning Goal	 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.
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	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.

EARTH AND SPACE

Early	Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They
Learning	talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one
Goal	another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur and talk about changes.
Year 1	 Observe changes across the four seasons. (Y1 - Seasonal changes) Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies. (Y1 - Seasonal changes)
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	