

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

- find ways to solve problems, find new ways to do things and test their ideas.
- develop ideas of grouping, sequences, cause and effect
- know about similarities and differences in relation to objects, materials and living things
- comment and ask
 questions about aspects of the
 natural world
- observe and make links in their experiences
- answer how and why questions about their experiences
- make observations of animals and plants, explain why some things occur and talk about changes
- build up scientific vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences

classifying things, carrying out simple comparative tests, and finding things out using secondary sources of information. They should begin to use simple scientific language to talk about what they have found out and communicate their ideas to a range of audiences in a variety of ways. Most of the learning about science should be done through the use of first-hand practical experiences, but there should also be some use of appropriate secondary sources, such as books, photographs and videos.

Pupils should read and spell scientific vocabulary at a level consistent with their increasing word-reading and spelling knowledge at key stage 1.

Working scientifically:

During years 1 and 2, pupils should be taught to use the

what they observe and make some decisions about which types of scientific enquiry are likely to be the best ways of answering them, including observing changes over time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, carrying out simple comparative and fair tests and finding things out using secondary sources of information. They should draw simple conclusions and use some scientific language, first, to talk about and, later, to write about what they have found out. Pupils should read and spell scientific vocabulary correctly and with confidence, using their growing word-reading and spelling knowledge. Working scientifically:

During years 3 and 4, pupils

should be taught to use the

following practical scientific following practical scientific methods, processes and skills methods, processes and through the teaching of the skills through the teaching of programme of study content: the programme of study • asking simple questions content: and recognising that asking relevant questions they can be answered in and using different types of different ways scientific enquiries to observing closely, using answer them • setting up simple practical simple equipment • performing simple tests enquiries, comparative and identifying and classifying fair tests • using their observations making systematic and careful observations and, and ideas to suggest answers to questions where appropriate, taking gathering and recording accurate measurements using data to help in answering standard units, using a range questions of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions recording findings using simple scientific

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		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	naugh First School are taught about:
	• Plants	_
	 Animals, including humans 	
	• Everyday materials (Y1) and the	neir 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

helping them to recognise that there

Year 1 & 2	Year 1 & 2 Year 3 & 4	
Asking questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways		
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.	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	Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary • Children independently ask scientific questions. This may be stimulated by a scientific experience or involve asking further questions based on their developed understanding following an enquiry. • Given a wide range of resources the children decide for themselves how
 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, 	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	to gather evidence to answer a scientific question. They choose a type of enquiry to carry out and justify their choice. They recognise how secondary sources can be used to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical work.

question.

are different ways in which questions can be answered.	king observations and taking measureme	ents
Observing closely, using simple equipment • Children explore the world around them. They make careful observations to support identification, 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.	Making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers 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.	Taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate • The children select measuring equipment to give the most precise results e.g. ruler, tape measure or trundle wheel, force meter with a suitable scale. • During an enquiry, they make decisions e.g. whether they need to: take repeat readings (fair testing); increase the sample size (pattern seeking); adjust the observation period and frequency (observing over time); or check further secondary sources (researching); in order to get accurate data (closer to the true value).

Engaging in practical enquiry 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

Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary

• The children select from a range of practical resources to gather evidence to answer their questions. They carry out fair tests, recognising and controlling variables. They decide what observations or measurements to make over time and for how long. They look for patterns and relationships using a suitable sample.

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.

Recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs

• The children decide how to record and present evidence. They record observations e.g. using annotated photographs, videos, labelled diagrams, observational drawings, labelled scientific diagrams or writing. They record measurements e.g. using tables, tally charts, bar charts, line graphs and scatter graphs. They record classifications e.g. using tables, Venn diagrams, Carroll diagrams and classification keys.

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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 from secondary sources.

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.

Identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments

- 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. When doing this, they discuss whether other evidence e.g. from other groups, secondary sources and their scientific understanding, supports or refutes their answer.
- They talk about how their scientific ideas change due to new evidence that they have gathered.
- They talk about how new discoveries change scientific understanding.

Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions

• The children recognise 'biggest and smallest', 'best and worst' etc. from

Identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes

• Children interpret their data to

Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in

their data.	generate simple comparative	oral and written forms such as
	statements based on their evidence.	displays and other presentations
	They begin to identify naturally	• In their conclusions, children: identify
	occurring patterns and causal	causal relationships and patterns in the
	relationships.	natural world from their evidence;
	Using results to draw simple	identify results that do not fit the
	conclusions, make predictions for new	overall pattern; and explain their
	values, suggest improvements and	findings using their subject knowledge.
	raise further questions	
	• They draw conclusions based on their	
	evidence and current subject	
	knowledge.	
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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.

• They identify any limitations that reduce the trust they have in their data.

Using test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests

• Children use the scientific knowledge gained from enquiry work to make predictions they can investigate using comparative and fair tests.

Communicating 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. Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations

• They communicate their findings to an audience using relevant scientific language and illustrations.

Progression in knowledge

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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)
Year 5	Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. (Y5 - Living things and their habitats)
Year 6	 Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals. (Y6 - Living things and their habitats) Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics. (Y6 - 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)
Year 5	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.
Year 6	Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable
	characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals.
	Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.
	 Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are
	not identical to their parents. (Y6 - Evolution and inheritance)
	• Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that
	adaptation may lead to evolution. (Y6 - Evolution and inheritance)

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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 associated with each sense.
Year 2	 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.
Year 5	 Describe the changes as humans develop to old age. Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. (Y5 - Living things and their habitats) Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. (Y5 - Living things and their habitats)
Year 6	 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. Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans. Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals. (Y6 - Living things and their habitats) Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics. (Y6 - Living things and their habitats)

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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)
Year 5	 Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. (Living things and their habitats - Y5)
Year 6	 Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are

not identical to their parents.
 Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that
adaptation may lead to evolution.

Progression in knowledge

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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	
Year 5	 Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky. (Y5 - Earth and space)
Year 6	

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MATERIALS

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.
	 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
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)
Year 5	 Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets. 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. Give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic. Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes. 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.
Year 6	

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ROCKS

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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, grock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. (Y2 - Uses of everyday materials) 	glass, brick,
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		
Year 5		
Year 6	 Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living the inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. (Y6 - Evolution and inheritance) 	nings that

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LIGHT

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.
 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)
 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.
Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their
hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets. (Y5
- Properties and changes of materials)
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 refle
into the eye.
 Explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to obje

then to our eyes.

• Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cas them

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FORCES

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	
Year 2	 Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bendir 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	

Year 5	 Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object. Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces. Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.
Year 6	

Progression in knowledge

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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 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.

Year 5	
Year 6	

Progression in knowledge

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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.
Year 5	

Year 6	• Electric current, measured in amperes, in circuits, series and parallel circuits, currents add where branches meet and current as flow of charge.
	 Potential difference, measured in volts, battery and bulb ratings; resistance, measured in ohms, as the potential difference (p.d.) to current.
	 Differences in resistance between conducting and insulating components (quantitative).
	Static electricity.

Progression in knowledge

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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	

Year 5	Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system.
	 Describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth.
	 Describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies.
	 Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.
Year 6	