Forest of Galtres

Science Progression

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Working Scientifically			
Year 1			
Observing closely	Performing Tests	Identifying and Classifying	Recording findings
To talk about what they can see, touch,	To perform a simple test.	To identify and classify things they observe.	To show their work using pictures, labels and
smell, hear or taste.		To think of some questions to ask.	captions.
	To tell other people about what they have	To answer some scientific questions.	To record their findings using standard units.
To use simple equipment to help them make	done.	To give a simple reason for their answers.	To put some information in a chart or table.
observations.		To explain what they have found out.	
Year 1 (Challenging)			
To find out by watching, listening, tasting,	To give a simple reason for their answers.	To talk about similarities and differences.	To use ICT to show their working.
smelling and touching.		To explain what they have found out using	To make accurate measurements.
		scientific vocabulary.	

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Plants and Animals, including humans			
Year 1			
Plants	Animals, including humans		
To name the petals, stem, leaf, bulb, flower, seed, stem and	To point out some of the differences between different	To name the parts of the human body that they can see.	
root of a plant.	animals,	To draw & label basic parts of the human body.	
To identify and name a range of common plants and trees.	To sort photographs of living things and non-living things.	To identify the main parts of the human body and link them	
To recognise deciduous and evergreen trees.	To identify and name a variety of common animals (birds,	to their senses.	
To name the trunk, branches and root of a tree,	fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals, invertebrates)	To name the parts of an animal's body.	
	To describe how an animal is suited to its environment.	To name a range of domestic animals.	
	To identify and name a variety of common animals that are	To classify animals by what they eat (carnivore, herbivore,	
	carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.	omnivore)	
		To compare the bodies of different animals.	
Year 1 (Challenging)			
To name the main parts of a flowering plant,	To begin to classify animals according to a number of given	To name some parts of the human body that cannot be seen.	
	criteria.	To say why certain animals have certain characteristics.	
	To point out differences between living things and non-living	To name a range of wild animals.	
	things.		

To describe the parts of a plant (roots, stem, leaves, flowers).

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Everyday Materials

Year 1

Everyday materials (classifying and grouping)

To distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made.

To describe materials using their senses.

To describe materials using their senses, using specific scientific words.

To explain what material objects are made from.

To explain why a material might be useful for a specific job.

To name some different everyday materials. e.g. wood, plastic, metal, water and rock.

To sort materials into groups by a given criteria.

To explain how solid shapes can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

Year 1 (Challenging)

To describe things that are similar and different between materials.

To explain what happens to certain materials when they are heated, e.g. bread, ice, chocolate.

To explain what happens to certain materials when they are cooled, e.g. jelly, heated chocolate.

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Seasonal Changes

Year 1

Seasonal Changes

To observe changes across the four seasons.

To name the four seasons in order.

To observe and describe weather associated with the seasons.

To observe and describe how day length varies.

Year 1 (Challenging)

To observe features in the environment and explain that these are related to a specific season.

To observe and talk about changes in the weather.

To talk about weather variation in different parts of the world.

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Working Scientifically			
Year 2			
Observing closely	Performing Tests	Identifying and Classifying	Recording findings
To use their senses to help them answer	To carry out a simple fair test.	To organise things into groups.	To use text, diagrams, pictures, charts and
questions.	To explain why it might not be fair to	To find simple patterns (or associations)	tables to record their observations.
To use some scientific words to describe	compare two things.	To identify animals and plants by a specific	To measure using simple equipment.
what they have seen and measured.	To say whether things happened as they	criteria, e.g., lay eggs or not; have feathers	
To compare several things.	expected.	or not.	
	To suggest how to find things out.		
	To use prompts to find things out.		
Year 2 (Challenging)			
To suggest ways of finding out through	To say whether things happened as they	To suggest more than one way of grouping	To use information from books and online
listening, hearing, smelling, touching and	expected and if not why not.	animals and plants and explain their reasons.	information to find things out.
tasting.			

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Living things and their habitats		
Year 2		
Living Things & their Habitats	Animals, including humans	Plants
To match certain living things to the habitats they are found	To describe what animals need to survive.	To describe what plants need to survive.
in.	To explain that animals grow and reproduce.	To observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into
To explain the differences between living and non-living	To explain why animals have offspring which grow into	mature plants.
things.	adults.	To find out & describe how plants need water, light and a
To describe some of the life processes common to plants and	To describe the life cycle of some living things (e.g. egg,	suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.
animals, including humans.	chick, chicken)	
To decide whether something is living, dead or non-living.	To explain the basic needs of animals, including humans for	
To describe how a habitat provides for the basic needs of	survival (water, food, air)	
things living there.	To describe why exercise, balanced diet and hygiene are	
To describe a range of different habitats.	important for humans.	
To describe how plants and animals are suited to their		
habitat.		
Year 2 (Challenging)		
To name some characteristics of an animal that help it to live	To explain that animals reproduce in different ways.	To describe what plants need to survive and link it to where
in a particular habitat.		they are found.
To describe what animals need to survive and link this to		To explain that plants grow and reproduce in different ways.
their habitats.		

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for			
Uses of Everyday Materials			
Year 2			
Classifying and grouping materials	Changing materials		
To describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. To compare and group together a variety of materials based on their simple physical properties.	To explore how the shapes of solid objects can be changed (squashing, bending, twisting, stretching) To find out about people who developed useful new materials. (John Dunlop, Charles Macintosh, John McAdam) To identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper, cardboard for particular uses. To explain how things move on different surfaces.		
Year 2 (Challenging)			
To describe the properties of different materials using words like, transparent or opaque,	To explain how materials are changed by heating and cooling.		
flexible, etc.	To explain how materials are changed by bending, twisting and stretching.		
To sort materials into groups and say why they have sorted them in that way.	To tell which materials cannot be changed back after being heated, cooled, bent, stretched		
To say which materials are natural and which are man-made.	or twisted.		

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Working Scientifically		
Year 3		
Planning	Obtaining and presenting evidence	Considering and evaluating
To use different ideas and suggest how to find something	To measure using different equipment and units of measure.	To explain what they have found out and use their
out.	To record their observations in different ways: labelled	measurements to say whether it helps to answer their
To make and record a prediction before testing.	diagrams, charts etc.	question.
To plan a fair test and explain why it was fair.	To describe what they have found using scientific language.	To use a range of equipment (including a data-logger) in a
To set up a simple fair test to make comparisons.	To make accurate measurements using standard units.	simple test.
To explain why they need to collect information to answer a		
question.		
Year 3 (Challenging)		
To record and present what they have found using scientific	To explain their findings in different ways (display,	To suggest how to improve their work if they did it again.
language, drawings, labelled diagrams, bar charts and tables.	presentation, writing)	
	To use their findings to draw a simple conclusion.	
	To suggest improvements and predictions for further tests.	

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Plants and Animals, including Humans		
Year 3		
Animals, including humans	Plants	
To explain the importance of a nutritionally balanced diet.	To identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants (roots,	
To describe how nutrients, water and oxygen are transported within animals and humans.	stem/trunk, leaves and flowers)	
To identify that animals, including humans, cannot make their own food: they get nutrition	To explore the requirement of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil,	
from what they eat.	and room to grow)	
To describe and explain the skeletal system of a human.	To explain how they vary from plant to plant.	
To describe and explain the muscular system of a human.	To investigate the way in which water is transported within plants.	
	To explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including	
	pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.	
Year 3 (Challenging)		
To explain how the muscular and skeletal systems work together to create movement.	To classify a range of common plants according to many criteria (environment found, size,	
To classify living things and non-living things by a number of characteristics that they have	climate required, etc.)	
thought of.		
To explain how people, weather and the environment can affect living things.		
To explain how certain living things depend on one another to survive.		

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Rocks

Year 3

Rocks

To compare and group together different rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties.

To describe and explain how different rocks can be useful to us.

To describe and explain the differences between sedimentary and igneous rocks, considering the way they are formed.

To describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock.

To recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

Year 3 (Challenging)

To classify igneous and sedimentary rocks.

To begin to relate the properties of rocks with their uses.

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Light, Forces and Magnets		
Year 3		
Forces and magnets	Light	
To compare how things move on different surfaces.	To recognise that they need light in order to see things.	
To observe that magnetic forces can be transmitted without direct contact.	To recognise that dark is the absence of light.	
To observe how some magnets attract or repel each other.	To notice that light is reflected from surfaces.	
To classify which materials are attracted to magnets and which are not.	To recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect	
To notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act	their eyes.	
at a distance.	To recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid	
To compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they	object.	
are attracted to a magnet.	To find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.	
To identify some magnetic materials.		
To describe magnets have having two poles (N & S)		
To predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other depending on which poles		
are facing.		
Year 3 (Challenging)		
To investigate the strengths of different magnets and find fair ways to compare them.	To explain why lights need to be bright or dimmer according to need.	
	To explain the difference between transparent, translucent and opaque.	
	To explain why lights need to be bright or dimmer according to need.	
	To make a bulb go on and off.	
	To say what happens to the electricity when more batteries are added.	
	To explain why their shadow changes when the light source is moved closer or further from	
	the object.	

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Working Scientifically			
Year 4			
Planning	Obtaining and presenting evidence	Considering and evaluating	
To set up a simple fair test to make comparisons.	To take measurements using different equipment and units	To find any patterns in their evidence or measurements.	
To plan a fair test and isolate variables, explaining why it was	of measure and record what they have found in a range of	To make a prediction based on something they have found	
fair and which variables have been isolated.	ways.	out.	
To suggest improvements and predictions.	To make accurate measurements using standard units.	To evaluate what they have found using scientific language,	
To decide which information needs to be collected and	To explain their findings in different ways (display,	drawings, labelled diagrams, bar charts and tables.	
decide which is the best way for collecting it.	presentation, writing).	To use straightforward scientific evidence to answer	
To use their findings to draw a simple conclusion.		questions or to support their findings.	
		To identify differences, similarities or changes related to	
		simple scientific ideas or processes.	
Year 4 (Challenging)			
To plan and carry out an investigation by controlling	To record more complex data and results using scientific	To report findings from investigations through written	
variables fairly and accurately.	diagrams, classification keys, tables, bar charts, line graphs	explanations and conclusions.	
To use test results to make further predictions and set up	and models.	To use a graph or diagram to answer scientific questions.	
further comparative tests.			

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Living Things, their Habitats and Animals, including humans		
Year 4		
Animals, including humans	Living Things and their Habitats	
To identify and name the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.	To recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways.	
To describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.	To explore and use a classification key to group, identify and name a variety of living things.	
To identify the simple function of different types of teeth in humans.	(plants, vertebrates, invertebrates)	
To compare the teeth of herbivores and carnivores.	To compare the classification of common plants and animals to living things found in other	
To explain what a simple food chain shows.	places. (under the sea, prehistoric)	
To construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and	To recognise that environments can change and this can sometimes pose a danger to living	
prey.	things.	
Year 4 (Challenging)		
To classify living things and non-living things by a number of characteristics that they have	To give reasons for how they have classified animals and plants, using their characteristics	
thought of.	and how they are suited to their environment.	
To explain how people, weather and the environment can affect living things.	To explore the work of pioneers in classification. (e.g. Carl Linnaeus)	
To explain how certain living things depend on one another to survive.	To name and group a variety of living things based on feeding patterns. (producer,	
	consumer, predator, prey, herbivore, carnivore, omnivore)	

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for States of Matter

Year 4

States of Matter

To compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases.

To explain what happens to materials when they are heated or cooled.

To measure or research the temperature at which different materials change state in degrees Celsius.

To use measurements to explain changes to the state of water.

To identify the part that evaporation and condensation has in the water cycle.

To associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

Year 4 (Challenging)

To group and classify a variety of materials according to the impact of temperature on them.

To explain what happens over time to materials such as puddles on the playground or washing hanging on a line.

To relate temperature to change of state of materials.

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Sound and Electricity		
Year 4		
Sound	Electricity	
To describe a range of sounds and explain how they are made.	To identify common appliances that run on electricity.	
To associate some sounds with something vibrating.	To construct a simple series electric circuit.	
To compare sources of sound and explain how the sounds differ.	To identify and name the basic part in a series circuit, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches	
To explain how to change a sound (louder/softer).	and buzzers.	
To recognise how vibrations from sound travel through a medium to an ear.	To identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or	
o find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produce it. not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery.		
To find patterns between the volume of the sound and the strength of the vibrations that	To recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit.	
produced it.	To associate a switch opening with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit.	
To recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.	To recognise some common conductors and insulators.	
To explain how you could change the pitch of a sound.	To associate metals with being good conductors.	
To investigate how different materials can affect the pitch and volume of sounds.		
Year 4 (Challenging)		
To explain why sound gets fainter or louder according to the distance.	To explain how a bulb might get lighter.	
To explain how pitch and volume can be changed in a variety of ways.	To recognise if all metals are conductors of electricity.	
To work out which materials give the best insulation for sound.	To work out which metals can be used to connect across a gap in a circuit.	
	To explain why cautions are necessary for working safely with electricity.	

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Working Scientifically		
Year 5		
Planning	Obtaining and presenting evidence	Considering and evaluating
To plan and carry out a scientific enquiry to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary. To make a prediction with reasons. To use test results to make predictions to set up comparative and fair tests. To present a report of their findings through writing, display and presentation.	To take measurements using a range of scientific equipment with increasing accuracy and precision. To take repeat readings when appropriate. To record more complex data and results using scientific diagrams, labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs.	To report and present findings from enquiries through written explanations and conclusions. To use a graph to answer scientific questions.
Year 5 (Challenging)		
To explore different ways to test an idea, choose the best way and give reasons. To vary one factor whilst keeping the others the same in an experiment. To use information to help make a prediction. To explain, in simple terms, a scientific idea and what evidence supports it.	To decide which units of measurement they need to use. To explain why a measurement needs to be repeated.	To find a pattern from their data and explain what it shows. To link what they have found out to other science. To suggest how to improve their work and say why they think this.

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Living Things, their Habitats and Animals, including humans			
Year 5			
Animals, including humans	Living things and their habitats		
To describe the changes as humans develop to old age.	To describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibians, an insects and a		
	bird.		
	To describe the life cycles of common plants.		
	To explore the work of well know naturalists and animal behaviourists. (David Attenborough		
	and Jane Goodall)		
Year 5 (Challenging)			
To create a timeline to indicate stages of growth in certain animals, such as frogs and	To observe their local environment and draw conclusions about life-cycles, e.g. plants in the		
butterflies.	vegetable garden or flower border.		
To describe the changes experienced in puberty.	To compare the life cycles of plants and animals in their local environment with the life		
To draw a timeline to indicate stages in the growth and development of humans.	cycles of those around the world, e.g. rainforests.		

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Properties and Changes to Materials

Year 5

Properties and Changes to Materials

To compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets.

To explain how some materials dissolve in liquid to form a solution.

To describe how to recover a substance from a solution.

To use their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving, evaporating.

To give reasons, based on evidence for comparative and fair tests for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals wood and plastic.

To describe changes using scientific words. (evaporation, condensation)

To demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes.

To explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials, and that this kid of change is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda.

To use the terms 'reversible' and 'irreversible'.

Year 5 (Challenging)

To describe methods for separating mixtures. (filtration, distillation)

To work out which materials are most effective for keeping us warm or for keeping something cold.

To use their knowledge of materials to suggest ways to classify. (solids, liquids, gases)

To explore changes that are difficult to reverse, e.g. burning, rusting and reactions such as vinegar with bicarbonate of soda.

To explore the work of chemists who created new materials, e.g. Spencer Silver (glue on sticky notes) or Ruth Benerito (wrinkle free cotton).

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Earth, Space and Forces		
ear 5		
Earth and Space	Forces	
To identify and explain the movement of the Earth and other plants relative to the sun in the	To explain that unsupported objects fall towards the earth because of the force of gravity	
solar system.	acting between the earth and the falling object.	
To explain how seasons and the associated weather is created.	To identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between	
To describe and explain the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth.	moving surfaces.	
To describe the sun, earth and moon as approximately spherical bodies.	To recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller	
To use the idea of the earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement	force to have a greater effect.	
of the sun across the sky.		
Year 5 (Challenging)		
To compare the time of day at different places on the earth.	To describe and explain how motion is affected by forces. (including gravitational attractions,	
To create shadow clocks.	magnetic attraction and friction)	
To begin to understand how older civilizations used the sun to create astronomical clocks,	To design very effective parachutes.	

e.g. Stonehenge.	To work out how water can cause resistance to floating objects.
To explore the work of some scientists. (Ptolemy, Alhazen, Copernicus)	To explore how scientists, such as Galileo Galilei and Isaac Newton helped to develop the
	theory of gravitation.

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Working Scientifically				
Year 6				
Planning	Obtaining and presenting evidence	Considering and evaluating		
To explore different ways to test an idea, choose the best	To explain why they have chosen specific equipment.	To find a pattern from their data and explain what it shows.		
way, and give reasons.	(including ICT based equipment)	To use a graph to answer scientific questions.		
To vary one factor whilst keeping the others the same in an	To decide which units of measurement they need to use.	To link what they have found out to other science.		
experiment. To explain why they do this.	To explain why a measurement needs to be repeated.	To suggest how to improve their work and say why they		
To plan and carry out an investigation by controlling	To record their measurements in different ways. (including	think this.		
variables fairly and accurately.	bar charts, tables and line graphs)	To record more complex data and results using scientific		
To make a prediction with reasons.	To take measurements using a range of scientific equipment	diagrams, classification keys, tables, bar charts, line graphs		
To use information to help make a prediction.	with increasing accuracy and precision.	and models.		
To use test results to make further predictions and set up		To report findings from investigations through written		
further comparative tests.		explanations and conclusions.		
To explain, in simple terms, a scientific idea and what		To identify scientific evidence that has been used to support		
evidence supports it.		to refute ideas or arguments.		
To present a report of their findings through writing, display		To report and present findings from enquiries, including		
and presentation.		conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and		
		degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as		
		displays and other presentations.		
Year 6 (Challenging)				
To choose the best way to answer a question.	To plan in advance which equipment they will need and use	To draw conclusions from their work.		
To use information from different sources to answer a	it well.	To link their conclusions to other scientific knowledge.		
question and plan an investigation.	To make precise measurements.	To explain how they could improve their way of working.		
To make a prediction which links with other scientific	To collect information in different ways.			
knowledge.	To record their measurements and observations			
To identify the key factors when planning a fair test.	systematically.			
To explain how a scientist has used their scientific	To explain qualitative and quantitative data.			
understanding plus good ideas to have a breakthrough.				

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Living Things, their Habitats and Animals, including humans				
Year 6				
Evolution and Inheritance	Living Things & their habitats	Animals, including humans		
To recognise that living things have changed over time and	To describe how living things are classified into broad groups	To identify and name the main parts of the human		
that fossils provide information about living things that	according to common observable characteristics and based	circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart,		
inhabited the earth millions of years ago.	on similarities and differences including microorganisms,	blood vessels and blood.		
To recognise that living things produce offspring of the same	plants and animals.	To recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle		
kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to	To give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on	on the way their bodies function.		
their parents.	specific characteristics.	To describe the ways in which nutrients and water and		
To give reasons why offspring are not identical to each other		transported within animals, including humans.		
or to their parents.				
To explain the process of evolution and describe the				
evidence for this.				
To identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their				
environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead				
to evolution.				
Year 6 (Challenging)				
To talk about the work of Charles Darwin, Mary Anning and	To explain why classification is important.	To explore the work of medical pioneers, for example,		
Alfred Wallace.	To readily group animals into reptiles, fish, amphibians, birds	William Harvey and Galen and recognise how much we have		
To explain how some living things adapt to survive in	and mammals.	learnt about our bodies.		
extreme conditions.	To sub divide their original groupings and explain their	To compare the organ systems of humans to other animals.		
To analyse the advantages and disadvantages of specific	divisions.	To make a diagram of the human body and explain how		
adaptations, such as being on two rather than four feet.	To group animals into vertebrates and invertebrates.	different parts work and depend on one another.		
To begin to understand what is meant by DNA.	To find out about the significance of the work of scientists	To name the major organs in the human body.		
	such as Carl Linnaeus, a pioneer of classification.	To locate the major human organs.		
		To make a diagram that outlines the main parts of a body.		

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding breakdown for Light and Electricity		
Year 6		
Electricity	Light	
To identify and name the basic parts of a simple electric series circuit. (cells, wires, bulbs,	To recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines.	
switches, buzzers)	To use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because	
To compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the	they give out or reflect light into the eye.	
brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers, the on/off position of switches.	To explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from	
To use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.	light sources to object s and then to our eyes.	
	To use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same	
	shape as the objects that cast them.	
Year 6 (Challenging)		
To make their own traffic light system or something similar.	To explain how different colours of light can be created.	
To explain the danger of short circuits.	To use and explain how simple optical instruments work. (periscope, telescope, binoculars,	
To explain what a fuse is.	mirror, magnifying glass, Newton's first reflecting telescope)	
To explain how to make changes in a circuit.	To explore a range of phenomena, including rainbows, colours on soap bubbles, objects	
To explain the impact of changes in a circuit.	looking bent in water and coloured filters.	
To explain the effect of changing the voltage of a battery.		