

Progression of Skills in Working Scientifically

These are the minimum end of year expectations for our EYFS learners in relation to Understanding the World		This document shows how Science objectives are designed in a progressive way to ensure learners become more proficient scientists as they move through the school, securing and applying the Science working scientifically objectives. Each teacher should be aware of their own Science objectives, and of those which have come before.									
	EYFS	Year I	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6				
Key vocabulary exposed to but not limited too.	Natural world Observe drawing contrasting environments	Observe/observation Identify Gather Record	Observe/observation Tests Identify Classify Gather data Record	Scientific enquiry Fair test Predict Observe Findings Conclusion	Scientific enquiry Fair test Predict Observe Findings Conclusion Gather data Record Classify Present data	Scientific enquiry Fair test Planning Predict Observe Findings Conclusion Gather data Record Classify Present data Controlled variable	Scientific enquiry Fair test Planning Predict Observe Findings Conclusion Classify Present data Comparative test Causal relationships Controlled variable				
	During reception, pupils should be taught how to: • Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants • Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences	 During years I and 2, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content observing closely, using simple equipment asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways 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. 		 During years 3 and 4, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content: asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests 		 During years 5 and 6, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content: planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs 					

and what has been	•	gathering, recording, classifying and	•	using test results to make predictions to set
read in class		presenting data in a variety of ways to help		up further comparative and fair tests
• Understand some		in answering questions	•	reporting and presenting findings from
important processes	•	recording findings using simple scientific		enquiries, including conclusions, causal
and changes in the		language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys,		relationships and explanations of and a
natural world around		bar charts, and tables		degree of trust in results, in oral and
them, including the	•	reporting on findings from enquiries,		written forms such as displays and other
seasons and changing		including oral and written explanations,		presentations
states of matter.		displays or presentations of results and	•	identifying scientific evidence that has been
		conclusions		used to support or refute ideas or
	•	using results to draw simple conclusions,		arguments.
		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.		