

Animals, including humans

Year group	National curriculum objectives	Key vocabulary
R		Animals, fish, birds Body parts (through songs etc.) Effects of exercise (e.g. heavy breathing, feeling hot). Bigger, smaller, feathers, fur, wings, beaks
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	Fish (goldfish), amphibians (frog), reptiles (snake), birds (robin), mammals (dog, cat, horse), carnivores, herbivores, omnivores, diet, human body, head, neck, arms, elbows, knees, face, ears, eyes, hair, mouth, teeth, senses, smell, touch, taste, see, hear, Louis Braille, structure, arms, legs, wings, pets
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.	Offspring, adult, human, baby, toddler, child, teenager, elderly, growth, survival, water, food, air, exercise, hygiene, diet (balanced), nutrition, dairy, fats, breads, potatoes, pasta, cereal, fruits, vegetables, meats, fish, life cycles, chicken, chick, butterfly, caterpillar, pupa, adult, frog, frog spawn, tadpole, frog
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.	Nutrition, protein, carbohydrate, vitamins, minerals, fats (unsaturated), waters, fibre, humans, dogs, birds, skeleton, support, movement, protection, skull, brain, ribs, vital organs, heart, lungs, spinal cord, sternum, muscles, joints, ball and socket joint, hinge joint, thigh, fibula, tibia, contracts, relax, biceps, triceps, ligaments, tendons
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	Digestive system, mouth, tongue, teeth, oesophagus, stomach, small and large intestine, teeth – grind, chew, tear, cut, incisor, molar, canines, dental nurse, food chains, producers, predators, prey, e.g. lettuce, slug, thrush, hawk, food webs

5	Describe the changes as humans develop to old age	Pre-natal, baby, toddler, child, teenager, adolescent, young adult, middle adult, old age, death, puberty, changes, voice, body, hair, reproduction
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	Heart, blood vessels, blood, vein, artery, capillary, oxygenated, de-oxygenated, circulatory system, gas exchange, carbon dioxide, transport of water, nutrients, red and white blood cells, plasma, platelets, effect of building heart during exercise, lifestyle, diet, drugs

Plants

Year group	National curriculum objectives	Key vocabulary
R		Horse chestnut (deciduous tree) Pine (evergreen tree) Leaves, taller, shorter, green, brown, plant, tree, soil
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.	Horse chestnut (deciduous tree) Pine (evergreen tree) Apple (deciduous) Sycamore (deciduous) Conifer (evergreen) Daisy, poppy (wild flowers) Evergreen, deciduous, leaf/leaves, twig, branch, roots, trunk, flower, stem, fruit, wild, garden, petals
2	- Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into plants. - Find out and describe how plants need water, light and suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.	Habitat, seeds, bulbs, mature, germination, survival, water, light, temperature, foxgloves, bluebells, oak (deciduous), silver birch (deciduous), cress seeds
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.	Roots, stem/trunk, leaves, flowers, air, light, water, nutrients, soil, transport, pollination, seed dispersal, seed formation, nutrition, functions, types of soil, strawberries
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Materials

Y1 – Everyday materials

Y2 – Uses of everyday materials

Y4 – States of matter

Y5 – Properties and changes of materials

Year group	National curriculum objectives	Key vocabulary
R		
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.	Materials: wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock Properties: hard, soft, stretchy, stiff, shiny, dull, rough, smooth, bendy, waterproof, absorbent, opaque, transparent Compare, group similar, different
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.	Build on Y1 vocabulary Suitability, purpose, squashing, bending, twisting, stretching, options, identify, testing, change shape
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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.	Solid, liquid, gas Heated, cooled, temperature, Celsius State, particles Condensation, evaporation, precipitation Compare, group Materials
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	hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets, dissolve, solution, substance, separate, filter, sieving, evaporating, comparative fair tests, reversible, irreversible, burning, rusting,

	• 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.	melting, evidence, formation of new materials, bicarbonate of soda and vinegar
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Seasonal changes – Y1

Year group	National curriculum objectives	Key vocabulary
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1	• Observe changes across the four seasons • Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.	Spring, summer, autumn, winter Wind, rain, snow, hail, sleet, fog, sun, hot, warm, cold
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Living things and their habitats

Y2

Y4

Y5

Y6

Year group	National curriculum objectives	Key vocabulary
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1	•	
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.	Living, non-living, alive, dead, never lived Food chain, predators, depend/rely, life, food, water, breathe, grow, habitats, sun, grass
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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.	Classification, keys, groups, plants, flowering, non-flowering Flowering – grasses, cereals, garden shrubs, deciduous trees Non-flowering – algae, misses, coniferous trees, ferns Environment, protect, habitat, human impact Vertebrate, invertebrate
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.	Life processes, reproduction, seeds, cuttings, potatoes, strawberries, lily, carpel, stamen, stigma, pollen, anther, filament, ovule, ovum, ovary, style, sepal, petal, pollination, fertilisation Mammal, amphibian, insect, bird, animals, plants, similarities, differences,
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	Classify, similarities, differences, micro-organisms, plants, animals, compare, kingdom, vertebrates, invertebrates, flowering, non-flowering

	• Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.	
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Rocks

Y3

Year group	National curriculum objectives	Key vocabulary
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1	•	
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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.	Appearance, physical, properties, soft/hard, shiny/dull, rough/smooth, absorbent/not absorbent, fossils, sedimentary, rock, soils, organic matter, buildings, grains, crystals
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Light

Y3

Y6

Year group	National curriculum objectives	Key vocabulary
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1	•	
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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	Light, dark, light source, reflect, opaque, objects, sun, eyes, shadows, damage, straight, closer, further
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6	• 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 reflect light into the eye • Explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and 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 cast them.	Straight, reflect, angle, ray, eyes, periscope, light source, artificial, natural, absorb, shadow

Forces

Y3 - Forces and magnets

Y5 - Forces

Year group	National curriculum objectives	Key vocabulary
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1	•	
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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.	Push, pull, force, contact, magnet, magnetic objects, distance, poles, attract, repel, North, South, bar, ring, horseshoe, wand, opposite, like Start, stop, change direction, change shape, friction, smooth, rough, heat, grip
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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.	Gravity, parachutes, fair test, air resistance, water resistance, surfaces, mechanisms, levers, gears, pulleys, Isaac Newton, streamlined, accelerate, decelerate, force, effect, move
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Sound

Y4

Year group	National curriculum objectives	Key vocabulary
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1	•	
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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.	Vibrate, vibration, vibrating, air, medium, ear, hear, sound, volume, pitch, faint, fainter, loud, louder, string, percussion, woodwind, brass, insulate
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Electricity

Y4

Y6

Year group	National curriculum objectives	Key vocabulary
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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.	Appliances, electricity, electrical circuit, cell, wire, bulb, buzzer, danger, electrical safety, sign Insulators – wood, rubber, plastic, glass Conductors – metal, water Switch – open, closed
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6	- Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit - Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches - Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.	Voltage, brightness, volume, switches, danger, series circuit, working safely, electrical safety, sign, circuit diagram, switch, bulb, buzzer, motor, recognised symbols

Earth and space – Y5

Year group	National curriculum objectives	Key vocabulary
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1	•	
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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.	Earth, Sun, Moon, moons, planets, stars, solar system, Mercury, Venus, Mar, Jupiter Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto, rotate, day, night, Aristotle, Ptolemy, Galileo, Copernicus, orbit, axis, spherical, heliocentric, geocentric, hemisphere, season, tilt
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Evolution and inheritance – Y6

Year group	National curriculum objectives	Key vocabulary
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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.	Evolution, adaptation, inherited, adaptive, traits, natural selection, inheritance, Charles Darwin, Alfred Wallace, DNA, genes, variation, parent, offspring, fossil, environment, habitat, fossilisation, plants, animals, living things