



Working Scientifically

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Questioning	-Listen and respond to what they hear.	-Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions.	-Ask simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways.	-Ask simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways.	 Ask relevant questions, using a range of scientific enquiries to answer them. Use straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or support findings. 	-Ask relevant questions, using a range of scientific enquiries to answer them. -Use straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or support findings.	-Plan a range of scientific enquiries to answer questions, recognising and controlling variables where necessary.	-Plan a range of scientific enquiries to answer questions, recognising and controlling variables where necessary.
Observing	-Explore the natural world around them, making observations.	-Explore the natural world around them, making observations	-Observe closely using simple equipment.	-Observe closely using simple equipment.	-Make systematic, careful observations, taking accurate measurements. -Use a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers.	-Make systematic, careful observations, taking accurate measurements. -Use a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers.	-Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate.	-Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate.





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Experimenti ng	- Show an ability to follow instructions. -Be confident to try new activities. -Use a range of small tools.	 Show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions. Be confident to try new activities. Use a range of small tools. 	-Perform simple tests.	-Perform simple tests.	-Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests.	-Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests.	-Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests.	-Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests.
Classifying			-Identify and classify.	-Identify and classify.	-Gather, record, classify and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions.	-Gather, record, classify and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions.	-Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs.	-Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs.
Applying	-Participate in discussions, offering their own ideas.	-Participate in discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary.	-Use observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.	-Use observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.	 Use results to draw simple conclusions, make prediction, suggest improvements raise further questions. Identify differences, similarities or 	-Use results to draw simple conclusions, make prediction, suggest improvements raise further questions. -Identify differences, similarities or	-Identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.	-Identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.





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Record	-Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. -Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences.	 Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. Offer explanations for why things might happen, express their ideas and feelings about their experiences, know some similarities and differences and draw on their experiences. 	-Gather and record data to help in answering questions.	-Gather and record data to help in answering questions.	-Record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables. -Report on findings from enquiries, oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions.	 Record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables. Report on findings from enquiries, oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions. 	-Report and present 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.	-Report and present 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.