

EYFS	Characteristics of effective learning	Early Learning Goals
EYFS Enquiry Skills	Characteristics of effective learning  Show curiosity about objects, events and people. Questions why things happen. Engage in open-ended activity. Take a risk, engage in new experiences and learn by trial and error. Find ways to solve problems / find new ways to do things / test their ideas. Develop ideas of grouping, sequences, cause and effect. Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world. Use senses to explore the world around them. Make links and notice patterns in their experiences. Create simple representations of events, people and objects.	Choose the resources they need for their chosen activities. Handle equipment and tools effectively. Answer how and why questions about their experiences. Make observations. Develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events. Explain why some things occur and talk about changes.
	Build up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experience.	
Understanding of the world	Know about the 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.	



Working Scientifically	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Plan	Ask simple questions when prompted.  Suggest ways of answering a question a	Ask simple questions.  Recognise that questions can be answered in different ways	Ask relevant questions when prompted.  Use different types of scientific enquiry to answer them.  Set up simple and practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests with some support.	Ask relevant questions.  Use different types of scientific enquiries to answer their questions.  Set up simple and practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests	Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions.  With prompting, recognise and control variables where necessary.	Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions.  Recognise and control variables where necessary.
Do	Make relevant observations using simple equipment.  Conduct simple tests, with support.  Identify and classify with guidance.	Observe closely, using simple equipment.  Perform simple tests.  Identify and classify.	Make systematic and careful observations, using simple equipment.  Use standard units when taking measurements.	Make systematic and careful observations using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers.  Take accurate measurements using standard units, where appropriate.	Select, with prompting, and use appropriate equipment to take readings.  Take precise measurements using standard units.  Begin to understand the need for repeat readings.	Use a range of scientific equipment to take measurements.  Take measurements with increasing accuracy and precision.  Take repeat readings when appropriate.
Record	Gather and record data	Record and communicate their findings in a range of ways and begin to	With modelling and guidance, gather, record, classify and present data in a variety of ways to	Gather, record, classify and present data in a variety of ways to help to answer questions.	Take and process repeat readings.  Record data and results.	Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels,



		use simple scientific	help to answer	Record findings using		classification keys,
		language.	questions.	simple scientific	Record data using	tables, bar charts and
				language, drawings	labelled diagrams,	line graphs.
		Gather and record	With prompting, use	and labelled	keys, tables and	
		data to help answer	various ways of	diagrams.	charts.	
		questions.	recording, grouping			
			and displaying	Record findings using	Use line graphs to	
			evidence and	keys, bar charts, and	record data.	
			suggest how findings	tables.		
			may be tabulated.			
	Recognise findings.	Use their	With prompting,	Report on findings	Report and present	Report and present
	Use their	observations and	suggest conclusions	from enquiries,	findings from	findings from
Review	observations and	ideas to suggest	from enquiries.	including oral and	enquiries, including	enquiries, including conclusions and
Review	ideas to suggest answers to simple	answers to simple	Suggest how	written explanations, of results and	conclusions and, with	causal relationships.
	questions.	questions.	findings could be	conclusions.	prompting, suggest causal relationships.	Causai reiationships.
	questions.		reported.	CONCIOSIONS.	Causai relationships.	
	Questions, answers,	Previous vocab plus	Previous vocab plus	Previous vocab plus	Previous vocab plus,	Previous vocab plus
	equipment, gather,	observe changes	scientific	enquiry types	notice, patterns,	opinion/fact,
	measure, record,	over time, notice	enquiry changes over	increase, decrease,	relationships,	confidently name
	results, sort, group,	patterns, secondary	time, notice	identify, classify,	independent	scientific enquiry
	test, explore,	sources, hand	patterns, secondary	order, notice	variable, dependent	types
	observe, compare,	lenses, egg timers,	sources, comparative	patterns,	variable, controlled	, · ·
	describe,	identify, classify,	tests, fair tests,	relationships,	variable, accuracy,	
	similar/ities,	data	careful, accurate,	appearance, present	precision, degree of	
Vocabulary	different/ces, beaker,		observations,	results, data loggers	trust, classification	
	pipette, syringe.		equipment,		keys, scatter graphs,	
			gather,		line graphs, causal	
			measure,		relationships,	
			record, data,		support/refute, data	
			evidence, results,		loggers	
			keys, bar charts,			
			table, results,			
			conclusions,			



	predictions,		
	support,		
	thermometers		



Biology			Plants	;		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	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.	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 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			
Vocabulary	Names of: wild plants, garden pants, flowering plants, trees, leaf,	seeds, bulbs, water, light, growth, healthy, shoot, seedling	dispersal.  leaf, flower, blossom, petal, fruit, root, bulb,			



flower, blossom,	seed trunk, branch,		
petal, fruit, berry,	stem, water,		
root, bulb, seed,	light, air, nutrients,		
trunk, branch, stem,	soil, fertiliser, grow,		
bark, stalk,	healthy, transported,		
vegetable, deciduous,	life cycle, pollination,		
evergreen	seed formation, seed		
	dispersal		

Biology		Animals inclu	Animals including Humans							
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6					
identify and name variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals  identify and name variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores  describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animal (fish, amphibians reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets)  identify, name, diand label the basi parts of the humal body and say while part of the body is	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.	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	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.	describe the changes as humans develop to old age.	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 of the way their bodies function  describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.					



	associated with each sense.				
Vocabulary	Body, head, neck, arms, elbows, legs, knees, face, ears, eyes, eyebrows, eyelashes, nose, hair, mouth, teeth, tongue, feet, toes, fingers, nails, ankle, calf, thigh, hips, waist, trunk, chest, shoulders, back, hands, wrist, tail, wing, claw, fin, scales, feathers, fur, beak, senses, hearing, seeing, touching, smooth, bright, dim, loud, quiet, high, low	offspring, life cycles, grow, change, adults, basic needs, water, food, air survival, exercise, food types (fruit and veg, bread, rice, pasta, milk, dairy, foods high in fat and sugar, meat, fish, eggs, beans), hygiene	Nutrition, food types, carbohydrates, protein, vitamins and minerals, fat, sugar, fruits and veg, dietary fibre, water, balanced diet, skeleton, muscles, support, protection, movement, names of bones, vertebrate, invertebrate	Digestive system, nutrition, mouth, teeth, canine, incisor, molar, pre-molar, saliva, tongue, rip, tear, chew, grind, cut, oesophagus (gullet), stomach, small intestine, large intestine, rectum, anus, carnivore, herbivore, omnivore, producer, consumer, predator, prey, food chain	Circulatory system, heart, blood, blood vessels, pumps, oxygen, carbon dioxide, lungs, nutrients, water, diet, exercise, drugs, lifestyle,

Biology	Living things and their habitats						
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	



What is alive, dead or	Living things: What's	Do all Life cycles look	Living things: What's
was never alive?	the same and what's	the same?	the same and what's
	different?		different?
explore and compare		describe the	
the differences	recognise that living	differences in the life	describe how living
between things that	things can be	cycles of a mammal,	things are classified
are living, dead, and	grouped in a variety	an amphibian, an	into broad groups
things that have	of ways	insect and a bird	according to
never been alive	,		common observable
	explore and use	describe the life	characteristics and
Can living things live	classification keys to	process of	based on similarities
forever?	help group, identify	reproduction in some	and differences,
j	and name a variety	plants and animals.	including
identify that most	of living things in	1	microorganisms,
living things live in	their local and wider		plants and animals
habitats to which	environment		'
they are suited and			give reasons for
describe how	Are living things in		classifying plants and
different habitats	danger?		animals based on
provide for the basic	<b>y</b> -		specific
needs of different	recognise that		characteristics.
kinds of animals and	environments can		
plants, and how they	change and that this		
depend on each	can sometimes pose		
other	dangers to living		
	things.		
identify and name a	90.		
variety of plants and			
animals in their			
habitats, including			
microhabitats			
meronasicues			
describe how animals			
obtain their food			
obtain their root			



	from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.			
Vocabulary	Living, dead, never been alive, names of local habitats, pond, woodland, meadow, name microhabitats, under log, stony path, under bushes, suited, basic needs, depend, food, food chain, shelter	environment, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, vertebrates, invertebrates, names of them, human impact, positive, negative (impact).	Life cycle, reproduction, sexual, asexual, germination, pollination, seed formation, seed dispersal, pollen, stamen, stigma, plantlets, runners, mammal, amphibian, insect, bird, fish, reptile, eggs, live young	Organism, microorganism, fungus, mushrooms, classification keys, environment, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds mammals, vertebrates ,invertebrates, name some of these, arachnid, mollusc, insect, crustacean

Biology	Evolution and inheritance						
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	



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				How do living things change over time and place?
				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.
Vocabulary				Fossils, adaptation, endangered, environment, evolution, extinct, organism, inheritance, genes,



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Chemistry	Materials							
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
	Everyday Materials	Uses of Everyday		States of Matter	Properties and			
		Materials			changes of			
	What are things			Is water always wet?	materials			
	made of?	How do we choose						
		materials?		compare and group	What are things			
	distinguish between			materials together,	made from and why?			
	an object and the	identify and compare		according to	Can we change			
	material from which	the suitability of a		whether they are	materials?			
	it is made	variety of everyday		solids, liquids or				
		materials, including		gases	compare and group			
	identify and name a	wood, metal, plastic,			together everyday			
	variety of everyday	glass, brick, rock, paper		observe that some	materials on the			
	materials, including	and cardboard for		materials change	basis of their			
	wood, plastic, glass,	particular uses		state when they are	properties, including			
	metal, water, and			heated or cooled,	their hardness,			
	rock	Can we change		and measure or	solubility,			
		materials?		research the	transparency,			
	describe the simple			temperature at	conductivity			
	physical properties	find out how the shapes		which this happens	(electrical and			
	of a variety of	of solid objects made		in degrees Celsius	thermal), and			
	everyday materials	from some materials		(°C)	response to magnets			
		can be changed by						
	compare and group	squashing, bending,		identify the part	Can we change			
	together a variety of	twisting and stretching.		played by	materials?			
	everyday materials			evaporation and				
	on the basis of their			condensation in the	know that some			
	simple physical			water cycle and	materials will			
	properties.			associate the rate of	dissolve in liquid to			
					form a solution, and			



		evaporation with	describe how to	
		temperature.	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.	
Vocabulary	Object, material, wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock, brick, paper, fabric, elastic, foil, cardboard, rubber, wool, clay, hard, soft, stretchy, stiff, bendy, waterproof, absorbent, tear, rough, smooth, shiny, dull, see through	Suitable/unsuitable, use, object, material, property, wood, plastic, glass, metal water, rock, fabrics, hard, soft, stretchy, flexible, waterproof, absorbent, transparent, translucent, opaque, shape, change, twist, squash, bend, stretch, roll, squeeze	States of matter, solid, liquid, gas, air, oxygen, powder, granular/grain, crystals, change state, ice/water/steam, water vapour, heating, cooling, temperature, degrees Celsius, melt, freeze, solidify, melting point, boil, boiling point, evaporation, condensation, water cycle, precipitation, transpiration	Y4 plus rigid, hard, soft, stretchy, flexible, waterproof, absorbent, electrical/thermal conductivity, melting, dissolve, solution, insoluble, solute, solvent, particle, mixture, filtering, sieving, residue, reversible/non reversible changes, new material, burning, rusting,	

Chemistry			Roc	ks		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

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		Are all rocks the		
		same?		
		compare and group		
		together different		
		kinds of rocks on the		
		basis of their		
		appearance and		
		simple physical		
		properties		
		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.		
Vocabulary		Rock, stone, pebble,		
		boulder, soil, fossils,		
		grains, crystals,		
		texture, absorb		
		water, let water		
		through, marble,		
		chalk, granite,		
		sandstone, slate,		
		sandy soil, clay soil,		
		chalky soil, peat,		

Physics	Light					
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
			What is the dark?			How do we see?
			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			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
			find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.			use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the



				objects that cast them.
Vocabulary	darkn reflec shado direct	i, light source, ness, reflect, ctive, mirror, ow, block, tion, transparent, ue, translucent		Light, light source, darkness, reflect, reflective, shadow, block, absorb, direction, transparent, opaque, translucent

Physics		Forces						
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
			what can magnets do?  compare how things move on different surfaces  notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance		explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object			

	observe how magnets	identify the effects	
	attract or repel each	of air resistance,	
	other and attract some	water resistance and	
	materials and not others	friction, that act	
		between moving	
	compare and group	surfaces	
	together a variety of		
	everyday materials on	recognise that some	
	the basis of whether	mechanisms,	
	they are attracted to a	including levers,	
	magnet, and identify	pulleys and gears,	
	some magnetic	allow a smaller force	
	materials	to have a greater	
		effect.	
	describe magnets as		
	having two poles		
	predict whether two		
	magnets will attract or		
	repel each other,		
	depending on which		
	poles are facing.		
	Force, contact force,	Fall, Earth, gravity,	
	noncontact force,	weight, mass, air	
	magnetic force, magnet,	resistance, water	
	strength,	resistance, friction,	
Vocabulary	bar/ring/button/horses	moving surfaces,	
Vocabulary	hoe magnets, attract,	mechanisms, levers,	
	repel, magnetic	pulleys, gears, force,	
	material, metal, iron,	transfers	
	steel, non-magnetic,		
	poles, north/south pole		

Physics	Sound
	How do we hear different sounds?
	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 a the distance from the sound source increases.	s
Vocabulary	Sound, sound source, noise, vibration, travel, solid, liquid, gas, pitch, tune, high, low, volume, loud, quiet, fainter, muffle, strength of vibrations, insulation, instrument, percussion, strings, bass, woodwind, tuned instrument	

Physics	Electricity						
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
				Can we control		Can we vary the	
				electricity?		effects of electricity?	
				identify common		associate the	
				appliances that run		brightness of a lamp	
				on electricity		or the volume of a	



	_		buzzer with the
		construct a simple	number and voltage
		series electrical	of cells used in the
		circuit, identifying	circuit
		and naming its basic	
		parts, including cells,	compare and give
		wires, bulbs,	reasons for
		switches and	variations in how
		buzzers	components
			function, including
		identify whether or	the brightness of
		not a lamp will light	bulbs, the loudness
		in a simple series	of buzzers and the
		circuit, based on	on/off position of
		whether or not the	switches
		lamp is part of a	SWITCHES
		complete loop with	use recognised
		a battery	symbols when
			representing a
		recognise that a	simple circuit in a
		switch opens and	diagram.
		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.	



Vocabulary	Electricity,	Electricity,
•	appliance, device,	appliance, device,
	mains, plug,	electrical circuit,
	electrical circuit,	complete circuit,
	complete circuit,	circuit diagram,
	circuit diagram,	circuit
	circuit	symbol,
	symbol,	components, cell,
	components,	battery, positive,
	cell, battery,	negative, terminal,
	positive/negative,	connection, short
	connect,	circuit, wire,
	connection,	crocodile

Physics	Earth and Space					
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
					Sun, Earth and Moon: what is moving?  describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system	



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			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	
Vocabulary			sky.  Earth, planets, sun, solar system, moon, celestial body, spherical, rotation, spin, night and day, names of planets, dwarf planet, orbit, geocentric model, heliocentric model, shadow clocks, sundials, astronomical clocks	

Physics	Seasonal Changes							
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
	Do living things change or stay the same?							
	observe changes across the four seasons							
	observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how							
Vocabulary	day length varies.  Season, spring, summer, autumn, winter, weather, hot, warm, cool cold, sunny, cloudy, windy, rainy, snowing, hailing, sleet, frost, fog, mist, icy, rainbow, thunder, lightning, storm, light, dark, day, night							