



SCIENCE CURRICULUM JOURNEY

The 7 Areas of Development in the EYFS

Early Years Foundation Stage

Prime Areas



Communication & Language

Listening & Speaking



Physical Development

Moving & Handling



PSED – Physical, Social and Emotional Development

Specific Areas



Literacy

Reading & Writing



Mathematics

Numbers & Patterns



Understanding the World

People & Nature



Expressive Arts & Design

Art & Imagination

Key Early Learning Goals at Age 5

Assessing School Readiness

Communication

Listening, Following Instructions, Expressing Ideas



PSED

Cooperation, Resilience, Managing Emotions



Physical

Coordination & Handling Tools
Handwriting



Literacy

Reading & Writing Sentences



Math

Counting & Simple Addition



Understanding the World

Similarities & Differences



Expressive Arts

Role Play & Creative Activities



Characteristics of Effective Learning

A

Active Learning

Motivation & Persistence

B

Playing & Exploring

Curiosity & Experience

C

Creative and Critical Thinking

Problem Solving & Ideas

Science in Key Stage 1

Exploring, Observing, and Learning

★ Building a Foundation in Science ★

- Be curious & ask questions
- Make observations & simple tests
- Use scientific language & record data



★ Plants ★

Plants



Identify plants & their parts

Materials



Name & compare animals

Living Things & Habitats



Identify habitats

Habitats



Food chains

Materials

Explore everyday materials



• Uses of materials

Seasonal Changes

- Weather & the seasons
- Observe weather



• How day & night change

Science in Everyday Life

- Eating healthy foods
- Keeping our bodies healthy



Science in Everyday Life

- Magnetism



• Heating & melting

Investigate, Observe & Discover! ★



Ask Questions

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Do Experiments



★ Collect Data ★





Science in Lower Key Stage 2



Years 3 & 4 Exploring and Investigating the World

★ Working Scientifically ★

- Ask relevant questions & carry out fair tests
- Make careful observations & accurate measurements
- Collect, record & present data using tables, charts & diagrams
- Use results to draw conclusions, make predictions & suggest improvements
- Use scientific evidence & vocabulary to explain findings



★ Year 3 Topics ★

Plants Parts, what plants need, water transport, pollination & dispersal



Parts, what plants need, water transport, pollination & seed dispersal

Rocks

- Different types,
- How fossils are formed
- Investigate soils

Light



- Seeing how light is reflected
- Keeping safe in sun

★ Year 4 Topics ★

Living Things & Habitats



Nutrition, skeletons & muscles

Animals (including Humans)



Healthy eating, digestion & teeth

Light



- Seeing, reflections
- Exploring shadows
- Keeping safe in the sun

Forces & Magnets



- Movement, contact & non-contact forces, magnetism

★ Exploring the World Through Science ★

Ask Questions

Across both years, pupils use practical investigations, observations & research to deepen their scientific understanding & build confidence in explaining how the world works.





Science in Upper Key Stage 2

Years 5 & 6 Exploring Ideas & Developing Understanding



★ Working Scientifically ★

- Plan investigations & control variables
- Take accurate measurements using scientific equipment
- Record & present data using tables, graphs, diagrams & keys
- Use results to make predictions & set up further tests
- Explain findings using scientific language & evidence



★ Year 5 Topics ★

Living Things & Habitats

Life cycles & reproduction



Human development & ageing

Properties & Changes of Materials

Dissolving, separating mixtures, reversible & irreversible changes



Earth & Space

The solar system, day & night



★ Year 6 Topics ★

Living Things & Habitats

Classification of plants, animals & micro-organisms



Earth & Space

The solar system, day & night

Forces

Gravity, air & water resistance, friction



Light



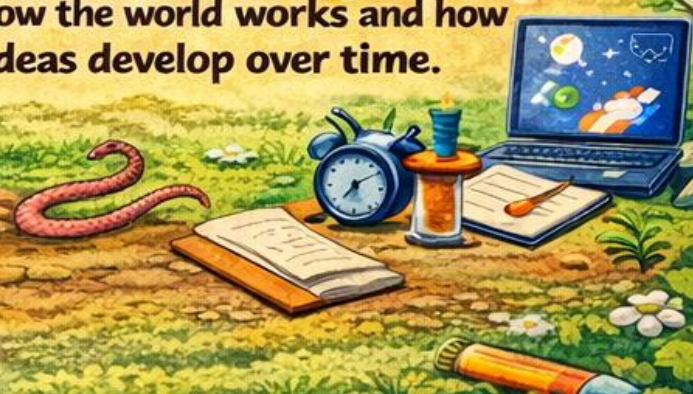
Electricity

Circuits, symbols, voltage & components



Understanding How the World Works Through Science

Across both years, pupils use investigation, data & research to understand how the world works and how Scientific ideas develop over time.



Science in Key Stage 3



In **Key Stage 3**, pupils build a deeper, more connected understanding of biology, chemistry & physics. They learn the 'big ideas' of science, such as how structure & function, particles & energy explain how the world works.

Pupils begin to use models, abstract ideas, & evidence to explain & predict scientific phenomena, and understand that scientific ideas change as new evidence is discovered.

Working Scientifically

- Ask scientific questions, make predictions & plan investigations
- Use variables, equipment & safe laboratory methods correctly
- Measure, record & analyse data using graphs, tables & calculations
- Evaluate results, identify errors & suggest improvements
- Use scientific units, symbols & equations



Biology

- **Cells & organisation**
- plant & animal cells, tissues, organs & systems
- **Human systems**
- skeleton, muscles, nutrition, digestion, & breathing
- **Plants** - Photosynthesis, - flowering plants & reproduction of plants



Chemistry

- Particles & states of matter
- Atoms, elements & compounds
- Chemical reactions: acids, alkalis, combustion, oxidation & catalysts
- The Periodic table - metals, non-metals & reactivity
- Earth & atmosphere = rocks, resources & pollution.



Physics

- **Energy** - transfers, fuels, heating & efficiency
- **Forces & motion** - gravity, friction, pressure & speed
- **Waves** - sound & light.
- **Electricity** - circuits, voltage & power
- **Matter** - particle behaviour - solids, liquids & gases



Thinking & Working Like Scientists

Questioning, testing, analysing & using evidence to understand the natural world.



Science in Key Stage 4

GCSE SCIENCE

At Key Stage 4, students deepen and extend their understanding of biology, chemistry & physics, building on earlier learning and preparing either for further study or for scientific literacy in adult life. Science is taught as an interconnected body of knowledge, showing how models, evidence & quantitative analysis explain the natural world & modern technology.

Aims of Key Stage 4 Science

- Develop secure scientific knowledge in biology, chemistry and physics
- Understand how scientific ideas are developed, tested and refined
- Use practical, mathematical and problem-solving skills to investigate **questions**
- Evaluate scientific claims using evidence and critical thinking
- Appreciate the role of science in society, technology, health and the environment

Science is taught in roughly equal parts of **BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS**, with **maths** embedded throughout.

Biology

- **Cells & organisation**
– plant & animal cells, tissues, organs & systems.
- **Human systems:**
– skeleton, muscles, digestion, & circulator
- **Reproduction**
– in humans & plants.
- **Nutrition & health**
– balanced diet, digestion, bacteria, drugs & lifestyle
- **Plants** – photosynthesis, gas exchange & reproduction

Chemistry

- Atomic structure and the periodic table
- Bonding and material properties
- Chemical reactions – acids, alkalis, combustion, oxidation & Catalysts.
- The periodic table – metals, non-metals
- **Materials** – reactivity, polymers, ceramics, & composites
- Earth & atmosphere – rocks, resources, climate & pollution

Physics

- **Energy** – transfers, fuels, heating & efficiency
- **Forces & motion** – gravity, friction, pressure & speed
- **Waves** – sound & light.
- **Electricity & magnetism.**
circuits, current resistance & fields
- **Matter** – particle behaviour, changes of state & density
- **Space** – gravity, the solar system, stars, seasons & galaxies.

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AS and A Level SCIENCE



Subject Content Summary for Biology, Chemistry, Physics & Psychology

CORE AIMS

- Understand Scientific Concepts
- Use Data, Maths & Practical Skills
- Evaluate Evidence Ethically
- Real-Life Applications & Impact



BIOLOGY

- Living Organisms
- Cells & Molecules
- Ecosystems
- Transport & Control
- Genetics & Evolution
- Energy in Biology



AS and A Level SCIENCE

SUBJECT CORE TOPICS

EXPERIMENTS
ANALYTICAL SKILLS

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Psychology

CHEMISTRY

- Structure
- Reactions & Equilibria
- Analytical Techniques
- Organic Chemistry
- Practical Practices

PHYSICS

- Motion, Forces
- Waves, Energy
- Electricity
- Quantum Physics
- Fields & Particles

PRACTICAL SKILLS

- 12+ Required Experiments (Practical Endorsement)
- Use of Apparatus
- Recording Data
- Analysis & Conclusions



MATHS REQUIREMENTS

- Use Equations, Graphs, Stats
- Handle Uncertainties
- Quantitative & Analytical



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CAREERS THAT NEED SCIENCE

Key jobs requiring strong scientific skills:

DOCTOR



SCIENTIST



VETERINARIAN



ENGINEER



BIOLOGIST



ASTRONAUT



PHARMACIST



PHYSICIST



FORENSIC SCIENTIST



AND MANY MORE!

