Science Curriculum Overview: Bushey Heath Primary School

Our science curriculum is founded on National Curriculum knowledge requirements and allows children to showcase working scientifically skills. Through enquiry and investigation, our children are encouraged to solve real and relevant problems whilst applying their scientific understanding.

It is our intention to inspire and engage children with the wider world around them and as such, our curriculum has been extended to include a school wide STEM unit each year that allows children to apply their learning to a real-world problem. Science and engineering practices highlight how science is a highly social, creative and problem-solving process. Topics will range from engineering, computer science, the impact of science on their environment and also link to other curriculum areas and culminate in a whole school celebration of science and engineering.

Enquiry Types

- 1. Observation over time
- 2. Comparative and fair testing
- 3. Identifying and classifying
- 4. Pattern seeking
- 5. Researching using secondary sources

Early Years Foundation Stage

Understanding the World The Natural World ELG

Children at the expected level of development will: - 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 and what has been read in class; - Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.

KS1 Concepts	KS2 Concepts
Structure- Anything composed of parts arranged together in some way	Structure- Anything composed of parts arranged together in some way
Function- A specific job or procedure	Function- A specific job or procedure
	Variation- The presence of differences between living things of the same species
Cause and effect- Cause is why something happens. Effect is what event has	
happened as a result of this	Adaptation- The process by which animals, plants and other living things have
	changed so that they better suit their habitat
Changes- Changing from one material/state to another	
	Cause and effect- Cause is why something happens. Effect is what event has
	happened as a result of this

Growth- The	process of	of increa	asing in	size
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Energy- Strength and power. There are many forms such as thermal (heat), radiant (light) or kinetic (movement)

Process- A series of actions or steps taken in order to achieve a particular end

Similarity and Difference- Similarity is sameness or a likeness between things and differences are a point or way in which people or things are dissimilar

Working scientifically- The processes of science: asking questions, designing experiments, reasoning and arguing with scientific evidence and analysing and interpreting data

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KS1 Skills

Working scientifically

- Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways
- Observing closely, using simple equipment
- 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.

KNOWLEDGE CURRICULUM FOCUS	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 1	Chemistry: Everyday Materials Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. Identify and name a variety of everyday materials,	Biology: Animals including humans Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.	Seasonal Changes (spring, summer) Observe changes across the four seasons. Observe and describe weather associated
	including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock. Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.	Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and	with the seasons and how day length varies.
	Compare and group together a variety of everyday	omnivores.	

	materials on the basis of their simple physical properties. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Comparative and fair testing- Floating and sinking	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. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Identifying and classifying- Our class pictograms	
Vocabulary	Object, material, wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock, brick, paper, fabric, elastic, foil, card/cardboard, rubber, wool, clay, hard, soft, stretchy, stiff, bendy, floppy, waterproof, absorbent, breaks/tears, rough, smooth, shiny, dull, see-through, not see-through	Head, body, eyes, ears, mouth, teeth, leg, tail, wing, claw, fin, scales, feathers, fur, beak, paws, hooves • Names of animals experienced first-hand from each vertebrate group • Parts of the body including those linked to PSHE • Senses – touch, see, smell, taste, hear, fingers (skin), eyes, nose, ear and tongue	Weather (sunny, rainy, windy, snowy etc.) • Seasons (winter, summer, spring, autumn) • Sun, sunrise, sunset, day length
	Seasonal Changes (autumn, winter) Observe changes across the four seasons. Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Observing over time/pattern seeking- Investigating rain	Biology: Plants 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. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Observing over time- Growing Cress Identifying and classifying- Eating Plants	ASK- define the problem IMAGINE- generate ideas PLAN- select a solution CREATE- make the item TEST- evaluate the item IMPROVE-make needed changes SHARE- present the results
Vocabulary	Weather (sunny, rainy, windy, snowy etc.) •	Leaf, flower, blossom, petal, fruit,	

	Seasons (winter, summer, spring, autumn) • Sun, sunrise, sunset, day length	berry, root, seed, trunk, branch, stem, bark, stalk, bud Names of trees in the local area Names of garden and wild flowering plants in the local area	
KNOWLEDGE CURRICULUM FOCUS	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 2	Biology: Plants 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. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Observing over time- Observing germination	Biology: Animals Including Humans 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. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Pattern seeking- Growth and survival	Climate Change To observe closely, using simple equipment by measuring the time taken for ice to melt in a comparative test. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle To identify and classify by sorting litter into recycling groups based on their materials. Energy Experts To use surveys and use the information to help answer a question. Forest Friends To research the rainforest. Water Wise To carry out a simple tests by investigating how much water can be saved by turning off the tap while washing hands. Endangered Animals To ask simple questions about endangered animals.
Vocabulary	As for Year 1 plus light, shade, sun, warm, cool, water, grow, healthy	Offspring, reproduction, growth, child, young/old stages (examples - chick/hen, baby/child/adult, caterpillar/butterfly), exercise, heartbeat, breathing, hygiene, germs, disease, food types	

		(examples – meat, fish,	
		vegetables, bread, rice, pasta)	
	Chemistry: Uses of everyday materials 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. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Comparative and fair testing- Testing waterproofness of materials	Biology: Living things and their Habitats 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 micro-habitats. 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. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Observing over time/ pattern seeking- microhabitats	STEM Unit ASK- define the problem IMAGINE- generate ideas PLAN- select a solution CREATE- make the item TEST- evaluate the item IMPROVE-make needed changes SHARE- present the results
Vocabulary	Names of materials — wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper, cardboard Properties of materials — as for Year 1 plus opaque, transparent and translucent, reflective, nonreflective, flexible, rigid Shape, push/pushing, pull/pulling, twist/twisting, squash/squashing, bend/bending, stretch/stretching	Living, dead, never been alive, suited, suitable, basic needs, food, food chain, shelter, move, feed • Names of local habitats e.g. pond, woodland etc. • Names of microhabitats e.g. under logs, in bushes	
		etc.	
	LKS	2 SKILLS	

Working scientifically

• Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them

- Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests
- Making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers
- Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions
- Recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables
- Reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions
- Using results to draw simple conclusions, 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

Year 3	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	Biology: Animals including humans 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. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Research using secondary sources- model skeletons Researching Skeletons	Chemistry: Rocks 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. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Comparative and fair testing-Testing soils.	Physics: Light 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. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Comparative and fair testing-Investigating shadows and different materials.
Vocabulary	Nutrition, nutrients, carbohydrates, sugars, protein, vitamins, minerals, fibre, fat, water, skeleton, bones, muscles, joints, support, protect, move, skull, ribs, spine.	Rock, stone, pebble, boulder, grain, crystals, layers, hard, soft, texture, absorb water, soil, fossil, marble, chalk, granite, sandstone, slate, soil, peat, sandy/chalk/clay soil	Light, light source, dark, absence of light, transparent, translucent, opaque, shiny, matt, surface, shadow, reflect, mirror, sunlight, dangerous.

	Physics: Forces and magnets 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.	Biology: Plants 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.	ASK- define the problem IMAGINE- generate ideas PLAN- select a solution CREATE- make the item TEST- evaluate the item IMPROVE-make needed changes SHARE- present the results
	Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Investigating magnets. Comparative and fair testing- Shoe Grip.	Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Pattern seeking- Measuring plant growth.	
Vocabulary	Force, push, pull, twist, contact force, non-contact force, magnetic force, magnet, strength, bar magnet, ring magnet, button magnet, horseshoe magnet, attract, repel, magnetic material, metal, iron, steel, poles, north pole, south pole	Photosynthesis, pollen, insect/wind pollination, seed formation, seed dispersal (wind dispersal, animal dispersal, water dispersal)	
Year 4	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	Physics: Sound Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating. Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear.	Biology: Animals including humans Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans. Identify the different types of teeth	Biology: Living things and their habitats 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
	Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it.	in humans and their simple functions.	things in their local and wider environment.

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. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Comparative and fair testing- Changing pitch.	Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Observing over time- Teeth-investigating the effect of different liquids on egg shells.	Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Identifying and classifying- Classifying animals
Sound, source, vibrate, vibration, travel, pitch (high, low), volume, faint, loud, insulation	Digestive system, digestion, mouth, teeth, saliva, oesophagus, stomach, small intestine, nutrients, large intestine, rectum, anus, teeth, incisor, canine, molar, premolars, herbivore, carnivore, omnivore, producer, predator, prey, food chain	Classification, classification keys, environment, habitat, human impact, positive, negative, migrate, hibernate
Physics: Electricity 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. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Classifying-identifying conductors.	Chemistry: States of Matter 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. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Observing over time- solids, liquids and gases- investigating mass of liquid as bubbles escape.	ASK- define the problem IMAGINE- generate ideas PLAN- select a solution CREATE- make the item TEST- evaluate the item IMPROVE-make needed changes SHARE- present the results

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	buzzer, motor, conductor, insulator, metal, non-metal,		
	connection, short circuit, crocodile clip, bulb, switch,	temperature, water cycle.	
	battery, positive, negative, connect/connections, loose	boiling point, evaporation,	
	electrical circuit, complete circuit, component, cell,	melting, freezing, melting point,	
	Electricity, electrical appliance/device, mains, plug,	Solid, liquid, gas, state change,	

Working scientifically

- 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
- Recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, and bar and line graphs
- Using test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests
- Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.

Year 5	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 5	Physics: Forces 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. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Comparative and fair	Biology: Living Things and their habitats 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. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Pattern seeking- Gestation lengths	Biology: Animals including humans Describe the changes as humans develop to old age.
Vocabulary	testing- investigate parachutes. Force, gravity, Earth, air resistance, water resistance, friction, mechanisms, simple machines, levers, pulleys, gears.	Life cycle, reproduce, sexual, sperm, fertilises, egg, live young, metamorphosis, asexual, plantlets, runners, bulbs, cuttings	Puberty – the vocabulary to describe sexual characteristics.
	Chemistry: Properties and changes of materials 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.	Physics: Earth and Space Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system.	ASK- define the problem IMAGINE- generate ideas PLAN- select a solution

	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. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Comparative and fair testing- Dissolving Skittles	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. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Researching- Changing ideas.	CREATE- make the item TEST- evaluate the item IMPROVE-make needed changes SHARE- present the results
Vocabulary	Thermal/electrical insulator/conductor, change of state, mixture, dissolve, solution, soluble, insoluble, filter, sieve, reversible/non-reversible change, burning, rusting, new material	Earth, Sun, Moon, (Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn, Venus, Mars, Uranus, Neptune), spherical, solar system, rotates, star, orbit, planets	
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Year 6	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 6	Biology: Evolution and inheritance	Biology: Living things and their	Biology: Animals including humans
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	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. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Pattern seeking- Birds a beaks.	similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals. Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.	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. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Observing over time- investigating pulse rate.
Vocabulary	Offspring, sexual reproduction, vary, characteristics, suited, adapted, environment, inherited, species, fossils	Vertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, invertebrates, insects, spiders, snails, worms, flowering, nonflowering.	Heart, pulse, rate, pumps, blood, blood vessels, transported, lungs, oxygen, carbon dioxide, nutrients, water, muscles, cycle, circulatory system, diet, exercise, drugs, lifestyle
	Physics: Electricity 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. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Comparative and fair testing- Changing components.	Physics: Light 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	ASK- define the problem IMAGINE- generate ideas PLAN- select a solution CREATE- make the item TEST- evaluate the item IMPROVE-make needed changes SHARE- present the results

		the objects that cast them. WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY Task: Comparative and fair testing- Investigating shadows- distance from light source and size of shadow.	
Vocabulary	Circuit, complete circuit, circuit diagram, circuit symbol, cell, battery, bulb, buzzer, motor, switch, voltage.	As for Year 3 - Light, plus straight lines, light rays,	

Biology	The study of living things.	
Chemistry	The study of the composition and properties of substances and of the changes they undergo.	
	(What things are made of and how they change.)	
Physics	The study of matter, energy, and the interaction between them.	
	Matter- anything that takes up space (air, water, rocks, people etc)	
	Energy- the ability to do work.	