



Building

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Science LTP



Highlyengaging

Retrieval practice

Expert modelling and exposition

Adaptive Teaching

Intent

Through our science curriculum, we harness our pupils natural curiosity through the wonderful everyday: we explicitly teach children about the phenomena that impact our daily life and give them opportunities to explore these in detail. We understand the critical importance of STEM knowledge and seek to lay foundations that will broaden the life chances of our pupils and prepare them to live and work in an increasingly scientific world. We take an evidence-informed approach to our curriculum design, as well as our pedagogy so that our pupils can remember and apply what they have learnt. Throughout every unit, pupils have the opportunity to engage in a wide range of enquiry approaches, developing both their scientific knowledge and skill.

Implementation

Our knowledge-rich curriculum equips pupils with the knowledge and vocabulary needed to explain and analyse their understanding of scientific content and scientific process. The medium-term planning and lesson sequencing is provided by the subject lead. Using the expected knowledge, teachers devise their exposition around key principles such as retrieval practice, teaching subject-specific vocabulary and using direct instruction to teach the core knowledge. Teachers use targeted questioning to elicit pupil understanding, expecting answers from all through talk partners. They clearly model the enquiry process and plan when to use and remove scaffolds to provide support and challenge for individual learners. They provide clear feedback on how to improve when circulating to obtain a high success rate and use daily review checkpoints to consolidate.

Impact

The impact of our science curriculum is measured by triangulating lesson observations, work scrutinies and pupil discussions to gauge what pupils have learned and how well they remember this. Leaders sample retrieval practise to see how much prior content pupils have retained as well as using termly summative standardised assessments, to be not mark pupil performance against a national sample. These are moderated across the primary academies.



Progression

Units are carefully mapped out over both each key stage and the whole of the primary science curriculum so that key concepts and core knowledge is regularly revisited. Knowledge is centred around a 'Big Question' for the unit to help support children's schemas and the various types of enquiry become progressively more challenging over the primary phase. Vocabulary is carefully mapped from the Early Years to Y6 to ensure progression in key terms are taught and learnt.

Enrichment

Our engagement with the local environment ensures that pupil learn through varied and first-hand experiences of the world around them. Through various workshops, trips and interactions with experts, pupils develop the understanding that science has changed our lives and that it is vital to the world's future prosperity; our science week plays a large part in the academy's enrichment offer. Pupils learn the possibilities for careers in science as a result of our community links and connection with national agencies such as the STEM association.

Science Year Group Map



Year Group	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery	Biology Animals including humans What can my body do?	Chemistry Uses of Everyday Materials Winter Weather	Physics: Light and Dark	Physics Forces Pushes and Pulls	Biology Plants Plant Life Cycle	Chemistry Everyday Materials Recycling Plastic
Reception	Biology Animals including Humans <i>The Human Body</i>	Biology Animals including Humans <i>Looking after my body</i>	Chemistry: Everyday Materials: <i>Making Planes</i>	Biology Animals including Humans Life Cycle of Birds	Physics Earth and Space Stars and Space	Biology Living Things and their Habitats Beasts: Mini & Massive
Year 1	Biology Animals including Humans <i>The Five Senses & Me</i>	Physics Seasonal Change Our Changing Earth	Chemistry Use of Everyday Materials Describing & Grouping	Biology Ani mals including humans The Animal Kingdoms	Biology Plants Common British Plants	Consolidation
Year 2	Biology Living things and their habitats Microhabitats, Food & Adaptations.	Chemistry Use of everyday materials Changing materials & their usefulness.	Biology Plants What Plants need to grow.	Biology Animals including humans Life Cycles & Hygiene	Consolidation KS1 SATs	Physics Electricity Where Electricity comes from
Year 3	Biology Ani mals including humans <i>Vertebrates</i>	Chemistry Rocks and Soils	Physics Light Light and Shadow	Physics Electricity Making Simple Circuits	Biology Plants How parts function	Physics Magnets Forces Movements
Year 4	Biology Ani mals including humans <i>Digestive System</i>	Chemistry States of Matter Solids, Liquids & Gases	Physics Sound Vibrations & Patterns	Biology Living things and their habitats Environmental Changes	Consolidation	Chemistry Properties of change and materials (Y5, Part 1) Uses of Materials
Year 5	Biology Living things and their habitats Life Cycles & Reproduction	Physics Earth and Space <i>The Milky Way</i>	Physics Forces Gravity, Friction, Air & Water Resistance Gear, Levers & Pulleys		Biology Animals including humans <i>From Cradle to Grave</i>	Chemistry Properties of change and materials Separating Mixtures & Solutions
Year 6	Biology Animals including humans The Circulatory System	Physics Light Reflection & Refraction	Biology Living things and their habitats Micro-organisms & Classification	Biology Evolution and Inheritance Adaptation, Mutation & Inheritance	KS2 SATs Physics Electricity Circuits and Symbols	Consolidation & Life skills e.g. first aid







