

## Science: Knowledge Progression

| Knowledge<br>Progression | EYFS                     | Year 1                       | Year 2                         | Year 3                      | Year 4                      | Year 5                     | Year 6                      |
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| <u> </u>                 | I know that different    | I know how to describe and   | I know how to name and         | I know how to identify that | I know how to describe      | I know how to describe the | I know how to identify and  |
|                          | animals have different   | compare observable           | locate parts of the human      | animals, including humans,  | the simple functions of     | changes as humans develop  | name the main parts of the  |
|                          | body parts (some have    | features of animals from a   | body, including those          | need the right types and    | the basic parts of the      | to old age                 | human circulatory system,   |
|                          | no legs, some have       | range of groups              | related to the senses and      | amount of nutrition, and    | digestive system in         |                            | and describe the functions  |
|                          | lots)                    | I know how to group          | describe them                  | that they cannot make       | humans                      |                            | of the heart, blood vessels |
|                          | I know that different    | animals according to what    | I know how to describe the     | their own food; they get    | I know how to identify the  |                            | and blood                   |
|                          | animals like different   | they eat                     | basic needs of animals for     | nutrition from what they    | different types of teeth in |                            | I know how to recognise the |
|                          | foods and live in        | I know how to identify and   | survival and the main          | eat                         | humans and their simple     |                            | impact of diet, exercise,   |
|                          | difference places        | name a variety of common     | changes as offspring from      | I know how to identify that | functions                   |                            | drugs and lifestyle on the  |
|                          | I know that some         | animals including fish,      | young animals, including       | humans and some other       | I know how to construct     |                            | way their bodies function   |
|                          | animals are big and      | amphibians, reptiles,        | humans, grow into adults       | animals have skeletons      | and interpret a variety of  |                            | I know how to describe the  |
|                          | some animals are small   | mammals and birds            | I know how to group            | and muscles for support,    | food chains, identifying    |                            | ways in which nutrients and |
|                          | I know that butterflies  | I know how to identify and   | animals according to what      | protection and movement     | producers, predators and    |                            | water are transported       |
|                          | do not start out looking | name a variety of common     | they eat, describe how         |                             | prey                        |                            | within animals, including   |
|                          | like butterflies         | animals that are carnivores, | animals get their food from    |                             |                             |                            | humans                      |
|                          | (undergo                 | herbivores and omnivores     | other animals and/or plants,   |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | metamorphosis)           | I know how to name and       | and use simple food chains     |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | I know how to talk       | locate parts of the human    | to describe these              |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | about different places   | body, including those        | relationships                  |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | an animals might live    | related to the senses        | I know how to describe the     |                             |                             |                            |                             |
| nimals including         | I know that some         | I know how to describe and   | importance for humans of       |                             |                             |                            |                             |
| humans                   | animals hibernate        | compare observable           | exercise, eating the right     |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | I know that some         | features of animals from a   | amounts of different types of  |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | animals are adapted to   | range of groups              | food, and hygiene              |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | live under the sea and   | I know how to describe and   | I know how to describe the     |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | that humans are          | compare the structure of a   | basic needs of animals,        |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | adapted to live on land  | variety of common animals    | including humans, for          |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | I know that if I wash    | (fish, amphibians, reptiles, | survival (water, food and air) |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | my hands then that will  | birds and mammals,           | <u>Vocab</u> :                 |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | kill off germs           | including pets)              | egg, chick, chicken; egg,      |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | I know about the         | I know how to identify,      | caterpillar, pupa, butterfly;  |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | importance of a          | name, draw and label the     | spawn, tadpole, frog; lamb,    |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | healthy diet             | basic parts of the human     | sheep                          |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | I know I cannot eat      | body and say which part of   | I know how to describe the     |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | unhealthy foods like     | the body is associated with  | importance for humans of       |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | chips and pizza          | each sense                   | exercise, eating the right     |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | everyday and I need a    | I know how to take care of   | amounts of different types of  |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | variety of food          | animals taken from their     | food, and hygiene              |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | I know about the         | habitat and understand the   | I know how to describe the     |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | importance of a          | need to return them safely   | importance for humans of       |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | healthy exercise         | to their homes               | exercise, eating the right     |                             |                             |                            |                             |
|                          | regime                   | I know how to use the        | amounts of different types of  |                             |                             |                            |                             |

|                    | I know that exercise is good for my body.   | vocabulary and identify: head, neck, arms, elbows, legs, knees, face, ears, eyes, hair, mouth and teeth  Vocab  Humans and animals: head, neck, arms, elbows, legs, knees, face, ears, eyes, hair, mouth and teeth   | food, and hygiene  |  |  |  |
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| Everyday Materials | I know that objects are made from different materials I know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things I know how to about the features of my immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another I know how to make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes | I know how to distinguish objects from materials, describe their properties, identify and group everyday materials I know how to distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made I know how to identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock I know how to describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials I know how to compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties  Vocab Materials: hard/soft; stretchy/stiff; shiny/dull; rough/smooth; bendy/not bendy; waterproof/not waterproof; absorbent/not absorbent; opaque/transparent. brick, paper, fabrics, elastic, foil. | I know how to distinguish objects from materials, describe their properties, identify and group everyday materials and compare their suitability for different uses I know how to identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses I know how to describe how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching |  | I know how to 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 I know how to recognise that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution I know how to use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating I know how to give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic I know how to demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes I know how to 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 |  |

| Light       |   |  | I know how to recognise that he/she needs light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light I know how to notice that light is reflected from surfaces I know how to recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect eyes I know how to find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change I know that it is not safe to look directly at the sun, even when wearing dark glasses |   | I know how to recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines I know how to 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 I know how to 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 I know how to use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them |
|-------------|---|--|--|---|--|
| Magnets     | I know that magnets are 'sticky' without being sticky. I know magnets stick to certain materials (metals) I know how to find an object which a magnet will stick to |  | I know how to compare how things move on different surfaces I know how to notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance I know how to 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 I know how to describe magnets as having two poles   |   |  |
| Electricity |   |  |  | I know how to identify<br>common appliances that<br>run on electricity<br>I know how to construct a<br>simple series electrical<br>circuit, identifying and | I know how to associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit I know how to compare and  |

| Seasonal changes | I know how to identify that it is Autumn, Winter, Summer and Spring I know how to identify seasonal colours I know that lots of new life begins in the Spring time I know how to choose appropriate clothing for the seasons | I know how to observe and describe changes across the four seasons I know how to observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies I know that it is not safe to look directly at the sun, even when wearing dark glasses |   |   | 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 I know how to recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit I know how to recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors | give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches I know how to use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram |
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| Plants           | I know that plants need sun to grow I know that plants need water to grow I know that most plants need soil and nutrients to grow I know some plants   | I know how to identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees I know how to identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common   | I know how to describe the basic needs of plants for survival and the impact of changing these and the main changes as seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants I know how to observe and describe how seeds and | I know how to identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers I know how to explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, |  |   |

|                                  | grow from seeds   | flowering plants, including trees I know how to identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees  Vocab Plants: leaves, flowers (blossom), petals, fruit, roots, bulb, seed, trunk, branches, stem. | bulbs grow into mature plants I know how to find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy Vocab: bulbs. germination, reproduction (questions that recognise growth), growth, survival  | water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant I know how to investigate the way in which water is transported within plants I know how to explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal |   |  |   |
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| Living things and their habitats | I know about similarities and differences in relation to living things and their habitats I know how to talk about the features of my own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another I know how to make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes. |  | I know how to identify whether things are alive, dead or have never lived I know how to explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive I know how to name different plants and animals and describe how they are suited to different habitats I know how to 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 I know how to identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats I know how to 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 Vocab: Habitat: A natural environment or home of a variety of plants and animals Micro-habitat: A very small |  | I know how to recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways I know how to explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment I know how to recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers and have an impact on living things | I know how to describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird I know how to describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals | I know how to describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals I know how to give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics |

|        | habitat, for example for                  |  |   |  |
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|        | woodlice under stones, log or leaf litter | S  |   |  |
|        | of real fitter                            |  |   |  |
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|        |   | I know how to compare                              |   |  |
|        |   | and group together                                 |   |  |
|        |   | different kinds of rocks on the basis of their     |   |  |
|        |   | appearance and simple                              |   |  |
|        |   | physical properties                                |   |  |
|        |   | I know how to describe in                          |   |  |
| Rocks  |   | simple terms how fossils                           |   |  |
|        |   | are formed when things                             |   |  |
|        |   | that have lived are trapped                        |   |  |
|        |   | within rock  |   |  |
|        |   | I know how to recognise                            |   |  |
|        |   | that soils are made from rocks and organic matter. |   |  |
|        |   | I know how to compare                              | I know how to explain that                                |  |
|        |   | how things move on                                 | unsupported objects fall                                  |  |
|        |   | different surfaces                                 | towards the Earth because of                              |  |
|        |   | I know how to notice that                          | the force of gravity acting                               |  |
|        |   | some forces need contact                           | between the Earth and the                                 |  |
|        |   | between two objects, but                           | falling object  |  |
|        |   | magnetic forces can act at                         | I know how to identify the                                |  |
|        |   | a distance I know how to compare                   | effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, |  |
|        |   | and group together a                               | that act between moving                                   |  |
|        |   | variety of everyday                                | surfaces  |  |
| Forces |   | materials on the basis of                          | I know how to recognise that                              |  |
|        |   | whether they are attracted                         | some mechanisms, including                                |  |
|        |   | to a magnet, and identify                          | levers, pulleys and gears,                                |  |
|        |   | some magnetic materials I know how to describe     | allow a smaller force to have                             |  |
|        |   | magnets as having two                              | a greater effect I know how to describe the               |  |
|        |   | poles  | differences in the life cycles                            |  |
|        |   | I know how to predict                              | of a mammal, an amphibian,                                |  |
|        |   | whether two magnets will                           | an insect and a bird                                      |  |
|        |   | attract or repel each other,                       | I know how to describe the                                |  |
|        |   | depending on which poles                           | life process of reproduction in                           |  |
|        |   | are facing   | some plants and animals                                   |  |

|                  |  |  | I know how to identify      |                                |  |
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|                  |  |  | how sounds are made,        |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | associating some of them    |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | with something vibrating    |                                |  |
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|                  |  |  | I know how to recognise     |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | that vibrations from        |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | sounds travel through a     |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | medium to the ear           |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | I know how to find          |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | patterns between the        |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | pitch of a sound and        |                                |  |
| Sound            |  |  | features of the object that |                                |  |
| Journa           |  |  |                             |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | produced it                 |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | I know how to find          |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | patterns between the        |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | volume of a sound and       |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | the strength of the         |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | vibrations that produced    |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | it '                        |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | I know how to recognise     |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | that sounds get fainter as  |                                |  |
|                  |  |  |                             |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | the distance from the       |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | sound source increases      |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | I know how to compare       |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | and group materials         |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | together, according to      |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | whether they are solids,    |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | liquids or gases            |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | I know how to observe       |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | that some materials         |                                |  |
|                  |  |  |                             |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | change state when they      |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | are heated or cooled, and   |                                |  |
| States of matter |  |  | measure or research the     |                                |  |
| States of matter |  |  | temperature at which this   |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | happens in degrees          |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | Celsius (°C)                |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | I know how to identify the  |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | part played by              |                                |  |
|                  |  |  |                             |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | evaporation and             |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | condensation in the water   |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | cycle and associate the     |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | rate of evaporation with    |                                |  |
|                  |  |  | temperature                 |                                |  |
|                  |  |  |                             | I know how to describe the     |  |
|                  |  |  |                             | movement of the Earth, and     |  |
|                  |  |  |                             | other planets, relative to the |  |
|                  |  |  |                             | Sun in the solar system        |  |
| Earth and Space  |  |  |                             | I know how to describe the     |  |
|                  |  |  |                             | movement of the Moon           |  |
|                  |  |  |                             |                                |  |
|                  |  |  |                             | relative to the Earth          |  |
|                  |  |  |                             | I know how to describe the     |  |
|                  |  |  |                             |                                |  |

|                           |  |  | Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies I know how to use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky I know that the Sun is a star at the centre of our solar system and that it has eight planets: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune (Pluto was reclassified as a 'dwarf planet' in 2006). I know that a moon is a celestial body that orbits a planet (Earth has one moon; Jupiter has four large moons and numerous smaller ones). |   |
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| Evolution and inheritance |  |  |   | I know how to recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago I know how to recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents I know how to identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution |

|                   | Pupils might find out about people who have developed useful new materials, for example John Dunlop, Charles Macintosh or John | They should find out about the work of naturalists and animal behaviourists, for example, David Attenborough and Jane Goodall  Pupils might find out about the significance of the work of scientists such as Carl Linnaeus, a pioneer of classification |
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|                   | McAdam.  | They should find out about how chemists create new materials, for example, Spencer Silver, who invented the glue for sticky notes or Pupils might find out about the work of palaeontologists such as Mary Anning and about how Charles Darwin and       |
| Famous Scientists |  | Ruth Benerito, who invented wrinkle-free cotton.  Pupils should find out about the way that ideas about the solar system have developed,   |
|                   |  | understanding how the geocentric model of the solar system gave way to the heliocentric model by considering the work of scientists such as Ptolemy,   |
|                   |  | Alhazen and Copernicus.  Pupils might find out how scientists, for example, Galileo Galilei and Isaac Newton helped to develop the theory of gravitation.  |