

Brookside Primary School

Science Skills Progression

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This document maps out the statements in the new NC, for first teaching in September 2014, across the key stages to show progression. It is divided up into the following sections:

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Sc2: Biology - Plants		
KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees	Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers	
Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees	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	
Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.	investigate the way in which water is transported within plants	
observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants	Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.	Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants (and Animals, including humans)
Sc2: Biology - Plants		
KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive.	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 things in their local and wider environment	Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants, and animals
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	Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.	Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on special characteristics
Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats.		Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals
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.	Construct and interpret a variety of food chains , identifying producers, predators and prey.	

Sc2: Biology - Animals, including humans		
KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals		
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.	Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement	
Find out about and describe the basic needs of Animals, including humans, including humans, for survival (water, food and air)		Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.
Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.		Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within Animals, including humans. Identify and name the main parts of the circulatory system, and explain the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.
Notice that animals, including humans, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults		Describe the life processes of reproduction in some Animals, including humans Describe the changes as humans develop from birth to old age Describe the differences in the life cycles of mammal, amphibian, insect & bird
Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.	Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans	
Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores	Identify that Animals, including humans, 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	

	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	
	Sc2: Biology Evolution & Inheritance	
KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
		Evolution and inheritance Pupils should be taught to:
		Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents.
	From 'The Earth (Rocks, Atmosphere): Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock.	Identify how Animals, including humans and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution 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.
	Sc3: Chemistry - Materials	
KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made.	Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases.	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.
Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock.	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).	

Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties. Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses		Give reasons , based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic.
(Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching)	Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature	Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution.
		Demonstrate that dissolving , mixing and changes of state are reversible changes .
		Use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated , including through filtering, sieving and evaporating
		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.
2	Sc3: Chemistry - The Earth: (Rocks, Atmosphere)
KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
	Recognise that that soils are made from rocks and organic matter	
	Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock.	
	Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their simple physical properties	

Sc4: Physics - Motion and forces		
KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
Materials : Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.		Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object
	Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance	Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces
		Recognise that some mechanisms, including gears, pulleys, levers and springs, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect
	Compare how things move on different surfaces	
Sc4: Physics - Waves: Light		
KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
	Notice that light is reflected from surfaces	Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines
	Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes	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
	Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light	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.
	Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid object	Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.
	Find patterns that determine the size of shadows.	
Sc4: Physics - Waves: Sound		
KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
	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	
	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 as the distance from	
	the sound source increases.	
		Energy and waves:
		Pressure waves transferring energy; use for cleaning
		and physiotherapy by ultra-sound; waves transferring
		information for conversion to electrical signals by
		microphone.
Sc4: Physics - Magnetism		
KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
	Notice that some forces need contact between two	
	objects and some forces act at a distance	
	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.	
	Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and	
	attract some materials and not others	
	Describe magnets as having two poles	
	Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel	
	each other, depending on which poles are facing	
Sc4: Physics - Electricity		
KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
	Identify common appliances that run on electricity.	

	Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying	Use recognised symbols when representing a simple
	and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires,	circuit in a diagram
	bulbs, switches and buzzers	
	Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple	Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a
	series circuit based on whether or not the lamp is part	buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in
	of a complete loop with a battery	the circuit
	Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and	Compare and give reasons for variations in how
	associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a	components function, including the brightness of
	simple series circuit	bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position
		of switches.
	Recognise some common conductors and insulators,	
	and associate metals with being good conductors.	
	Sc4: Physics - Earth & Space	
KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
Seasonal changes:		Describe the movement of the Earth and other
Observe changes across the four seasons		planets relative to the Sun in the solar system.
Observe and describe weather associated with the		Describe the movement of the Moon relative to the
seasons and how day length varies.		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.
	Sc4: Physics - Energy	
KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
		Understand that force and motion can be transferred
		through mechanical devices such as gears, pulleys,
		levers and springs.