Science Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2		
Nursery	Aut 1	Aut 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2		
	Me and my family	Celebrations	Traditional Tales	Nursery Rhymes	PWHU & Transport	Growth		
Understanding the	Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.							
world strands	Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.							
	Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.							
	Begin to understand	Begin to understand	Talk about the	Understand the key	Explore how things	Plant seeds and care		
	the need to respect	the need to respect	differences between	features of the life	work.	for growing plants.		
	and care for the	and care for the	materials and	cycle of a plant and				
	natural environment	natural environment	changes they notice.	an animal.		Understand the key		
	and all living things.	and all living things.				features of the life		
						cycle of a plant and		
	Explore how things					an animal.		
	work.							
Reception	Aut 1	Aut 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2		
	All about me/	Celebrations	Traditional Tales	New Life	Superheroes	At the Seaside		
	seasons							
Understanding the	 Explore the natural world around them. Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. 							
world strands								
	Understand the			Understand the		Understand the		
	effect of changing			effect of changing		effect of changing		
	seasons on the			seasons on the		seasons on the		
	natural world around			natural world around		natural world around		
	them.			them.		them.		
Y1	Everyday Materials	<u> </u>	Using our senses: sensing seasons		Plant detectives	Looking at animals		
	Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made; identify and		Observe changes across the 4 seasons; observe and describe weather associated with		Identify and name a	Identify and name a		
					variety of common	variety of common		
	name a variety of everyday materials,		the seasons and how day length varies.		wild and garden	animals including,		

	including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water,		plants, including	fish, amphibians,
	and rock; describe the simple physical		deciduous and	reptiles, birds and
	properties of a variety of everyday materials;		evergreen trees;	mammals; identify
	compare and group together a variety of		identify and describe	and name a variety of
	everyday materials on the basis of their		the basic structure of	common animals tha
	simple physical properties.		a variety of common	are carnivores,
	Simple physical properties.		flowering plants,	herbivores and
			including trees.	omnivores; describe
			including trees.	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.
	Seasonal Change- throughout the year	L	L	
Year 2	Animals including humans/growth	Every day Materials	Pla	<u>ints</u>
	Notice that animals, including humans, have	Explore the useful properties of materials	Observe and describe	how seeds and bulbs
	offspring which grow into adults. Find out	with a range of investigations involving	grow into mature plants.	
	about and describe the basic needs of	absorbency and flexibility. Discover which	Find out and describe how plants need wate	
	animals, including humans, for survival	type of kitchen towel or cloth is most	light and a suitable temperature to grow and	
	(water, food and air). Describe the	effective at mopping up spills; consider why	y stay healthy.	
	importance for humans of exercise, eating the	building materials must be absorbent and		
	right amounts of different types of food, and	which ones fit the bill; create artwork by		
	hygiene.	exploring the textures of materials and learn		
		all about wax and how to re-mould it.		
	<u>Living things and habitats</u>	Identify and compare the suitability of a		
	Explore and compare the differences between	variety of everyday materials,		
	things that are living, dead, and things that		1	

	living things live in hab suited and describe h provide for the basic n of animals and plants, on eac Describe how animals plants and other anim simple food chain, a	ve. Identify that most pitats to which they are now different habitats needs of different kinds and how they depend h other obtain their food from hals, using the idea of a not identify and name arces of food.	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			
Year 3	Plants	Animals Inc Humans	Rocks and Fossils		Light	Forces and magnets
Year 4	Animals including humans The children will cover the digestive system in humans and animals and the functions of teeth. Children will learn more about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores in the context of teeth, digestion and the food chain. In addition, they will extend their understanding of food chains to more complex chains and food webs.	Electricity Children will learn about what electricity is and how it was discovered. They will identify which appliances use electricity in their homes and how to keep themselves safe. Children will construct circuits, start to create pictorial circuits and conduct an investigation into how easily different types of switches can break and reconnect a circuit.	Living things The children will explore different ways of identifying, classifying, grouping and sorting living things. They will look recap the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates in more detail. The children will also explore how environmental changes can affect living things.	States of matter We will explore differences between solids, liquids and gases, classify objects and identify their properties and work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate the weight of a gas. We will cover how water changes state, exploring melting, freezing and condensing as well as a particular focus on evaporation. Finally, the children will learn about the stages of the water cycle.	Sound We will be looking at how vibrations cause sounds as well as how sound can change pitch and volume. We will be carrying out a series of investigations to learn about how sounds are made. We will also work collaboratively and scientifically to explore sound proofing materials.	Scientists and inventors The children will learn all about famous inventors which relate to many of the scientific topics they will have covered throughout the year. An example of which is Alexander Graham Bell and his invention of the telephone.
Year 5	Earth and Space Describe the movement of the	Forces Explain that unsupported objects	Properties and changes of materials Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties		Living things and their habitats	Animals (including humans)

	Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system 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	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	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 Give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests 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		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	Describe the changes as humans develop to old age
Year 6	Living things and their habitats – Classifying groups based on observable characteristics	Evolution and Inheritance – How animals have adapted over time to suit their environment	Electricity – Creating circuits and using this knowledge to create a vacuum cleaner	Light – Developing an understating of how light travels	Animals including humans – Exploring the circulatory system and linking this to keeping fit and having an active lifestyle	Revision of all skills through cross curricular activities, application of practical skills through experiment tasks.