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Biology Animals Including Humans <u>Concepts</u> Function Changes Growth Energy	<p><i>Learns new vocabulary - Learn the names of key body parts (communication and language).</i></p> <p><i>Make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and toothbrushing (personal, social and emotional development).</i></p> <p>Begin to make sense of their own life story.</p> <p>Understand the key features of</p>	<p><i>Use a wider range of vocabulary - Learn the names of a wider range of body parts (communication and language). Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing (personal, social and emotional development).</i></p> <p>Talk about how they have grown and</p>	<p>Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.</p> <p>Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.</p>	<p>Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air).</p> <p>Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Identify that humans and some other</p>	<p>Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.</p> <p>Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions.</p> <p>Construct and interpret a variety</p>	<p>Describe the changes as humans develop to old age.</p>	<p>Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.</p> <p>Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.</p> <p>Identify and name the main parts</p>	<p>Movement in and out of cells. Cell structure and use of microscopes.</p> <p>Communicable and noncommunicable disease; pathogens; development of drugs; immunity.</p> <p>Control of blood glucose and body temperature.</p> <p>Control of water levels and kidney treatment.</p> <p>The skeleton.</p>



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	the life cycle an animal (butterfly, hen).	<p>changed from a baby.</p> <p>Revisit the lifecycles learnt in Nursery and learn key features of new animal lifecycles (frog, duck).</p>	<p>Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.</p> <p>Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals</p>	Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults.	animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.	of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.		of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.	



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			including pets).						
Biology <i>Living things and their habitats</i> <u>Concepts</u> Function Variation Adaptation Cause and effect Process	Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.	Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants (ELG).		Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats. Explore and compare the differences between things that		Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a	Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. Describe the life process of reproduction	Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-	Animal reproduction. Plant reproduction.



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				<p>are living, dead, and things that have never been alive.</p> <p>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.</p>		<p>variety of living things in their local and wider environment.</p> <p>Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.</p>	<p>in some plants and animals.</p>	<p>organisms, plants and animals.</p> <p>Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics .</p>	



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				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.					
Biology <i>Plants</i> <u>Concepts</u> Structure Function Variation Growth	Plant seeds and care for growing plants. Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant (sunflower, bean).	Plant seeds and care for growing plants. Revisit the lifecycles learnt in Nursery and learn key features of new plant lifecycles (pumpkin, strawberry).	Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees.	Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable	Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers. Explore the requirements	<i>Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways (including plants) (living things and their habitats).</i>	<i>Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals (living things and their habitats).</i>	<i>Describe how living things are classified into groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, plants (living</i>	Plant reproduction.



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	Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.	Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of plants (ELG).	Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.	temperature to grow and stay healthy. <i>Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats (living things and their habitats).</i>	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. Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including	<i>Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment (including plants) (living things and their habitats).</i>		<i>things and their habitats). Give reasons for classifying plants based on specific characteristics (living things and their habitats).</i>	



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					pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.				
Biology <i>Evolution and inheritance</i> Adaptation Variation Changes Evolution Growth Similarity and Difference				<i>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 (living things</i>	<i>Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rocks (living things and their habitats).</i>	<i>Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things (living things and their habitats).</i>		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	



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				<i>and their habitats).</i>				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.	
<u>Biology/physics</u> Seasonal changes <u>Concepts</u> Changes Cause and Effect	Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary (during seasonal walks and exploration).	Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons (ELG).	Observe changes across the 4 seasons. Observe and describe weather associated with the				<i>Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun</i>		



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Similarity and Difference			seasons and how day length varies.					<i>across the sky (earth and space).</i>	
Physics Sound <u>Concepts</u> Cause and effect Changes						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			



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						<p>sound and features of the object that produced it</p> <p>Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.</p> <p>Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.</p>			



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<p>Physics <i>Forces and magnets</i></p> <p><u>Concepts</u> Cause and effect Similarity and difference</p>	Explore and talk about different forces they can feel.				<p>Compare how things move on different surfaces.</p> <p>Notice that some forces need contact between 2 objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance.</p> <p>Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others.</p>		<p>Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object.</p> <p>Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces.</p>		Types of forces. Balanced and unbalanced forces.



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					<p>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.</p> <p>Describe magnets as having 2 poles.</p> <p>Predict whether 2 magnets will attract or repel each</p>		<p>Recognise that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.</p> <p><i>Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their response to</i></p>		



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					other, depending on which poles are facing		<i>magnets (materials).</i>		
<u>Physics</u> Light <u>Concepts</u> Cause and effect					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			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	Types of energy. Light, reflection and refraction.



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					<p>protect their eyes.</p> <p>Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object.</p> <p>Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.</p>			<p>from light sources to objects and then to our eyes.</p> <p>Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.</p>	
<p>Physics</p> <p><i>Earth and Space</i></p> <p><u>Concepts</u> Changes</p>			<p><i>Observe changes across the four seasons (seasonal changes).</i></p>				Describe the movement of the Earth and other planets		The solar system; stars and the moon.



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Similarity and Difference			<i>Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies (seasonal changes).</i>				<p>relative to the sun in the solar system.</p> <p>Describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth.</p> <p>Describe the sun, Earth and moon as approximately spherical bodies.</p> <p>Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night</p>		



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							and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.		
Physics <i>Electricity</i>						<p>Identify common appliances that run on electricity.</p> <p>Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.</p>	<p><i>Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their electrical conductivity (properties and changes of materials).</i></p>	<p>Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit.</p> <p>Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of</p>	Types of energy. Static charge.



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						<p>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.</p> <p>Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit.</p>		<p>buzzers and the on/off position of switches.</p> <p>Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.</p>	



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						Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.			
Chemistry Rocks <u>Concepts</u> Structure Cause and effect Changes Similarity and Difference			<i>Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including rock (materials). Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials,</i>	<i>Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including rock, for particular uses (materials).</i>	Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties.			<i>Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago (evolution and inheritance).</i>	





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			<i>including rock (materials).</i>		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.				
Chemistry Materials <u>Concepts</u> Structure Function Cause and effect Similarity and Difference	Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials. Explore collections of materials with similar and/or	Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including changing states of matter (ELG).	Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. Identify and name a variety of	Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock,		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		Atomic structure and use of periodic table. Separation techniques. Acid's, alkali's and neutralisation.



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	<p>different properties.</p> <p>Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.</p>		<p>everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock.</p> <p>Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.</p> <p>Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.</p>	<p>paper and cardboard for particular uses.</p> <p>Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.</p>		<p>(states of matter).</p> <p>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) (states of matter).</p> <p>Identify the part played by evaporation and</p>	<p>hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets.</p> <p>Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution and describe how to recover a substance from a solution.</p>		



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						condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature (States of matter).	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		



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							<p>uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic.</p> <p>Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes.</p> <p>Explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials, and that this kind of change is</p>		



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							not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda.		
<u>Working Scientifically</u>	Nursery	Reception	Year 1 and 2		Year 3 and 4		Year 5 and 6		Year 7
	<p>Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary. Explore how things work.</p> <p><i>Be able to express a point of view and to debate when they disagree with an adult or a friend, using words as well as</i></p>	<p>Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.</p> <p><i>Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them (communication and language).</i></p>	<p>Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways.</p> <p>Observing closely, using simple equipment.</p> <p>Performing simple tests.</p> <p>Identifying and classifying.</p> <p>Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions</p>		<p>Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them.</p> <p>Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests.</p> <p>Making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a</p>		<p>Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary.</p> <p>Taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate.</p> <p>Recording data and results of increasing complexity using</p>	<p>An introduction into the use of laboratory equipment and rules and basic science skills.</p>	



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	<p><i>actions (communication and language). Understand 'why' questions, like: "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?" (communication and language).</i></p>	<p><i>Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences (communication and language).</i></p> <p><i>Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen (communication and language).</i></p>	<p>Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions</p>		<p>range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers.</p> <p>Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions.</p> <p>Recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables.</p> <p>Reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions.</p> <p>Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions.</p>		<p>scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs.</p> <p>Using test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests.</p> <p>Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and a degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations.</p> <p>Identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.</p>		



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					Identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes. Using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.				