

Science: Substantive Knowledge

Scientific Knowledge and Understanding	Foundation 1 Foundation 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Plants Foundation Stage, Y1, Y2, Y3	Know how to plants seeds and care for growing plants. Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary Know and understand about the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. Know the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.	Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. To begin to understand how plants grow and change over time.	Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. To know that plants need water and light and a suitable temperature to grow.	Know that deciduous trees lose their leaves seasonally, but evergreen trees do not Identify and describe the functions of different parts of the flowering plant (including leaves, flowers (blossom), petals, fruit, roots, bulb, seed, trunk, branches, stem To know the life-cycle of a plant from seed to mature plant			

				To know the needs of different plants for life and growth and that these vary from plat to plant			
Animals including humans	Know what the 5 senses are.	To identify and name a variety of common	Know the basic stages in a life cycle for	To know that animals, including	Know the functions of the organs in the human digestive	To describe the changes as humans, develop	To know the main parts of the human circulatory
F2-Y6	Know about the natural world around them. Know how to make	animals (including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds	animals, (including humans)	humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition.	system and know the names of the parts of the human digestive system.	to old age, including the stages of growth and development	system (heart, blood vessels and blood). To know that the
	observations and drawing pictures of animals and	and mammals).	Know that animals,	To understand	To know the different	(baby, toddler, child, teenager,	heart pumps blood around the
	plants.	To identify and name a variety	including humans, have	that humans cannot make	types of human teeth and the functions of	adult, elderly).	body and that the blood vessels
	Know that birds lay eggs in a nest.	of common animals that are carnivores,	offspring, which grow into adults	their own food and therefore eat to get the	different human teeth. To know that predators	To describe changes that occur during	transport blood around the body.
	Know some characteristics of birds	herbivores and omnivores	Know the basic needs of animals,	nutrition needed.	hunt for their food and prey are the animals being hunted.	puberty (in boys and girls).	To recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs
		To know the main body parts of	including humans for survival (water,	To know that the skeleton in humans and	To know that producers make their	To know that gestation periods vary across	and lifestyle on the way a body function.
		animals (arms,	food and air).	some animals is used for	own food.	mammals.	To describe the
		legs, wings, tails, fins,	Understand the importance of	movement, protection and	To construct and interpret a variety of		way in which nutrients and
		head, trunk,	exercise, a	support.	food chains.		water are
		horns/tusks,	balanced diet	To know that	To know that food		transported
		shell)		the muscular	chains begin with a		within animals,

		To identify and name basic parts of the human body (including head, neck, arms, elbows, legs, knees, face, ears, eyes, hair, mouth, teeth), and say which part is associated with which sense.	and hygiene for humans	system in humans and some animals works with the skeleton for movement.	producer followed by consumers, and arrows to show the energy passed on		including humans.
Living things and their habitats F2, Y2, Y4, Y5, Y6	Know that we are humans Know that we are people Know that people can see, hear, smell and touch and taste things Environment: Know and describe what I see, hear and feel whilst outside. Know about the natural world around me.		Explore and compare differences between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive Know that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited. To understand how living things, change		Know that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways Know how to use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. Know that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.	Know the differences in the life cycle of different living things e.g. mammal, amphibian, insect and bird. Know the life process of reproduction in plants and animals	Know how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals. Give reasons for classifying plants and animals

			and that animals have offspring that grow into adults				based on specific characteristics.
			Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro habitats.				
			Know 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				
Materials Foundation, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5	Know about and explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties. Know how to use all their senses in hands-on	Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made.	Identify and compare the suitability of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic,	To compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance	To compare and group materials together according to their state of matter (solid, liquid, gas). To observe that some	To compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their	
	exploration of natural materials. Know how to manipulate and play with different materials.	Know the names of a variety of everyday materials	glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses	and simple physical properties	materials change state when they are heated or cooled and measure or research at which this	hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electric and	

Kno of i	ay in the mud kitchen. now about the properties mud and water. splore natural objects cluding rocks and shells now how to sort rocks and shells	including, wood, plastic, glass, metal and begin to describe them. Describe some physical properties of everyday materials and begin to compare and group them	To know that a push or pull must be applied to change the shape of a solid object. To know that solid objects can be squashed, bent, twisted or stretched. To know that different solid objects may take a different amount of force to change shape	To describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within the rock To know that rocks can be grouped based on their appearance or properties, (e.g. colour, texture, hardness, permeability.) To know that rocks may contain grains, crystals or fossils. To know that grains and crystals appear differently and can be used to classify rocks.	happens in degree Celsius (°C). Know that cooling causes gases to turn into liquids (condensing) and liquids to turn into solids (freezing). Know the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.	thermal) and response to magnets. To know that some substances will dissolve in a liquid to form a solution. To know the factors that affect the time taken to dissolve, including temperature and stirring. To understand that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes. To know that some liquids and solids can be separated using sieving, filtering and evaporation and to describe	
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			To understand	and that these	
			the relationship	are usually	
			between the	irreversible. (e.g.	
			properties of	burning, rusting,	
			rocks and their	the action of acid	
			uses.	on bicarbonate of	
				soda.)	
			Know that		
			rocks can		
			change over		
			time (e.g.		
			erosion,		
			weathering).		
Seasonal	Seasonal changes:	Observe			
Changes	Know about the effect of	changes across			
Foundation,	changing seasons on the	the 4 seasons;			
Y1	natural world around	tile 4 seasons,			
	them.				
		Observe and			
		describe			
		weather			
		associated with			
		the seasons			
		and how day			
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Forces and	Know about and play with		Know about and describe	To know types of	
magnets	magnetic toys.			forces: air	
Foundation	Know how to explore using		how objects	resistance, water	
Y3, Y5	magnets.		move on	resistance,	
			different	buoyancy, up	
			surfaces.	thrust,	
			_	gravitational pull,	
			Know that	gravity, opposing	
			some forces	forces, driving	
			need contact	force.	
			between two		

	objects, but	Know what	
	magnetic	gravity is and its	5
	forces can act	impact on our	
	at a distance.	lives.	
	Observe how	Know how some	e
	magnets	mechanisms	
	attract or repel	(levers, pulleys	
	each other and		v
	attract some	a smaller force	
	materials and	have a greater	
	not others	effect	
	Compare and	To know	
	group everyday		
	materials on	weight, mas,	
	the basis of	kilograms (kg),	
	whether they	Newtons (N),	
	are attracted to		
	a magnet, and	fast, slow	
	identify some	1333) 5:5:1	
	magnetic		
	materials		
	Know the		
	North and		
	South poles of		
	a magnet		
	To understand		
	that the		
	opposite poles		
	of a magnet		
	attract one		
	another and		
	like poles repel		
	one another.		

		To know uses of magnets		
Electricity	Explore a range of toys		To identify common	To know that the
Foundation	with switches		appliances that run on	voltage of a
Y4, Y6			electricity	circuit can be
•	Know that some tools and		,	changed and how
	equipment can be turned		To know that all	this affects bulb
	on and off with a switch.		electrical appliances	brightness
			need a power source,	
			including batteries or	To know a wider
			mains electricity.	variety of
			,	components in a
			To know the main	series circuit
			components in a	(including buzzer
			simple series circuit.	and motor).
			To construct a simple	
			circuit.	To draw circuit
				diagrams,
			To understand that an	including the
			open switch breaks a	recognised
			series circuit so the	symbols for
			components will be off.	common
				components and
			To understand that a	using straight
			closed switch	lines.
			completes a series	
			circuit so the	
			components will be on.	
			To understand the	
			relationship between	
			bulb brightness and	
			the number of bulbs in	
			a circuit.	

				To know that some materials allow electrical charge to pass through them quickly and these are known as electrical conductors (e.g. metals). To know that some materials do not allow electrical charge to pass through them easily and these are known as electrical insulators (e.g. wood and plastic). To know the precautions for working safely with electricity.	
Light Foundation Y3, Y6	Play with torches and lights.		Know that they need light in order to see		Know that light appears to travel in straight lines.
	Play in dark dens. Talk about dark and light.		things. Know that dark is the absence		To know that mirrors and periscopes work
	Notice sun and shadows		of light.		using reflection of light on smooth
	Know the sun makes it		Know that light		surfaces.
	light in the daytime.		is reflected from surfaces.		To know that
	Know the sun makes				shiny surfaces
	shadows.				

	Know about sun safety.		Know that a shadow is formed when the light is blocked by an opaque object Know about the dangers of direct sunlight and describe how to protect their eyes. Find patterns in the way that the size of the shadow's changes.		reflect light uniformly. To know that when light is reflected off a surface, its direction changes. To understand why shadows, have the same shape as the objects that cast them as a result of light travelling in straight lines. To understand relationships between light sources, objects and shadows.
Sound Foundation, Y4	Know about different ways to explore their voices and enjoy making sounds. Know about and explore a variety of sound makers and instruments and play them in different ways Know about and explore a range of different sounds			Know how sound is made, associating some sounds with vibrating Know how vibrations sound travels from a source to our ears Know the correlation between pitch and the	

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	made by range of		object producing a		
	instruments.		sound		
	Know that different				
	materials produce		Know the correlation		
	different sounds.		between the volume of		
			a sound and the		
			strength of the		
			vibrations that		
			produced it.		
			p		
			Know what happens to		
			a sound as it travels		
			away from its source		
			(sound gets fainter).		
			(Sound gets fainter).		
Earth and	Know about day and night			Know about the	
	Know and talk about the			movement of the	
Space					
Foundation,	sun, earth and the moon.			Earth and other	
Y5				planets, relative	
				to the sun in the	
				solar system	
				_	
				Know and	
				describe the	
				movement of the	
				Moon relative to	
				the Earth.	
				Describe the Sun,	
				Earth and Moon	
				as approximately	
				spherical bodies	
				Know how the	
				idea of the	
				Earth's rotation	
				can be used to	
				can be used to	

			explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.	
Evolution and inheritance Y6				Know that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. Know that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents. Identify how animals and plays are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaption

				may lead to evolution