KEY STAGE 1 PROGRAMME OF STUDY

	Statutory requirements			
Y1	Plants			
11	Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and			
	evergreen trees			
	• Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees			
	Animals, including humans			
	 Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and 			
	mammals			
	• Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores			
	• 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.			
	Everyday materials			
	 Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made 			
	• Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water			
	and rock			
	 Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials 			
	• Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical			
	properties			
	Seasonal changes			
	Observe changes across the four seasons			
	 Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies 			
Y2	Living things and their habitats			
	• Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have			
	never been alive			
	 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			
	 Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats 			
	• 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			
	Plants			
	Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants			
	 Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay 			
	healthy			
	Animals, including humans			
	 Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults Find out about and describe the basis people of animals, including humans, for survival (water 			
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	food and air)			
	 Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygione 			
	food, and hygiene Use of everyday materials			
	 Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, 			
	plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses			
	 Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from materials can be changed by squashing, 			
	bending, twisting and stretching			

KEY STAGE 2 PROGRAMME OF STUDY

Y3	Plants				
	Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk,				
	leaves and flowers				
	• Explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and				
	room to grow) and they vary from plant to plant				
	 Investigate the way in which water is transported through plants 				
 Explore the part that flowers play in life cycles of flowering plants, including polling 					
	transformation and seed dispersal				
	Animals, including humans				
Identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amounts of nutrition					
that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat					
	 Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, 				
	protection and movement				
	Rocks				
	• Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and				
	simple physical properties				
	• 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 				
	Light				
	 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 protect their				
	eyes				
	 Recognise that shadows are formed when the light source is blocked by an opaque object 				
	 Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change 				
	Forces and magnets				
	 Compare how things move on different surfaces 				
	 Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a 				
	distance				
Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not					
	• 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				
	 Describe magnets as having two poles 				
	• Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are				
	facing				
Y4	Living things and their habitats				
	 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				
	Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living				
	things				
	Animals, including humans				
	 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 				
	 Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey 				
	States of matter				

	 Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases 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 Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the			
	rate of evaporation with temperature			
	ound			
	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			
	lectricity			
	Identify common appliances that run on electricity			
	Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and 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			
	Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a			
	lamp lights in a simple series circuit			
	Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good			
	conductors			
Y5	iving things and their habitats			
	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			
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	 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
Y6	Living things and their habitats
	• 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
	 Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on scientific characteristics
	Animals, including humans
	• Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood
	 Recognise the impact of diet, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function
	 Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans
	Evolution and inheritance
	 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
	 Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution
	Light
	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 from light sources to objects and then to our eyes
	 Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them
	Electricity
	 Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit
	• Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches
	 Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram

Statutory requirements During each year, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and							
skills through the teaching of the programme of study content:							
Year 1 and 2	Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6					
 Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways Observing closely, using simple equipment Performing simple tests Identifying and classifying Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions. 	 Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests Making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions Recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts and tables Reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions Identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes Using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings. 	 Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary Taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate Recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs Using test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, casual relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations Identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments. 					