

Science Learning Progression at Northstead CP School

	Animals, including humans	Vocabulary
EYFS	The Natural World ELG	Hair colour, eye colour, height, age
Year 1	 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 	 hair, eyes, face, nose, ears, teeth, mouth, head, neck,arm, elbow, hand, leg, knee, foot light, dark, blind, hear, loud, quiet, noisy, sweet, salty, sour, bitter, savoury,skin, rough, smooth,hard, soft, smell, scent, sniff, stench animal, mammal, fur, wild mammal,pet, bird, wings, beak, feathers, webbed feet, flippers, tail, fins, scales, gills, amphibian, frog, toad, newt, reptile,lizard, crocodile, turtle, carnivore, sharp teeth, herbivore, plants, vegetable, fruit, omnivore
Year 2	 Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene 	 shelter, heart, exercise, physical health, mental health, healthy diet, unhealthy diet, meat, sugar, germs, hygiene, doctor, disease, plaque, gums, filling offspring, egg, parent, baby, child, teenager, life cycle, adolescent, frogspawn, tadpole, froglet, caterpillar, pupa, butterfly, insect, adult
Year 3	 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 Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement 	 skeleton, skull, ribcage, pelvis, femur, spine, antennae, exoskeleton, joint, hinge joint, ball-and-socket joint, muscle, biceps, triceps, contract, relax carbohydrates, proteins, dairy products, fats, fruitand vegetables, balanced diet, balanced meal, nutrition, Eatwell Guide, vegan diet, vegetarian diet, omnivorous diet, pescatarian diet
Year 4	 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 	 incisors, canines, premolars, molars, enamel, root, decay, digestive system, mouth, oesophagus,stomach, small intestine, large intestine, rectum, saliva producer, consumer,prey, predator, farming, overfishing, hunting

Year 5	 Describe the changes as humans develop to old age 	 foetus, elderly adult, milestone, womb, period, reproduce, hormone, puberty, life expectancy, gestation period, gestation
Year 6	 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, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans 	 circulatory system, blood vessels, arteries, veins, capillaries, red bloodcells, white blood cells, lungs, plasma, oxygen, atria, ventricles, right atrium, left atrium, right ventricle, left ventricle, oxygenated blood, deoxygenated blood calories, saturated fats, unsaturated fats, trans fats, drug, painkiller, depressant, stimulant, cigarette, tar, nicotine, vape, carbon monoxide, addiction, heart rate

	Living things and their habitats	Vocabulary
EYFS	• ELG Then Natural World	• Animal, bird, pet, farm, safari, zoo, move, tail, camouflage, protect, eat, clean, alive, extinct, pattern, endangered
Year 1	•	•
Year 2	 Explore and compare the differences between things thatare living, dead, and things thathave never been alive Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they aresuited and describe how different habitats provide for thebasic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other Identify and name a variety ofplants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats Describe how animals obtain their food from plants and otheranimals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food 	 Arctic plants, hibernate, habitat, cactus, desert, rainfall, ocean, seagrass, woodland, fern, moss, microhabitat, spider, snail, diet, food chain, living, dead, never alive
Year 3	•	•
Year 4	 Recognise that living things canbe grouped in a variety of ways explore and use classification keys to help group, identify andname a variety of living things intheir local and wider environment Recognise that environmentscan change and that this cansometimes pose dangers to living things 	 vertebrate, invertebrate, soft- bodied invertebrate, flowering plant, non-flowering plant, seasonal changes, natural resources, rewilding, nature reserve
Year 5	 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 andanimals 	•monotreme, mammary gland, metamorphosis, larva, chrysalis, hatchling, nestling, fledgling, fertilisation, embryo, sperm cells, egg cells, sexual reproduction, anther, stigma, style, filament, ovary, ovule, clone, runner, tuber, asexual reproduction, cutting, parent plant
Year 6	 Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics andbased on similarities and differences, including micro- organisms, plants and animals Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based onspecific characteristics 	 organism, excretion, reproduction, mollusc, arachnid, classification, coniferous tree, microorganism, bacteria, virus, fungi, characteristics

	Plants	Vocabulary
EYFS	ELG The Natural World	Plant, minbeast, frog, grow, seed, roots, leaf, stem, water, sunlight, soil
Year 1	 Identify and name a variety of common wildand garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees Identify and describe the basic structure of avariety of common flowering plants, includingtrees 	 plant, flower, leaf, petals, stem, roots, branch, trunk, wildflower, daisy, garden plant, sunflower, nettle, buttercup, dandelion, deciduous tree, horse chestnut,oak, sycamore, evergreen tree, pine, holly,needles, seed, soil, growth
Year 2	 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 andstay healthy 	•sunlight, compost, herb, blossom, bulb, shoot
Year 3	 Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots,stem/trunk, leaves and flowers Explore the requirements of plants for life andgrowth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant Investigate the way in which water istransported within plants Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination,seed formation and seed dispersal 	 water transportation, seedling, seed coating, germination, stamen, pistil, pollen, reproductive organs, pollination, pollinators, wind dispersal, animal dispersal, water dispersal, explosion dispersal, seed dispersal
Year 4	•	•
Year 5		•
Year 6		•

	Materials	Vocabulary
EYFS	ELG Creating with materials	Hard, soft, squidgy, wood, plastic, glass, shiny, dull, sort, clear,
		transparent
Year 1	 Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made Identify and name a variety of everydaymaterials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock Describe the simple physical properties of avariety of everyday materials Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties 	• material, shiny, duil, rock, neavy, light, object, wood, metal, plastic, glass, wool, solid,liquid, melt, freeze, ice, float, sink, absorb, transparent, opaque
Year 2	 Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paperand cardboard for particular uses 	 natural material, human-made material, recycle, flexible, rigid, stone, pebble, brick,brittle, flexible, translucent, tough, lightweight, strong, breakable, waterproof

	 Find out how the shapes of solid objects madefrom some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching 	
Year 3	•	•
Year 4	•	•
Year 5	 Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical andthermal), and response to magnets know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how torecover a substance from a solution use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases todecide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating Give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing andchanges of state are reversible changes Explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials, and that this kindof change is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda 	 electrical conductor, electrical insulator, thermal insulator, properties, lifespan, dissolve, soluble, insoluble, solution, mixture, reversible changes, reverse, chemical reaction, irreversible change, burning, heating, vinegar, bicarbonate of soda
Year 6	•	•

	Rocks	Vocabulary
EYFS		Sand, pebbles, change, liquid, material, thick, shape, squash,
		bones, fossil, skeleton, rock
Year 1	•	•
Year 2	•	•
Year 3	 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 	• granite, pumice, sandstone, chalk, marble, gneiss, crystals, grains, layers, texture, hardness, weathering, fossil, shell, fossilisation, sediment, sandy soil, clay soil, peat soil, chalky soil, organic matter, nutrients, deforestation, habitat loss
Year 4	•	•
Year 5	•	•
Year 6	•	•

	States of matter	Vocabulary
EYFS	The Natural World	soil, sand, ice, flour, rocks, dry, wet, soggy, absorb,
	Know how materials change when wet	
Year 1	•	•

Year 2	•	•
Year 3	•	•
Year 4	 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 indegrees Celsius (°C) Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature 	 solid, liquid, gas, states of matter, pouring solid, ooblek, flow, freezing, melting, boiling, condensation, evaporation, melting point, water cycle, precipitation, atmosphere, petri dish
Year 5	•	•
Year 6		•

	Electricity	Vocabulary
EYFS	Know that electricity can make things work	Battery, light switch, plug, socket, danger, on, off, electric, power,
		charge, wire
Year 1	•	•
Year 2	•	•
Year 3	•	•
Year 4	 Identify common appliances that run on electricity Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming itsbasic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, basedon 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 thiswith whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associatemetals with being good conductors 	 appliances, plug, socket, cell, electrocuted, circuit, switch, battery,buzzer, conductor, insulator
Year 5	•	•
Year 6	 Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with thenumber 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/offposition of switches Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in adiagram 	 series circuit, voltage, current, complete circuit, incomplete circuit

	Earth and space	Vocabulary
EYFS	 Know that the sun shines in the sky and it gives us warmth 	 Night, day, moon, stars, astronaut, planet, space, telescope, Earth,
	 Know that we have day and night what these look like 	telescope, sky, shine, solar system

	 Know that the moon and stars can be seen from Earth Know that we live on planet Earth and there are other planets in space Know that the Earth is a sphere 	
Year 1	•	•
Year 2	•	•
Year 3	•	•
Year 4	•	•
Year 5	 Describe the movement of the 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 	 Solar System, orbit, Sun, planets, Pluto, celestial body, gravity, heliocentric model, geocentric model, rotate, axis, North Pole, South Pole, Earth, night, day, moon, gravitational force, satellite
Year 6	•	•

	Seasonal Changes	Vocabulary
EYFS	 Clothes Weather for each season Changes in the garden 	 Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter, season, day, night, warmer, colder, darker, lighter, frost, rain, sunshine, snow
Year 1	 Observe changes across the 4 seasons Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies 	 autumn, daylight, night, weather, season, rainfall, weather, rain gauge, winter, rainy, snowy, windy, cloudy, frosty, sunny, spring, summer
Year 2	•	•
Year 3	•	•
Year 4	•	•
Year 5	•	•
Year 6	•	•

	Sound	Vocabulary
EYFS	• We hear sounds with our ears	 Ears, hear, hearing, loud, loudest, quiet, quietest, sound, noise,
	 How to make sounds louder and quieter, higher and lower 	volume, pitch, higher, lower
	 Explore how different materials make different sounds 	
Year 1	•	•
Year 2	•	•
Year 3	•	•
Year 4	 Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating 	 vibration, sound, volume, pitch, outer ear, ear bones, cochlea, ear drum, ear canal, decibel, insulate, high-pitched, low-pitched,

	 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 	background • noise
	increases	
Year 5	•	•
Year 6	•	•

	Light	Vocabulary
EYFS	 Know that the sun makes light and some human-made objects can make light 	Colour, dark, light, shadow, shiny, reflect, torch, candle, bulb
Year 1	•	•
Year 2	•	•
Year 3	 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 from a light source is blocked by an opaque object Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change 	 light sources, natural light sources, artificial light sources, Sun, sunglasses, protect, reflection, shadow
Year 4	•	•
Year 5	•	•
Year 6	 Recognise that light travels 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 shadowshave the same shape as the objects that cast them 	 retina, iris, pupil, lens, ray diagram, solar eclipse, refraction, medium,rainbow, prism, coloured filter, spectrum of light

	Forces and magnets	Vocabulary
EYFS	 Know that some metals stick to magnets 	 Push, pull, metal, magnet, force, gravity, fall, float
	 Know that objects fall down because of gravity 	
	 Know that objects float in space because there is no gravity. 	
Year 1	•	•

Year 2	•	•
Year 3	 Compare how things move on different surfaces Notice that some forces need contact between 2 objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others 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 2 poles predict whether 2 magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing. 	 push, pull, force, contact force, friction, magnet, magnetic, poles, magnetic force, non-metal, iron, aluminium, steel, attract, repel
Year 4	•	•
Year 5	 Explain that unsupported objects 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 gearsallow a smaller force to have a greater effect 	 frictional force, motion, air resistance, parachute, surface area, waterresistance, streamlined, non-contact force, gravity, weight, lever, gear, pulley, machine
Year 6	•	•

	Evolution and Inheritance	Vocabulary
EYFS	 Know that dinosaurs existed because of fossils and skeletons 	 Dinosaur, fossil skeleton
Year 1	•	•
Year 2	•	•
Year 3	•	•
Year 4	•	•
Year 5	•	•
Year 6	 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 	 variation, species, inheritance, desirable characteristics, polar habitat, desert habitat, adaptations, evolution, common ancestor, naturalselection, finch, Galapagos Islands, decompose, Charles Darwin, palaeontologist, Mary Anning

Working Scientifically

	Ask questions	Plan
EYFS	Ask simple questions	•
Year 1	Ask simplequestions.	 Verbally state whatthey are going to investigate.
Year 2	 Ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways. 	 Make simple predictions basedon a question. Identify what theywill change and keep the same.
Year 3	 Ask questions and understand there are different enquiry types they could use to answerthem. 	 Make relevantpredictions. Identify what they will change, observeand keep the same. With support, set upsimple practical enquiries.
Year 4	 Ask relevant questions and usedifferent types of scientific enquiry to answer them. 	 Make predictionsbased on simple scientific knowledge. Identify what they will change, observeor measure and keep the same. Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative andfair tests.
Year 5	 Ask scientific questions and beginto understand which questions would be best suited to each enquiry type 	 Make predictions based on scientificknowledge. With support, plan different types of scientific enquiry. Where appropriate, identify the dependent, independent and controlled variables.
Year 6	 Ask relevant scientific questions and choose which enquiry type wouldbe best suited to answer them. 	 Make predictions based on scientificknowledge. Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary.

	Make observations	Take measurements
EYFS	•	•
Year 1	•Observe closely.	 Carry out simple tests using non- standard measurements when appropriate
Year 2	 Observe closely, using simple equipment. 	 Perform simple tests using standard units when appropriate
Year 3	 Begin to use scientific equipment omake observations. 	 Carry out tests and simple experiments and take measurements using standard units.
Year 4	• Make systematicand careful observations.	 Take accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers anddata loggers
Year 5	 Use a range of scientific equipment omake systematicand careful observations. 	• Take accurate measurements using a range of scientific equipment. Start to take repeat readings when appropriate.

Year 6	• Use a range of scientific equipmentto make systematicand careful	 Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with
	observations with increased complexity.	increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when
		appropriate

	Gather, record and classify data	Present findings
EYFS	•	•
Year 1	 Gather and recordsimple data. Sort objects and living things into groups based on simple properties. 	• Explain what theyfound out to an adult or a partner
Year 2	 Gather and recorddata to help in answering questions. Identifying andclassifying. 	 Talk about what they have found out and how theyfound it out. (non-statutory)
Year 3	 Gather and recorddata in different ways to help answer questions. Recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelleddiagrams, bar charts, and tables. 	 Report on findingsfrom enquiries, including oral andwritten explanations.
Year 4	 Gather, record andclassify data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions. Record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables. 	 Report on findingsfrom enquiries, including oral andwritten explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions.
Year 5	 Gather, record and classify data with increasing complexity to help in answering questions. Record data using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, bar and line graphs. 	 Report and presentfindings from enquiries, includingconclusions. Begin to identify causal relationshipsin oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations.
Year 6	Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagramsand labels, classification keys,tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs.	 Report and present 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.

	Answer questions and make conclusions	Evaluate
EYFS		
Year 1	•Answer simplequestions	•
Year 2	•Use their observations andideas to suggest answers to questions.	•
Year 3	Make simpleconclusions.	Suggest questionsfor further investigation.
	•Use results, findingsor observations to answer questions.	
Year 4	 Use straight- forward scientific evidence to answerquestions or to support their findings. Use results to draw simple conclusions. Begin to identify differences, similarities or changes related to simple ideas or processes. 	 Begin to make predictions fornew values, suggest improvements andraise further questions.
Year 5	 Use scientific evidence to answerquestions. Make conclusions based on scientificevidence and fromtheir own testing and findings. Identify differences, similarities or changes related tosimple ideas or processes. 	 Make predictions for new values, suggest improvements andraise further questions.
Year 6	 Use scientific evidence to answerquestions. Make conclusions based on scientificevidence and fromtheir own testing and findings. Identify scientific evidence that hasbeen used to support or refute ideas or arguments. 	 Use test results tomake predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests. Suggest investigation improvements including accuracyof results. Provide some simple examples ofhow to extend the investigation

	Key Vocabulary	Exposure words	Sustainability
EYFS			
Year 1	 measure, observe, compare, measurement, growth, trowel, temperature, bend, squash, twist, stretch, absorb 	• draw, label, change, same, table, record, tally, pipette, size, predict, similar, different, sort, group, identify, pattern, height, number,amount, hand lens, ruler, counting cubes, centimetres, meters, suitable, unsuitable, match, test, scientific enquiry, comparative test, research, pattern seeking	 Earth, helpful, harmful, recycle, reuse, crops, farmer,cook
Year 2			•single-use plastic, wildlife, nature, local

Year 3	 hardness, reaction, bar chart, pictogram, data, increase, decrease, prediction, dissection, scales, filter paper, filter funnel, measuring cylinder, 	 draw, label, change, same, table, record, tally, pipette, size, predict, similar, different, sort, group, identify, pattern, height, number, amount, hand 	 food waste, landfill, food waste recycling,edible, inedible, biodiversity, rewilding, endangered, extinct
Year 4	thermometer, conclusion, evaluation, data, volume, decibelmeter, stopwatch, beaker, temperature, Petridish, block chart, bar graph, classifying, classification key	lens, ruler, counting cubes, centimetres, meters, suitable, unsuitable, match, test, scientific enquiry, comparative test, research, pattern seeking	 mains electricity, battery-powered, renewable energy, non-renewable energy, energy usage, habitat destruction, palm oil, sustainable
Year 5	 line graph, microscope, anomaly, anomalousresult, control, control beaker, sieve, filtering, repeatability, accuracy, correlation, precision, angle, periscope, 	 causal relationships, decimals, analyse, interpret, conclude, capacity, mass, approximate, justify, secondary source, evidence, duration, mean, calculate, 	 global warming, greenhouse gases,fossil fuels, climatechange, glacier, carbon footprint, plastic pollution, pollution, microplastic
Year 6	line graph, scatter graph, independent variable, dependent variable, controlled variables, duration, theory	method	 solar power, wind power, solar panels, wind turbine, migration, glare, light pollution, lighttrespass, skyglow, urban, rural, light emission