

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
Plants	ELG: Understanding the World Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.	Can identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen. Can identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.	Can observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. Can find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.
	Know some similarities and differences in the natural world around them, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.	Non-Statutory guidance for Y1: Pupils should use the local environment throughout the year to explore and answer questions about plants growing in their habitat. Where possible, they should observe the growth of flowers and vegetables that they have planted.	
	Development Matters: Reception Describe what they can see, hear and feel when they are outside. Explore the natural world around them.	Year 1 will observe plants grown in their vegetable patch and grow pumpkins from seed as part of "pumpkins for poverty activity". Vocabulary:	Vocabulary:
	Explore the plants in the surrounding natural environment.	Leaf, flower, blossom, petal, fruit, berry, root, seed, trunk, branch, stem, bark, stalk, bud Name trees in local area Name garden and wild flowering plants in the local area.	Light, shade, sun, warm, cool, water, grow, healthy Name trees in local area Name garden and wild flowering plants in the local area.
	Reception will grow bean seeds to revisit nursery objective of life-cycles and how to care for living things in their environment.		
	Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as:		
	plant, tree, bush, flower, vegetable, herb, weed, names of plants that they can see.		



	Year 3		Year 4		
Plants	Can identify and describe the functions of different flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers. Can explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant. Can investigate the way in which water is transported within plants. Can explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. Vocabulary: Photosynthesis, pollen, insect/wind pollination, seed formation, seed dispersal — wind dispersal, animal dispersal, water dispersal		things and their habitat	foutdoor learning and as part of the topic, Living s, children in Year 4 will continue to observe and and flowering plants in their environment.	
	Year 5	Year 6		KS3	
(In Yr 5 and 6 objectives relating to plants are included in Living things and their habitats)	Can describe the life process of reproduction in some plants. ie. explain the difference between sexual and asexual reproduction and give examples of how plants reproduce in both ways. Vocabulary: Pollination, sexual reproduction, asexual reproduction, plantlets, cuttings, runners, bulbs,	Can describe how living the broad groups according to and based on similarities a including micro-organism. Can give reasons for classit based on specific character. Vocabulary: Flowering, non-flowering	o common characteristics and differences, s, plants and animals. fying plants and animals eristics.	Reproduction in plants, including flower structure, wind and insect pollination, fertilisation, seed and fruit formation and dispersal, including quantitative investigation of some dispersal mechanisms.	



Seasonal	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
Changes	ELG: Under standing of the world Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons.	Observe changes across the four seasons. Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies	In our school curriculum we still encourage Year 2 to make observational changes of the Seasons once a term to further develop their vocabulary and to revise key objectives.
	Development Matters: Reception Explore the natural world around them. Describe what they see, hear and feel while they are outside. Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.	Vocabulary: Weather (sunny, rainy, windy, snowy, etc) seasons (Winter, Summer, Spring, Autumn) sun, sunrise, sunset, day length etc.	
	Play and explore outside in all seasons and in different weather. Observe living things throughout the year.		
	Vocabulary:		
	Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as: Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter, seasons, sunny, cloudy, hot, warm, cold, shower, raining, storm, thunder, lightning, hail, sleet, snow, icy, frost, puddles, windy, rainbow, animals, young, plants, flowers		



Explore the natural world around them. Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing: regular physical activity, healthy eating, toothbrushing, sensible amounts of 'screen time', having a good sleep routine. Name and describe animals that live in different habitats. Describe different habitats. Vocabulary: Vocabulary: Name some native British animals common to Cheshire – the children do not need to know the actual words: Fish, Amphibian, reptile, bird and mammal nor carnivore. Herbivore, omnivore. Offspring, reproduction, growth, child, young/old stages (eg. chick-hen, baby/child/adult, caterpillar /butterfly) Senses, touch, see, smell, taste, hear, fingers (skin), eyes, nose, ear and		EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
	including	ELG: Understanding the World Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. Know some similarities and differences in the natural world around them, drawing on their experiences ELG: Personal, Sodal and emotional development: Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs and understanding the importance of healthy food choices. Development matters: Reception Explore the natural world around them. Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing: regular physical activity, healthy eating, toothbrushing, sensible amounts of 'screen time', having a good sleep routine. Name and describe animals that live in different habitats. Describe different habitats. Describe people who are familiar to them. Talk about members of their immediate family and community. Learn about how to take care of themselves. Model vocabulary: names of animals, live, on land, in water, jungle, desert, North Pole, South Pole, sea, hot, cold, wet, dry, snow, ice hair (black, brown, dark, light, blonde, ginger, grey, white, long, short, straight, curly), eyes (blue, brown, green, grey), skin (black, brown, white), big/tall, small/short, bigger/smaller, baby, toddler, child, adult, old person, old, young, brother, sister, mother, father, aunt, uncle, grandmother, grandfather, cousin, friend,	Can identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Can identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Can describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, including pets. Can identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. Vocabulary: Name some native British animals common to Cheshire – the children do not need to know the actual words: Fish, Amphibian, reptile, bird and mammal nor carnivore. Herbivore, omnivore. Senses, touch, see, smell, taste, hear, fingers (skin), eyes, nose, ear and tongue. Head, body, eyes, ears, mouth, teeth, leg, tail, wing, claw, fin,	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, air) Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food and hygiene. Vocabulary: Offspring, reproduction, growth, child, young/old stages (eg. chick-hen, baby/child/adult, caterpillar /butterfly)



	Year 3	Year 4
Animals, including humans	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. Vocabulary: Nutrition, nutrients, carbohydrates, sugars, proteins, vitamins, minerals, fibre, fat, water, skeleton, bones, muscles, support, protect, move, skull, ribs, spine, muscles, joints.	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. Vocabulary: Digestive system, digestion, mouth, teeth, saliva, oesophagus, stomach, small intestine, nutrients, large intestine, rectum, anus, teeth, incisor, canine, molar, premolars, herbivore, carnivore, omnivore, producer, predator, prey, food chain.
Year 5	Year 6	KS3
Describe the changes as humans develop to old age. Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. (Y5 - Living things and their habitats) Describe the life process of reproduction in some animals. (Y5 - Living things and their habitats) Vocabulary: Puberty: the vocabulary to describe sexual characteristics, taught as part of PSHE, RSE education program. Life cycle, reproduce, sexual, sperm, egg, live young, fertilises	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. Vocabulary: Heart, pulse, rate. Pumps, blood, blood vessels, transported, lungs, oxygen, carbon dioxide, nutrients, water, muscles, cycle, circulatory system, diet, exercise, drugs, and lifestyle.	Reproduction in humans (as an example of a mammal), including the structure and function of the male and female reproductive systems, menstrual cycle (without details of hormones), gametes, fertilisation, gestation and birth, to include the effect of maternal lifestyle on the foetus through the placenta. • The consequences of imbalances in the diet, including obesity, starvation and deficiency diseases. • The effects of recreational drugs (including substance misuse) on behaviour, health and life processes. • The structure and functions of the gas exchange system in humans, including adaptations to function. • The mechanism of breathing to move air in and out of the lungs. • The impact of exercise, asthma and smoking on the human gas exchange system



Living
things and
their
habitats

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
	Year 1 N/A – however see Animals including humans and Plant objectives above.	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 microhabitats. 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. Vocabulary: Living, dead, never alive, suited, suitable, basic needs, food, shelter, move, feed, names of local habitats eg. pond, woodland etc. names of micro-habitats eg. under logs, in bushes etc.



	Year 3	Year 4
Living things and their habitats	Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. (See Y3 - Plants)	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. Vocabulary: Vertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, invertebrates Classification, classification keys, environment, habitat, human impact, positive, negative, migrate, hibernate
Year 5	Year 6	KS3
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 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 based on specific characteristics.	Reproduction in humans (as an example of a mammal), including the structure and function of the male and female reproductive systems, menstrual cycle (without details of hormones), gametes, fertilisation, gestation and birth, to include the effect of maternal lifestyle on the foetus through the placenta. Reproduction in plants, including flower structure, wind and insect
Vocabulary:	Vocabulary:	pollination, fertilisation, seed and fruit formation and dispersal, including quantitative investigation of some dispersal mechanisms.
Life cycle, reproduce, sexual, sperm, fertilises, egg, live young, metamorphosis, asexual, plantlets, runners, bulbs, cuttings	Vertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, invertebrates, insects, spiders (arachnids), snails (molluscs) worms (annelids), flowering and non-flowering	Differences between species.



	Year 5	Year 6	KS3
Evolution and Inheritance- Y6 topic only	N/A	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) Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents (Evolution and Inheritance) Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution. (Evolution and Inheritance) Vocabulary: Offspring, sexual reproduction, vary, characteristics, suited, adapted, environment, inherited, species, fossil	Heredity as the process by which genetic information is transmitted from one generation to the next. • A simple model of chromosomes, genes and DNA in heredity, including the part played by Watson, Crick, Wilkins and Franklin in the development of the DNA model. • The variation between species and between individuals of the same species means some organisms compete more successfully, which can drive natural selection. • Changes in the environment may leave individuals within a species, and some entire species, less well adapted to compete successfully and reproduce, which in turn may lead to extinction.



	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
Materials	ELG (Understanding of the world) Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including changing states of matter. Development matters:	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.	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 some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.
	Explore the natural world around them.	Vocabulary:	Vocabulary:
	Describe what they see, hear and feel while they are outside.	Object, material, wood, glass, plastic, metal, water, rock, brick, paper,	Names of materials – increased range from Y1
	Explore a range of materials, including natural materials. Make objects from different materials, including natural materials. Observe, measure and record how materials change when heated and cooled. Compare how materials change over time and in different conditions.	fabric, elastic, foil, card, cardboard, rubber, wool, clay, hard, soft, stretchy, stiff, bendy, floppy, waterproof, absorbent, breaks/tears, rough, smooth, shiny, dull, see through, not see through	Properties of materials - as for Y1 plus, opaque, transparent, translucent, reflective, non-reflective, flexible, rigid shape, push/pushing, pull/pulling, twist/twisting, squash/squashing, bend/ bending, stretch/stretching
	Vocabulary:		
	Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as: ice, water, frozen, icicle, snow, melt, wet, cold, slippery, smooth, big, bigger, biggest, smaller, smaller, smallest, hard, soft, bendy, rigid, wood, plastic, paper, card, metal, strong, weak, hot, apply heat, waterproof, soggy, not waterproof, best, change, change back		



	Year 3 - Rocks	Year 4 – States of Matter		
Materials	simple physical properties. (Y3 - Rocks) Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock. (Y3 - Rocks) Vocabulary: Rock, stone, pebble, boulder, grain, crystal, layers, hard, soft, texture, absorb water, soil, fossil, marble, chalk, granite, sandstone, slate, soil, peat, sandy/chalk/clay soil. Solid, liquid, gas, state characteristics of condensation, precipital		aterials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. cerials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or ure at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C). I by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the h temperature. Change, melting, freezing, melting point, boiling point, evaporation, ation, temperature, water cycle.	
	Year 5 - Properties and changes in materials	Year 6	KS3	
	Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets. 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, 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 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, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda. Vocabulary: Thermal/ electrical insulator/conductor, change of state, mixture, dissolve, solution, soluble, insoluble, filter, sieve, reversible/non-reversible change, burning, rusting, new material	N/A Y6 Except fossils link from Evolution and Inheritance "know that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago"	Chemical reactions as the rearrangement of atoms. Representing chemical reactions using formulae and using equations. Combustion, thermal decomposition, oxidation and displacement reactions. Defining acids and alkalis in terms of neutralisation reactions. The pH scale for measuring acidity/alkalinity; and indicators. The composition of the Earth. The structure of the Earth. The rock cycle and the formation of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rock	



	EYFS	Year	· 1		Year 2
ELG: Knowledge and understanding of the world: Explore the natural world around them. Development Matters: Reception Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. Explore shadows. Explore rainbows. Vocabulary:		nd (See Y	3 for progressic	n to the next objective)	N/A
	Model and encourage children use vocabulary such as: Sun, sunny, light, shadow, shac clouds, torch, see-through, nor see-through, source, light soun	ly, 1-			
		Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	KS3
and that dark is the al Notice that light is ref Recognise that light fr and that there are wa Recognise that shado from a light source is I Find patterns in the w change. Vocabulary: Light, light source, da	riected from surfaces. rom the sun can be dangerous ays to protect their eyes. bys are formed when the light blocked by an opaque object. yay that the size of shadows ark, absence of light, transparent, shiny, matt, surface, shadow,	N/A	N/A	Y6 Recognise that light appears to travel in straight linuses the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect into the eye. Explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects are 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. Vocabulary: As for Y3 plus straight lines, light rays	in matter. • Light waves travelling through a vacuum; speed of light. • The transmission of light through materials: absorption, diffuse scattering and specular reflection at a surface. • Use of ray model to explain imaging in mirrors, the pinhole camera, the refraction of light and action of convex lens in focusing (qualitative); the human eye.



	EYFS	Year 1			Year 2	
Sound	ELG: Knowledge and understanding of the world: Explore the natural world around them. Development Matters: Reception Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. Listen to sounds outside and identify the source. Make sounds. Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as: sound, noise, listen, hear, music, voices, bird song, traffic, sirens, thunder, high, low, loud, quiet, soft, volume, crackle, thunder, hum, buzz, roar		N/A Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. (See Y1 – Animals, including humans)			N/A
Year 3	Year 4		Year 5	Year 6		KS3
N/A	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. Vocabulary: Sound, source, vibrate, travel, pitch (high, low) volume, faint, loud, insulation		his is revised during Science quiz questions nusic curriculum, g to pitch, volume, etc.	Ensure this is revised during general Science quiz questions and in music curriculum referring to pitch. volume etc.	water v reflective Freq (Hz); ec • Sound • Sound loudsp microp waves • Audit • Press cleanin • Wav	with transverse motion; these waves can be ed and add or cancel—superposition. Juencies of sound waves, measured in Hertz choes, reflection and absorption of sound. In air, in water, in solids. In air, in water, in soli



	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
	ELG: Knowledge and understanding of the world:	N/A	N/A
	Explore the natural world around them. Development Matters: Reception		
Forces	Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.	(See Y3 – Forces and Magnets for progression to next objective)	
	Explore how to change how things work. Explore how the wind can move objects. Explore how objects move in water.		
	Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as:		
	float, sink, up, down, top, bottom, surface, move, roll, drop, fly, turn, spin, fall, fast, slow, faster, slower, fastest, slowest, further, furthest, wind, air, water, blow		



	Year 3	Year 4
Forces	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 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 two poles. Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing. Vocabulary: Force, push, pull, twist, contact force, non-contact force, magnetic force, magnet, strength, bar magnet, ring magnet, button magnet, horseshoe magnet, attract, repel, magnetic material, metal, iron, steel, poles, north pole, south pole	N/A
Year 5	Year 6	KS3
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 gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect. Vocabulary: Force, gravity, Earth, resistance, water resistance, friction, mechanisms, simple machines, levers, pulleys, gears	N/A	Magnetic fields by plotting with compass, representation by field lines. • Earth's magnetism, compass and navigation. • Forces as pushes or pulls, arising from the interaction between two objects. • Using force arrows in diagrams, adding forces in one dimension, balanced and unbalanced forces. • Moment as the turning effect of a force. • Forces: associated with deforming objects; stretching and squashing – springs; with rubbing and friction between surfaces, with pushing things out of the way; resistance to motion of air and water. • Forces measured in Newtons, measurements of stretch or compression as force is changed.



	Year 3	Year 4
Electricity	N/A	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. Vocabulary: Electricity, electrical appliance/device, mains. Plug, electrical current, complete circuit, component, cell, battery, positive, negative, connect/connection, loose connection, short circuit, crocodile clip, bulb, switch, buzzer, motor, conductor, insulator, metal, non-metal, symbol.
Year 5	Year 6	KS3
N/A	Y6 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. Vocabulary:	Electric current, measured in amperes, in circuits, series and parallel circuits, currents add where branches meet and current as flow of charge. • Potential difference, measured in volts, battery and bulb ratings; resistance, measured in ohms, as the ratio of potential difference (p.d.) to current. • Differences in resistance between conducting and insulating components (quantitative). • Static electricity.
	circuit, complete circuit, circuit diagram, circuit symbol, cell, batter, bulb, buzzer, motor, switch, voltage	



	EYFS		Year 1	Year 2		
Earth and Space	ELG: Knowledge and understanding of the world: Explore the natural world around them. Development Matters: Reception Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. Learn about the Solar System and stars. Learn about space travel. Model and encourage children to use vocabulary such as: Sun, Moon, Earth, star, planet, sky, day, night, space, round, light, heavy, fall, bounce, float, rise, fall, air		N/A (See Y5 for progression to next objective)	N/A		
Year 3	Year 4		Year 5		KS3	
N/A	N/A	Y5 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. Vocabulary: Earth, sun, moon, planets (Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn, Venus, Mars, Uranus, Neptune) spherical, solar system, rotates, star, orbit,		N/A	Gravity force, weight = mass x gravitational field strength (g), on Earth g=10 N/kg, different on other planets and stars; gravity forces between Earth and Moon, and between Earth and Sun (qualitative only). • Our Sun as a star, other stars in our galaxy, other galaxies. • The seasons and the Earth's tilt, day length at different times of year, in different hemispheres. • The light year as a unit of astronomical distance.	