

High Hesket CE Primary School Progression of skills in Science

Working scientifically Akking simple questions and ecognising that they can be answered in different ways Akking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them Performing simple questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them Observing closely, using simple equipment Performing simple tests Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests Taking measurements, using a range of scientific enquiries to answer questions Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions Making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers questions Recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, caster graphs, bar and line graphs Recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables Wing test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests Using results to draw simple conclusions Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions Using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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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 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		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	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 micro-organisms, plants and animals Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics
Plants	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	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	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 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 pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal			
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	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	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	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	Describe the changes as humans develop to old age	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
Materials	Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic,	Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses	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	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	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	

	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	Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching	when things that have lived are trapped within rock Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter	cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C) Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature	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	
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Seasonal changes		Observe changes across the 4 seasons Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies				

Light and sound	Recognise that they need	Identify how sounds are		Recognise that light
	light in order to see things	made, associating some of		appears to travel in straight
	and that dark is the	them with something		lines
	absence of light	vibrating		
				Use the idea that light
	Notice that light is reflected	Recognise that vibrations		travels in straight lines to
	from surfaces	from sounds travel through		explain that objects are
	nom surdees	a medium to the ear		seen because they give out
	Recognise that light from	a medium to the ear		or reflect light into the eye
	the sun can be dangerous	Find patterns between the		of reflect light lifto the eye
	and that there are ways to	pitch of a sound and		Explain that we see things
		features of the object that		because light travels from
	protect their eyes			°
	Provide the laboration of	produced it		light sources to our eyes or
	Recognise that shadows are			from light sources to
	formed when the light from			objects and then to our
	a light source is blocked by	volume of a sound and the		eyes
	a solid object	strength of the vibrations		
		that produced it		Use the idea that light
	Find patterns in the way			travels in straight lines to
	that the size of shadows	Recognise that sounds get		explain why shadows have
	change	fainter as the distance from		the same shape as the
		the sound source increases		objects that cast them
Forces and magnets	Notice that some forces		Explain that unsupported	
-	need contact between 2		objects fall towards the	
	objects, but magnetic		Earth because of the force	
	forces can act at a distance		of gravity acting between	
			the Earth and the falling	
	Observe how magnets		object	
	attract or repel each other			
	and attract some materials		Identify the effects of air	
	and not others		resistance, water resistance	
			and friction, that act	
	Compare and group		between moving surfaces	
	together a variety of			
	everyday materials on the		Recognise that some	
	basis of whether they are		mechanisms including	
	attracted to a magnet, and		levers, pulleys and gears	
	identify some magnetic		allow a smaller force to	
	materials		have a greater effect	
	Describe magnets as having			
	2 poles			
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		Predict whether 2 magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing		
Earth and Space			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	
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

Electricity		Identify common	Associate the brightness of
		appliances that run on	a lamp or the volume of a
		electricity	buzzer with the number
			and voltage of cells used in
		Construct a simple series	the circuit
		electrical circuit, identifying	
		and naming its basic parts,	Compare and give reasons
		including cells, wires, bulbs,	for variations in how
		switches and buzzers	components function,
			including the brightness of
		Identify whether or not a	bulbs, the loudness of
		lamp will light in a simple	buzzers and the on/off
		series circuit, based on	position of switches
		whether or not the lamp is	
		part of a complete loop	Use recognised symbols
		with a battery	when representing a simple
			circuit in a diagram
		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	