

Camelot Primary School – Science Progression Document



EYFS	Characteristics of effective learning	Early Learning Goals
Enquiry Skills	Show curiosity about objects, events and people. Questions why things happen. Engage in open-ended activity. Take a risk, engage in new experiences and learn by trial and error. Find ways to solve problems / find new ways to do things / test their ideas. Develop ideas of grouping, sequences, cause and effect. Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world. Use senses to explore the world around them. Make links and notice patterns in their experiences. Create simple representations of events, people and objects. Build up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experience.	Choose the resources they need for their chosen activities. Handle equipment and tools effectively. Answer how and why questions about their experiences. Make observations. Develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events. Explain why some things occur and talk about changes.
Understanding of the world	Know about the similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, m They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things	environments might vary from one another.

Working Scientifically	Year I	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Plan	Ask simple questions when prompted. Suggest ways of answering a question	Ask simple questions. Recognise that questions can be answered in different ways	Ask relevant questions when prompted. Use different types of scientific enquiry to answer them. Set up simple and practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests with some support.	Ask relevant questions. Use different types of scientific enquiries to answer their questions. Set up simple and practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests	Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions. With prompting, recognise and control variables where necessary.	Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions. Recognise and control variables where necessary.
Do	Make relevant observations using simple equipment. Conduct simple tests, with support. Identify and classify with guidance.	Observe closely, using simple equipment. Perform simple tests. Identify and classify.	Make systematic and careful observations, using simple equipment. Use standard units when taking measurements.	Make systematic and careful observations using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers. Take accurate measurements using standard units, where appropriate.	Select, with prompting, and use appropriate equipment to take readings. Take precise measurements using standard units. Begin to understand the need for repeat readings.	Use a range of scientific equipment to take measurements. Take measurements with increasing accuracy and precision. Take repeat readings when appropriate.
Record	Gather and record data	Record and communicate their findings in a range of ways and begin to use simple scientific language. Gather and record data to help answer questions.	With modelling and guidance, gather, record, classify and present data in a variety of ways to help to answer questions. With prompting, use various ways of recording, grouping and displaying evidence and suggest how findings may be tabulated.	Gather, record, classify and present data in a variety of ways to help to answer questions. Record findings using simple scientific language, drawings and labelled diagrams. Record findings using keys, bar charts, and tables.	Take and process repeat readings. Record data and results. Record data using labelled diagrams, keys, tables and charts. Use line graphs to record data.	Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, bar charts and line graphs.

Review	Recognise findings. Use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to simple questions.	Use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to simple questions.	With prompting, suggest conclusions from enquiries. Suggest how findings could be reported.	Report on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, of results and conclusions.	Report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions and, with prompting, suggest causal relationships.	Report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions and causal relationships.
Vocabulary	Questions, answers, equipment, gather, measure, record, results, sort, group, test, explore, observe, compare, describe, similar/ities, different/ces, beaker, pipette, syringe.	Previous vocab plus: observe changes over time, notice patterns, secondary sources, hand lenses, egg timers, identify, classify, data	Previous vocab plus: scientific enquiry changes over time, notice patterns, secondary sources, comparative tests, fair tests, careful, accurate, observations, equipment, gather, measure, record, data, evidence, results, keys, bar charts, table, results, conclusions, predictions, support, thermometers	Previous vocab plus: enquiry types increase, decrease, identify, classify, order, notice patterns, relationships, appearance, present results, data loggers	Previous vocab plus: notice, patterns, relationships, independent variable, dependent variable, controlled variable, accuracy, precision, degree of trust, classification keys, scatter graphs, line graphs, causal relationships, support/refute, data loggers	Previous vocab plus: opinion/fact, confidently name scientific enquiry types

Biology	Year I	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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.	What do living things need to survive? 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.	Do living things need different things to survive? 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 in plants explore the part that flowers play in life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal			
Vocabulary	Names of: wild plants, garden plants, flowering plants, trees, leaf, flower, blossom, petal, fruit, berry, root, bulb, seed, trunk, branch, stem, bark, stalk, vegetable, deciduous, evergreen	seeds, bulbs, water, light, growth, healthy, shoot, seedling,	leaf, flower, blossom, petal, fruit, root, bulb, seed trunk, branch, stem, water, light, air, nutrients, soil, fertiliser, grow, healthy, transported, life cycle, pollination, seed formation, seed dispersal			

Animals Including Humans	What are bodies and what can they do? 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 structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets) identify, name, draw and label basic parts of human body and say which part is associated	How can living things stay healthy? 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	What do our bodies do with food we eat? 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.	How do our bodies change as they get older? describe the changes as humans develop to old age.	How do our choices affect how our bodies work? 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	with each sense Body, head, neck, arms, elbows, legs, knees, face, ears, eyes, eyebrows, eyelashes, nose, hair, mouth, teeth, tongue, feet, toes, fingers, nails, ankle, calf, thigh, hips, waist, trunk, chest, shoulders, back, hands, wrist, tail, wing, claw, fin, scales, feathers, fur, beak, senses, hearing, seeing, touching, smelling, tasting, smooth, bright, dim, loud, quiet, high, low	offspring, life cycles, grow, change, adults, basic needs, water, food, air survival, exercise, food types (fruit and veg, bread, rice, pasta, milk, dairy, foods high in fat and sugar, meat, fish, eggs, beans), hygiene	Nutrition, food types, carbohydrates, protein, vitamins and minerals, fat, sugar, fruits and veg, dietary fibre, water, balanced diet, skeleton, muscles, support, protection, movement, names of bones, vertebrate, invertebrate	Digestive system, nutrition, mouth, teeth, canine, incisor, molar, premolar, saliva, tongue, rip, tear, chew, grind, cut, oesophagus (gullet), stomach, small intestine, large intestine, rectum, anus, carnivore, herbivore, omnivore, producer, consumer, predator, prey, food chain		Circulatory system, heart, blood, blood vessels, pumps, oxygen, carbon dioxide, lungs, nutrients, water, diet, exercise, drugs, lifestyle,

Living things and their habitats	what is alive, dead or was never alive? explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive Can living things live forever? identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for basic needs of different 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 food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and	Living things: What's the same and what's different? 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 Are living things in danger? recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.	Do all Life cycles look the same? 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.	Living things: What's the same and what's different? 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.
Vocabulary	chain, and identify and name different sources of food Living, dead, never been alive, names of local habitats, pond, woodland, meadow, name microhabitats, under log, stony path, under bushes, suited, basic needs, depend, food, food chain, shelter	Classification keys, environment, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, vertebrates, invertebrates, names of them, human impact, positive, negative (impact).	Life cycle, reproduction, sexual, asexual, germination, pollination, seed formation, seed dispersal, pollen, stamen, stigma, plantlets, runners, mammal, amphibian, insect, bird, fish, reptile, eggs, live young	Organism, microorganism, fungus, mushrooms, classification keys, environment, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds mammals, vertebrates ,invertebrates, name some of these, arachnid, mollusc, insect, crustacean

Evolution and inheritance			How do living things change over time and place? 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.
Vocabulary			Fossils, adaptation, endangered, environment, evolution, extinct, organism, inheritance, genes, living things, change, characteristics, variation, conditions, offspring

Chemistry	Year I	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Materials	Everyday Materials What are things made of? 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.	Uses of Everyday Materials How do we choose 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 Can we change materials? find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.		States of Matter Is water always wet? 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 (°C) identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.	Properties and changes of materials What are things made from and why? Can we change materials? 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 Can we change materials? 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	Object, material, wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock, brick, paper, fabric, elastic, foil, cardboard, rubber, wool, clay, hard, soft, stretchy, stiff, bendy, waterproof, absorbent, tear, rough, smooth, shiny, dull, see through, not see through	Suitable/unsuitable, use, object, material, property, wood, plastic, glass, metal water, rock, fabrics, hard, soft, stretchy, flexible, waterproof, absorbent, transparent, translucent, opaque, shape, change, twist, squash, bend, stretch, roll, squeeze	States of matter, solid, liquid, gas, air, oxygen, powder, granular/grain, crystals, change state, ice/water/steam, water vapour, heating, cooling, temperature, degrees Celsius, melt, freeze, solidify, melting point, boil, boiling point, evaporation, condensation, water cycle, precipitation, transpiration	Y4 plus rigid, hard, soft, stretchy, flexible, waterproof, absorbent, electrical/thermal conductivity, melting, dissolve, solution, insoluble, solute, solvent, particle, mixture, filtering, sieving, residue, reversible/non reversible changes, new material, burning, rusting,	

Rocks	Are all rocks the same?	
	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.	
Vocabulary	Rock, stone, pebble, boulder, soil, fossils, grains, crystals, texture, absorb water, let water through, marble, chalk, granite, sandstone, slate, sandy soil, clay soil, chalky soil, peat,	

Physics	Year I	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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 from a light source is blocked by an opaque object find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change			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.
Vocabulary			Light, light source, darkness, reflect, reflective, mirror, shadow, block, direction, transparent, opaque, translucent			Light, light source, darkness, reflect, reflective, shadow, block, absorb, direction, transparent, opaque, translucent

Forces	What can magnets do?	How do things move?
	compare how things	explain that
	move on different	unsupported objects
	surfaces	fall towards the Earth
	Sui laces	because of the force of
	notice that some	gravity acting between
	forces need contact	the Earth and the
	between two objects,	falling object
	but magnetic forces	laming object
	can act at a distance	identify the effects of
		air resistance, water
	observe how magnets	resistance and friction,
	attract or repel each	that act between
	other and attract some	moving surfaces
	materials & not others	
		recognise that some
	compare and group	mechanisms, including
	together a variety of	levers, pulleys and
	everyday materials on	gears, allow a smaller
	basis of whether they	force to have a greater
	are attracted to a	effect.
	magnet, 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, contact force,	Fall, Earth, gravity,
Vocabalary	noncontact force,	weight, mass, air
	magnetic force,	resistance, water
	magnet, strength,	resistance, friction,
	bar/ring/button/horses	moving surfaces,
	hoe magnets, attract,	mechanisms, levers,
	repel, magnetic	pulleys, gears, force,
	material, metal, iron,	transfers
	steel, non-magnetic,	
	poles, north/south	
	pole	

Sound		How do we hear different sounds? 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, sound source, noise, vibration, travel, solid, liquid, gas, pitch, tune, high, low, volume, loud, quiet, fainter, muffle, strength of vibrations, insulation, instrument, percussion, strings, bass, woodwind, tuned instrument	

Electricity	Can we control	Can we vary the effects
Electricity	electricity?	of electricity?
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	identify common	associate the
	appliances that run on	brightness of a lamp or
	electricity	the volume of a buzzer
		with the number and
	construct a simple	voltage of cells used in
	series electrical circuit,	the circuit
	identifying & naming its	
	basic parts, including	compare and give
	cells, wires, bulbs,	reasons for variations
	switches and buzzers	in how components
		function, including the
	identify whether or	brightness of bulbs, the
	not a lamp will light in	loudness of buzzers
	a simple series circuit,	and the on/off position
	based on whether or	of switches
	not the lamp is part of	
	a complete loop with a	use recognised
	battery	symbols when
		representing a simple
	recognise that a switch	circuit in a diagram.
	opens and closes a	
	circuit and associate this with whether or	
	not a lamp lights in a	
	simple series circuit	
	simple series circuit	
	recognise some	
	common conductors &	
	insulators, & associate	
	metals with being good	
	conductors.	
	Electricity, appliance,	Electricity, appliance,
	device, mains, plug,	device, electrical
V III	electrical circuit,	circuit, complete
Vocabulary	complete circuit,	circuit, circuit diagram,
	circuit diagram, circuit	circuit
	symbol, components,	symbol, components,
	cell, battery,	cell, battery, positive,
	positive/negative,	negative, terminal,
	connect, connection,	connection, short
		circuit, wire, crocodile

Earth and Space			Sun, Earth and Moon: what is moving? describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system describe the movement of Moon relative to 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, planets, sun, solar system, moon, celestial body, spherical, rotation, spin, night and day, names of planets, dwarf planet, orbit, geocentric model, heliocentric model, shadow clocks, sundials, astronomical clocks

Seasonal Changes	Do living things change or stay the same? observe changes across the four seasons			
	observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.			
Vocabulary	Season, spring, summer, autumn, winter, weather, hot, warm, cool cold, sunny, cloudy, windy, rainy, snowing, hailing, sleet, frost, fog, mist, icy, rainbow, thunder, lightning, storm, light, dark, day, night			