

## Year 6 Curriculum subject plan Science

YEAR 6	Evolution and inheritance	Living things and their habitats	Light	Electricity	Animals including humans – circulatory system, diet and exercise
<b>Component Knowledge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.</li> <li>• Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.</li> <li>• Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.</li> <li>• Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.</li> <li>• Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.</li> <li>• Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents.</li> <li>• Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.</li> <li>• Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.</li> <li>• Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit.</li> <li>• 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.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Working Scientifically:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The children select measuring equipment to give the most precise results e.g. ruler, tape measure or trundle wheel, force meter with a suitable scale.</li> <li>• During an enquiry, they make decisions e.g. whether they need to: take repeat readings (fair testing); increase the sample size (pattern seeking); adjust the observation period and frequency (observing over time); or check further secondary sources (researching); in order to get accurate data (closer to the true value).</li> <li>• The children decide how to record and present evidence. They record observations e.g. using annotated photographs, videos, labelled diagrams, observational drawings, labelled scientific diagrams or writing. They record measurements e.g. using tables, tally</li> </ul>				

charts, bar charts, line graphs and scatter graphs. They record classifications e.g. using tables, Venn diagrams, Carroll diagrams and classification keys.

- Children present the same data in different ways in order to help with answering the question.
- Children answer their own and others' questions based on observations they have made, measurements they have taken or information they have gained from secondary sources. When doing this, they discuss whether other evidence e.g. from other groups, secondary sources and their scientific understanding, supports or refutes their answer.
- They talk about how their scientific ideas change due to new evidence that they have gathered.
- They talk about how new discoveries change scientific understanding.
- In their conclusions, children: identify causal relationships and patterns in the natural world from their evidence; identify results that do not fit the overall pattern; and explain their findings using their subject knowledge.
- They evaluate, for example, the choice of method used, the control of variables, the precision and accuracy of measurements and the credibility of secondary sources used.
- They identify any limitations that reduce the trust they have in their data.
- They communicate their findings to an audience using relevant scientific language and illustrations.
- Children use the scientific knowledge gained from enquiry work to make predictions they can investigate using comparative and fair tests.