Curzon Science Curriculum

Our Intent

Curzon specific aims of Science

Science is an awe-inspiring subject and our aim as a school is ignite pupils' curiosity into the natural world and how things work. We want our pupils to question the physical, chemical and natural world around them, be motivated to find the answers and relish creating a bank of knowledge. We have mapped out how our science curriculum enhances our all our pupils' cultural capital.

We want Curzon pupils to develop respect for all living things and advocate caring for the environment. We aim that our pupils have the confidence to challenge themselves and lead investigations. Being a scientist involves being able to work with others, predict, carefully observe, record and conclude. These are all key skills that we aim to engender in our pupils.

We have high ambitions for all pupils. Our ethos is to enable all pupils to reach their potential. We do not place a ceiling on attainment. Through carefully designing our curriculum to include a range of different activities (e.g, paired work, different forms of recording), we ensure that all pupils, including SEND, can participate fully. Our curriculum is designed to ensure that higher attainers are challenged through deepening questions and being given the opportunities for more detailed research and reflection.

Whilst following the National Curriculum, we have chosen topics according to the following criteria and made our Science curricum unique to Curzon:

Using our local enviroment

Being set in an area of oustanding natrual beauty, we draw on our local surroundings throughout the school. For example, KS1 observe trees in different seasons. Year 3 investigate the school grounds for different types of rock. We teach our pupils to appreciate nature and the importance of caring for it. We hold whole school wonderland days based around science activities in our local environment.

Cross-curricular links

We emphasise cross-curricular links between science and other subjects as we aim that pupils retain their substantive and disciplinary knowledge by applying it in more than one curriculum area. This has led to improvements in both scientific knowledge and writing. The chart below shows some key cross-curricular links that we have designed:

Science topics and cross curricular links

Unit	Year	Cross-curricular links	
Seasonal changes	Y1,2	Art- seasonal pictures Geography- local area	
Plants	Year 1,2,3	Art – Recreating plants and the key features, either through sketching or modelling DT- sewing leaves	
		Geography – Physical geography including biomes and vegetation belts, locating plants by their countries or regions-links to Rainforest topic.	
		English –Persuasive writing, save the rainforest plants.	
Animals, including	Year 1,2,3,4,5 and	PSHE – RSE – Reproduction, changes through age phases	
humans	6	History – Stone Age to Iron Age, Ancient Greece, changes in medicine and medical understanding	
		P.E – Fitness tests, use of muscles, heart rate/ pulse and how this is affected by exercise Cookery- nutrition	
Rocks	Year 3	Geography – Physical geography, location of particular rock formations	
		Literacy – Stone Age Boy, The World Beneath my Feet	
		History – Stone Age Britain - uses of rocks/types of rocks used and suitability for job.	

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Geography – Time zones	
DT- Creating electrical Christmas decorations	
Forces and magnets Year 3 and 5 DT – Pulleys and gears, weight-bearing structures, how to stiffen and strengthen comp	lex
structures	
Geography – Poles of the earth, physical geography	
Living Things and their Year 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 English – Fact files, creating questions Habitats	
Maths – Data handling including using different diagrams to record and sort information	on
Geography – Human and physical geography, Biomes, Tropics and Equator, locating living	ing species
PSHE – RSE – Reproduction	
States of Matter Year 4 Maths – Measuring changes in temperatures	
Geography – The water cycle, Rivers	
Design Technology –Food and change in state through temperature- cookery unit.	
Sound Year 4 Music - Identify sounds with increasing aural memory (focus on instruments).	
DT- Designing and creating tuned musical instruments.	
Maths- Measuring how far away a drum can be heard.	
Electricity Year 4 and 6 DT- Creating an electrical circuit game such as a buzz wire game, Christmas lights desig	ns using
particular materials as insulators or conductors	
English – Information texts	

		Geography – Y4 natural disasters- lightning	
		PSHE – Keeping safe	
Properties and Changes of Materials	Year 1,2,5	Maths - Data handling	
		DT – Cookery unit, textiles and design ideas, structures and materials used	
		Creating houses/ umbrellas out of different materials.	
Earth and Space	Year 5	Art – Create/recreate images of Earth or space and the key features, either through sketching or modelling	
		Maths – Time including calendars	
Evolution and Inheritance	Year 6	RE- Genesis	
Working scientifically	Year 3-6	Maths – Data handling and statistics, Measurements	
		English – Writing reports, creating questions	
		P.E – How the body works including changes during exercise	
		PSHE – Keeping safe	
		History - How what we know has changed over history, how scientists have built up on previous work	

Our science curriculum promotes our key values and vision

Respect- our curriculum is designed to teach our pupils to respect all living things.

Courage- our curriculum is designed to give pupils the confidence to try out investigations and to persevere with retaking measurements/observations to improve accuracy.

How this links with our school vision: growing in wisdom and understanding how to apply knowledge for good causes. Developing curiosity and respect of the world around them. Becoming advocates for caring for the environment.

Promoting diversity

We aim to promote diversity and differences of opinion. We arrange for our local Baptist Minister, who is from a scientific background, to talk to Year 6 pupils about evolution theories and allow them to ask questions about his beliefs and experiences in order for them to frame their own views. We teach pupils about scientists such as Mary Anning and the female African- American astronaut, Mae C Jemison.

Knowledge and skills that we intend our pupils to achieve

We have identified three key skill strands and have mapped the development of each of these skills throughout the year groups, identifying what pupils in each year group need to attain in each of the strands by the end of each academic year. These show progression by phase. Within KS1, we have identified some key Year 2 skills to prepare pupils for KS2.

Year	Thinking like a scientist	Experimenting like a scientist	Finding answers like a scientist
group			
EYFS	ask simple questions about the world make observations using senses carry out simple tests to help answer questions and talk about their tests	explore the natural world around them explore floating and sinking and other physical phenomena draw pictures of animals and plants talk to an adult about what they notice	talk to an adult about what they notice start to find patterns in what they observe
KS1	ask simple questions about the world make observations using senses carry out simple tests to help answer questions predict results (Y2 give reasons)	gather evidence to help answer question (Y2 including from graphs and tables) record simple data to help answer questions observe how things change over time use equipment to make measurements	identify patterns in results (Y2 identify similarities and differences) describe how some people use science in their jobs

	use senses to compare objects, materials and living things sort objects into groups explain how they have sorted objects into groups	Y2 perform comparative tests	describe and explain what they have found out explain how they found things out use evidence from observations to suggest answers to questions Y2 use scientific language Y2 write simple conclusions with basic reasoning
	give detailed reasons for predictions using scientific language and knowledge	take accurate measurements checking carefully if the results seem odd	use conclusions from investigations to make simple predictions and identify new lines of enquiry
	plan simple tests to help answer questions	organise equipment and think about controlling some	Make links to real life (Y2) Use evidence when evaluating the
	make observations and decide how to record them to answer a question.	elements (Y2) Record findings using scientific language, drawings, and labelled Diagrams(Y2)	effectiveness of a test (Y2)
Year 3,4	ask appropriate scientific questions about the world use scientific knowledge to sort and classify objects, materials and living things suggest how to make a simple comparative test fair suggest how to investigate patterns they have observed plan an appropriate scientific investigation-predict and explain prediction select appropriate equipment to use during my investigation suggest what data should be collected in an investigation	carry out simple scientific experiments use simple practical tests to compare things make systematic and careful observations use equipment to take accurate measurements measure and record using standard units use simple scientific language to record my findings use drawings and labelled diagrams to help explain investigations use tables to record the results of my investigations use a key for identification	describe results of investigations present the findings using a bar chart present conclusions in a range of formats use scientific knowledge to explain the results of investigations and write a simple conclusion use conclusions from investigations to make simple predictions use scientific evidence to support conclusions use sources of information to try to answer questions that cannot be investigated

	suggest how to collect data in an investigation		
	can make scientific predictions based on their own scientific knowledge. They can apply their prediction using real life examples. set up their test confidently identifying the change factor. They understand the need to keep other variables the same. They are independent in the planning use subject knowledge, observations, or previous learning to make predictions. Can create further questions from enquiries to investigate.	Record findings using systematic and careful observational drawings Can spot anomalies	Appropriate scientific language is used Records results systematically and in an organised way. Create a (bar) chart using multiple data sets. Can decide on own scale for axis. write a comprehensive conclusion using own scientific knowledge and a range of scientific vocabulary. Use scientific language and illustrations to discuss, communicate and justify scientific Ideas. Suggest next steps based on the weakest aspects and state how this will help them or the test progress or give different results.
Year 5,6	Use scientific experiences to raise different kinds of questions select and plan the most appropriate type of scientific enquiry to answer a question make detailed and reasoned predictions based on prior scientific knowledge recognise how and when to set up comparative and fair test and explain which variables need to be controlled	measure and record accurate and precise results using a range of scientific equipment design own results tables to record results from a range of investigations select which observations to make, what measurements to use and how long to make them for recognise when it is appropriate to take repeat readings and know how to calculate average results	describe how famous scientists developed their ideas based on observation and experiment present the findings of investigations using scatter graphs and line graphs describe the results of my investigations, identifying patterns use evidence to produce a conclusion, using scientific knowledge to explain results use evidence to refute or support a scientific idea

select the most appropriate equipment to take accurate measurements and explain how to use the equipment	produce own keys to help with classification and identification	recognise when further tests and observations may need to be collected to reach a conclusion select appropriate secondary sources to research ideas suggest improvements to an investigation use relevant scientific language to communicate and justify scientific ideas explain how scientific ideas have changed
identify variables that are difficult to control Pupils understand the independent and dependent variable and have a clear understanding of why the other variables must not change. Pupils can pose and answer their own questions (controlling variables where necessary)	explain why/why not it is appropriate to take repeat measurements Pupils choose the type of enquiry needed to carry out their investigation Can identify a range of factors which may affect their investigation.	over time describe the results of investigations, identifying different casual relationships in data make suitable choices to present results to help in answering questions and assess the strength of evidence, deciding whether it is sufficient to support a conclusion can use multiple sets of data where mean average can be calculated. Can expand and develop on predictions, not based on results of a scientific Enquiry, but using own ideas and subject knowledge understand anomalies in results and can explain why.

Our Implementation

We plan carefully to ensure there is progression within each unit. E.g. Rocks Year 3 -Start by feeling and observing rocks. Compare rocks-scratch test and porous/non porous. Then look at fossils. After rocks, we look at soil, which is made from rock and other organic material.

Electricity Year 6- Test to assess prior knowledge, recap key concepts (e.g. circuit needs to be complete), circuit diagrams, insulators/conductors, apply this knowledge to making Christmas decorations.

Each unit starts with an opportunity for pupils to show their prior knowledge. In KS1, we start each unit with what the pupils already know, creating a mind map. As knowledge is learned, this mind map is updated during the unit. In Key Stage 2, the pupils show their understanding by writing definitions for topic-related key vocabulary. These definitions are re-visited at the end of the topic and the pupils edit or re-write their definitions to show what they have learnt as well as include diagrams.

We plan our teaching carefully to ensure that key knowledge is clearly presented and retained. In each lesson, there are opportunities for revising and recapping key knowledge. Strategies used include chanting key facts, low stakes quizzes and paired discussion where one pupil teaches another.

The use of big questions in RE has been successful in motivating pupils and stimulating deeper thinking. These are now used in Science.

Key areas that we feel are important for our Curzon pupils are: scientific vocabulary, emphasis on working accurately and building on scientific investigations with exploration at home in KS2. Observations of our pupils shows that they often find it difficult to express themselves scientifically and lack skills in taking accurate measurements. To support this, we use vocabulary banks at the start of each unit, which are then kept live and referred to during the unit. Within units, accurate recording of measurements is modelled and pupils are taught to use different equipment to do this. Older pupils are taught the importance of taking 3 measurements and reflecting on these to identify inaccuracies.

We are keen for our pupils to try out practical activities at home and give optional holiday homework tasks for them to complete with their families. To promote enthusiasm in science, we hold special event days in conjunction with Science Oxford and opportunities for pupils to undertake a range of science activities in our local environment.

Progression of knowledge and skills in Science

We have mapped out the substantive knowledge for science and the skills needed to be a scientist. Pupils are explicitly taught these skills within the context of the units to build up their disciplinary knowledge of how we gain scientific substantive knowledge.

EYFS science is taught mainly through continuous provision covering the following key skills and following the same broad units at KS1:

Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants;

Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class

Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.

Our EYFS science curriculum also provides rich opportunities for pupils to develop skills in other areas e.g. listening and attention; speaking; self-regulation - working with others and turn taking; managing self (confidence, self-resilience and perseverance); gross motor skills (negotiating space in the outside environment and woods); fine motors skills (especially drawing skills); Literacy and maths skills (especially counting and subitising)

KS1-2

We follow the order of the 2014 National Curriculum whereby units build on each other e.g. light is taught in Year 3 where pupils investigate and learn about shadows and then in Year 6 where they extend this knowledge to how light travels.

Science in KS1 is taught on a two year rolling programme. Topics are the same both Year 1 and Year 2 but taught at a different level depending on the year group. We use mixed aged planning from Hamilton to ensure continuity and progression and have identified some specific Year 2 skills within our progression grid.

YEAR A

describe how animals obta	in their describe how some people use
food from plants and othe	science in their jobs
animals, using the idea of a	a simple describe and explain what they
food chain, and identify an	d name have found out
different sources of food	explain how they found things
explore and compare the	out
differences between thing	s that use evidence from observations
are living, dead, and things	that to suggest answers to questions
have never been alive	Y2 use scientific language
identify that most living th	ings live Y2 write simple conclusions
in habitats to which they a	re suited with basic reasoning
and describe how different	t
habitats provide for the ba	sic
needs of different kinds of	animals
and plants, and how they	
on each other.	·

YEAR B

Autumn	Spring	Summer	Skills KS1
	Materials – Brilliant Builders	Materials - Exploring Changes	Thinking like a scientist
Animals – People and Pets	describe the simple physical	identify and name a variety of	ask simple questions about the
find out about and describe the basic	properties of a variety of everyday	everyday materials, including	world
needs of animals, including humans,	materials	wood, plastic, glass, metal,	make observations using senses
for survival (water, food and air)	compare and group together a variety	water, and rock	carry out simple tests to help
describe the importance for humans	of everyday materials on the basis of	describe the simple physical	answer questions
of exercise, eating the right amounts	their simple physical properties	properties of a variety of	predict results (Y2 give reasons)
		everyday materials	

of different types of food, and hygiene 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

investigate wood lice design an imaginary pet

Seasonal Changes- Weather Art observe changes across the 4 seasons

observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies make a wind sock, wind spinner investigate light sources create a sundial 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 umbrellas

absorbency and waterproofness

Plants Art and Nature

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 seed dispersal investigate inside of a flower leaf and bark rubbings

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 investigate ice, puddles create a wax resist picture

Living things – Habitats and Homes

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 create a bug hotel use senses to compare objects, materials and living things sort objects into groups explain how they have sorted objects into groups

Experimenting like a scientist gather evidence to help answer question (Y2 including from graphs and tables) record simple data to help answer questions observe how things change over time use equipment to make measurements Y2 perform comparative tests Finding answers like a scientist identify patterns in results Y2 identify similarities and differences. describe how some people use science in their jobs describe and explain what they have found out explain how they found things out use evidence from observations to suggest answers to questions Y2 use scientific language Y2 write simple conclusions with basic reasoning

Autumn	Spring	Summer	Skills Lower KS2
Rocks	Animals including humans	Plants	Thinking like a scientist
compare and group together	(nutrition and skeletons)	identify and describe the	ask appropriate scientific
different kinds of rocks on the basis	identify that animals, including	functions of different parts of	questions about the world
of their appearance and simple	humans, need the right types and	flowering plants: roots,	use scientific knowledge to sort
physical properties	amount of nutrition, and that they	stem/trunk, leaves and flowers	and classify objects, materials
describe in simple terms how fossils	cannot make their own food; they	explore the requirements of	and living things
are formed when things that have	get nutrition from what they eat	plants for life and growth (air,	suggest how to make a simple
lived are trapped within rock	identify that humans and some	light, water, nutrients from soil,	comparative test fair
recognise that soils are made from	other animals have skeletons and	and room to grow) and how they	suggest how to investigate
rocks and organic matter	muscles for support, protection and	vary from plant to plant	patterns they have observed
observe rocks using magnifying	movement	investigate the way in which	plan an appropriate scientific
glasses and microscope	types of skeletons	water is transported within	investigation-predict and explain
test rocks for their permeability	joints	plants	prediction
know about Mary Anning		explore the part that flowers play	select appropriate equipment to
		in the life cycle of flowering	use during my investigation
		plants, including pollination, seed	suggest what data should be
Forces & Magnets		formation and seed dispersal	collected in an investigation
compare how things move on			suggest how to collect data in an
different surfaces		Light	investigation
notice that magnetic forces can act at		recognise that they need light in	Experimenting like a scientist
a distance whereas some forces need		order to see things and that dark	carry out simple scientific
contact between two objects		is the absence of light	experiments
		notice that light is reflected from	use simple practical tests to
		surfaces	compare things

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 sort materials carry out fair tests investigate friction create own magnetic game

design reflector for book bag 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

make systematic and careful observations use equipment to take accurate measurements measure and record using standard units use simple scientific language to record my findings use drawings and labelled diagrams to help explain investigations use tables to record the results of my investigations use a key for identification

Finding answers like a scientist describe results of investigations present the findings using a bar chart present conclusions in a range of formats use scientific knowledge to explain the results of investigations and write a simple conclusion use conclusions from investigations to make simple predictions use scientific evidence to support conclusions use sources of information to try to answer questions that cannot be investigated

		describe the research and discoveries of famous scientists linked to my investigations

Autumn	Spring	Summer	Skills Lower KS2
Animals including humans	Sound	States of matter	Thinking like a scientist
(digestion, teeth)	identify how sounds are made,	compare and group materials	ask appropriate scientific
describe the simple functions of the	associating some of them with	together, according to whether	questions about the world
basic parts of the digestive system in	something vibrating	they are solids, liquids or gases	use scientific knowledge to sort
humans	recognise that vibrations from	observe that some materials	and classify objects, materials
identify the different types of teeth	sounds travel through a medium to	change state when they are	and living things
in humans and their simple functions	the ear	heated or cooled, and measure	suggest how to make a simple
construct and interpret a variety of	find patterns between the pitch of a	or research the temperature at	comparative test fair
food chains, identifying producers,	sound and features of the object that	which this happens in degrees	suggest how to investigate
predators and prey	produced it	Celsius (°C)	patterns they have observed
teeth investigation-acids	find patterns between the volume of	identify the part played by	plan an appropriate scientific
understand how to care for our teeth	a sound and the strength of the	evaporation and condensation in	investigation –predict and explain
to keep them healthy	vibrations that produced it	the water cycle and associate	prediction
		the rate of evaporation with	select appropriate equipment to
		temperature	use during my investigation

I can identify and compare teeth of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

I can identify animal habitats in the locality and observe what they eat

Electricity

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 construct simple series circuits

recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases create instruments

Living things & their habitats
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

Practice and consolidation time

suggest what data should be collected in an investigation suggest how to collect data in an investigation

Experimenting like a scientist carry out simple scientific experiments use simple practical tests to compare things make systematic and careful observations use equipment to take accurate measurements measure and record using standard units use simple scientific language to record my findings use drawings and labelled diagrams to help explain investigations use tables to record the results of my investigations use a key for identification

Finding answers like a scientist

describe results of investigations present the findings using a bar chart present conclusions in a range of formats use scientific knowledge to explain the results of

	investigations and write a simple
	conclusion
	use conclusions from
	investigations to make simple
	predictions
	use scientific evidence to support
	conclusions
	use sources of information to try
	to answer questions that cannot
	be investigated
	describe the research and
	discoveries of famous scientists
	linked to my investigations

Autumn	Spring	Summer	Skills upper KS2
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Earth and Space	Forces	Animals including humans	Thinking like a scientist
describe the movement of the Earth	explain that unsupported objects fall	(human development)	Use scientific experiences to
and other planets relative to the sun	towards the Earth because of the	describe the changes as humans	raise different kinds of questions
in the solar system	force of gravity acting between the	develop to old age	select and plan the most
describe the movement of the moon	Earth and the falling object		appropriate type of scientific
relative to the Earth	identify the effects of air resistance,	Living things & their habitats	enquiry to answer a question
describe the sun, Earth and moon as	water resistance and friction, that	(life cycles)	make detailed and reasoned
approximately spherical bodies	act between moving surfaces	describe the differences in the	predictions based on prior
use the idea of the Earth's rotation to	recognise that some mechanisms	life cycles of a mammal, an	scientific knowledge
explain day and night and the	including levers, pulleys and gears	amphibian, an insect and a bird	recognise how and when to set
apparent movement of the sun	allow a smaller force to have a		up comparative and fair test and
across the sky	greater effect		

Properties and changes of 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 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

Practice and consolidation time describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals

explain which variables need to be controlled select the most appropriate equipment to take accurate measurements and explain how to use the equipment

Experimenting like a scientist measure and record accurate and precise results using a range of scientific equipment design own results tables to record results tables from a range of investigations select which observations to make, what measurements to use and how long to make them for recognise when it is appropriate to take repeat readings and know how to calculate average results

produce own keys to help with classification and identification

Finding answers like a scientist describe how famous scientists developed their ideas based on observation and experiment present the findings of investigations using scatter graphs and line graphs

describe the weather of wee
describe the results of my
investigations, identifying
different casual relationships in
data
use evidence to produce a
conclusion, using scientific
knowledge to explain results
use evidence to refute or
support a scientific idea
recognise when further tests and
observations may need to be
collected to reach a conclusion
select appropriate secondary
sources to research ideas
suggest improvements to an
investigation
use relevant scientific language
to communicate and justify
scientific ideas
explain how scientific ideas have
changed over time

Autumn	Spring	Summer	Skills upper KS2
Light	Living things and their habitats	Animals including humans (circulatory system)	Thinking like a scientist

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

Electricity

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 create a light up Christmas decoration

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

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 discussion and debate with members of foundation Govs

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

Practice and consolidation time

Use scientific experiences to raise different kinds of questions select and plan the most appropriate type of scientific enquiry to answer a question make detailed and reasoned predictions based on prior scientific knowledge

recognise how and when to set up comparative and fair test and explain which variables need to be controlled select the most appropriate equipment to take accurate measurements and explain how to use the equipment

Experimenting like a scientist

measure and record accurate and precise results using a range of scientific equipment design own results tables to record results tables from a range of investigations select which observations to make, what measurements to use and how long to make them for recognise when it is appropriate to take repeat readings and know how to calculate average

results

produce own keys to help with classification and identification Finding answers like a scientist describe how famous scientists developed their ideas based on observation and experiment present the findings of investigations using scatter graphs and line graphs describe the results of my investigations, identifying different casual relationships in data use evidence to produce a conclusion, using scientific knowledge to explain results use evidence to refute or support a scientific idea recognise when further tests and observations may need to be collected to reach a conclusion select appropriate secondary sources to research ideas suggest improvements to an investigation use relevant scientific language to communicate and justify scientific ideas

	explain how scientific ideas have changed over time
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Impact

Assessment

Assessment of pupils' learning in Science is an ongoing monitoring of pupils' learning by the class teacher throughout lessons. As in all subjects, lessons start with a recap of previous learning. Teachers use quick fire formative assessment activities in lessons to check retention of knowledge, such as true/false, thumbs up/down and low stakes quizzes. This formative assessment is then used to inform support and challenge for each pupil and to make adaptations to future lessons. Teachers use the mind maps/vocabulary definitions at the end of each unit to assess pupils' learning over a unit. Teachers also observe and assess pupils' investigative skills. These inform summative data for each term which is recorded on Bromcom and analysed by the subject leader.

Impact

Pupil voice shows that pupils enjoy Science and are well motivated in this subject. Pupils review their mind maps/questions during units and are actively encouraged to reflect on the knowledge and skills they are learning. End of term summative assessments shows that pupils' attainment in Science is at least in line with attainment in core subjects in all year groups. Some SEND pupils who struggle with writing attain better in science than in literacy.

By the time our pupils leave Curzon they will:

- Show an understanding of the importance of our local eco systems and environment
- Advocate the importance of respecting and caring for our natural world
- Develop sound enquiry skills to plan, carry out and evaluate investigations
- Use a rich vocabulary to articulate their understanding of concepts
- Understand how science is important to many jobs and have high aspirations of themselves
- Possess the knowledge and skills needed for KS3 curriculum