



## Our Lady's R.C. Primary School

## **Progression in Primary Science**

## Knowlegde

**EYFS** 

Early Learning Goals:

To explore creatures, people, plants and objects in their natural environments.

To observe and manipulate objects and materials to identify differences and similarities.

Areas include:

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Mini beasts (insects)

Animals

**Plants** 

Ourselves

Water

Seasons and weather

(see Progression of skills table)

Animals including humans								
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
variety of common animals including fish,	ave offspring which row into adults.	including humans,	Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.	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			















	Find out about and	Know that animals	Identify the different		heart, blood vessels
Identify and name a	describe the basic	cannot make their own	types of teeth in		and blood.
variety of common	needs of animals,	food.	humans and their		
animals that are	including humans, for		simple functions.		Recognise the impact
carnivores, herbivores	survival (water, food	Know animals get their			of diet, exercise, drugs
and omnivores.	and air).	nutritional needs from	Construct and interpret		and lifestyle on the
		what they eat.	a variety of food		way their bodies
Describe and compare	Describe the		chains, identifying		function.
the structure of a	importance for humans	Identify that humans	producers, predators		
variety of common	of exercise, eating the	and some other	and prey.		Describe the ways in
animals (fish,	right amounts of	animals have skeletons			which nutrients and
amphibians, reptiles,	different types of food,	and muscles for			water are transported
birds and mammals,	and hygiene.	support, protection and			within animals,
including pets).		movement.			including humans
Identify, name, draw					
and label the basic					
parts of the human					
body and say which					
part of the body is					
associated with each					
sense.					
Animal, fish,	Offspring, dependent,	Nutrition, abdomen,	Human digestive	birth, breeding, larva,	Aorta, arteries, atrium,
amphibian, reptile,	adult, birth, chick, cub,	antennae, arachnid,	system, tongue –	marsupial, gestation	asthma, capillaries,
bird, mammal, gills,	water, food, air,	biodiversity, butterfly	mixes, moistens,		circulatory system,
fins, claws, fur,	exercise, hygiene,				clinical trial,















hooves, horns, wings, webbed feet, smell, hearing, taste, sight, touch.	cleanliness, healthy, carbohydrates, fat, protein, fruit, vegetables, dairy, muscles		saliva. Teeth – incisors – cutting, slicing Canines – ripping, tearing Molars – chewing, grinding Oesophagus Acid, enzymes, small intestine, large intestine		deoxygenated blood, heart rate, red blood cell, rickets, scurvy, vein, vena cava, ventricle, white blood cells
		Pla	nts		
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees.	Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants.  Find out and describe	Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers.			
Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.	how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.	Explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and			















Plant, wild, common, deciduous, evergreen, blossom, roots, flower, leaf, nuts, seed, petals, plug plant, shoot, stalk, weed, vegetable	Seed, bulb, water, light, temperature, Plant, wild, common, deciduous, evergreen, blossom, roots, flower, leaf, nuts, seed, petals, plug plant, shoot, stalk, weed, vegetable	plants.  Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.  Fertiliser, flowers pollination, seed formation, seed dispersal, anther, carpel, compound leaf, germinate, leaflet, leaf skeleton	nd their habitats	
		Explore the part that flowers play in the life		
		how they vary from plant to plant.		















Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Explore and compare		Recognise that living	Describe the	Describe how living
	the differences		things can be grouped	differences in the life	things are classified
	between things that are		in a variety of ways.	cycles of a mammal,	into broad groups
	living, dead, and things			an amphibian, an	according to common
	that have never been		Explore and use	insect and a bird.	observable
	alive.		classification keys to		characteristics and
			help group, identify	Describe the life	based on similarities
	Identify that most		and name a variety of	process of	and differences,
	living things live in		living things in their	reproduction in some	including micro-
	habitats to which they		local and wider	plants and animals.	organisms, plants and
	are suited.		environment.		animals.
	Describe how different		Recognise that		Give reasons for
	habitats provide for the		environments can		classifying plants and
	basic needs of different		change and that this		animals based on
	kinds of animals and		can sometimes pose		specific characteristics.
	plants, and how they		dangers to living		
	depend on each other.		things.		
	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				
	Living, alive, non- living, dead, never been alive, life process, food chain		Vertebrate, invertebrate, deforestation, nature reserves, ecologically planned parks	Brood, endangered, fertilisation, fertilise, genetic, asexual, reproduce,	Animalia. Arthropod, bacteria, Monera, Protista
		<b>Evolution</b> an	d inheritance		
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
					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.  Adaptation, evolution, extinction, inheritance,
					speciation, genetic
		Seasonal	Change		
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Observe changes across the four seasons.	Observe changes to the natural environment across the 4 seasons with a focus on growth.				















Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.	Observe changes in the temperature across the 4 seasons.  Observe changes in the rainfall across the 4 seasons				
Seasons, autumn,	Recap and build upon				
winter, spring,	Y1				
summer, day, night,					
morning, afternoon, evening					
		Earth aı	nd Space		
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
				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	
				Earth, Sun, Moon, planets, solar system, star, rotate, orbit	
		Mate	ı erials	star, rotate, oroit	
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made.  Identify and name a variety of everyday	Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock,	Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties.	Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases.	Compare and group together everyday materials according to their properties, including their hardness, solubility,	















materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock.	paper and cardboard for particular uses.	Describe in simple terms how fossils are	Observe that some materials change state when they are heated	transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and	
Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday	Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be	formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock.	or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees	response to magnets.  Know that some materials will dissolve	
materials.  Compare and group	changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.	Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.	Celsius (°C).  Identify the part played	in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a	
together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their	C	, and the second	by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and	substance from a solution.	
simple physical properties.			associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.	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.	
				Explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials which is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda.	
Hard, soft, stretchy, stiff, bendy, floppy, waterproof, absorbent, breaks, tears, rough, smooth, shiny, dull,	Transparent, translucent, opaque, flexible, rigid, reflective, non- reflective, absorbent	Rock - Sedimentary, Metamorphic, Igneous Fossil – animal and plant Soil – Peat, sandy soil, chalky soil, clay soil	change of state, melting, freezing, melting point, boiling point, evaporation, condensation, water cycle, temperature	thermal insulator, thermal conductor, electrical insulator, electrical conductor dissolve, solution, soluble, insoluble,	















see through, not see through				sieve, filter, evaporation, reversible change, non-reversible change	
		Forces and	d Magnets		
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
		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.  Describe magnets as having two poles.		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	















		Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.  Compare and group		force to have a greater effect.		
		together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet.				
		Force, magnetic force, magnet, attract, repel, poles, contact force, non-contact force		Force, gravity, forcemeter, Newton (N), air resistance, water resistance, friction, mechanisms, simple, machines		
Electricity						
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
			Identify common appliances that run on electricity.		Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and	















Construct a simple	voltage of cells used in
series electrical circuit,	the circuit.
identifying and naming	
its basic parts,	Compare and give
including cells, wires,	reasons for variations
bulbs, switches and	in how components
buzzers.	function, including the
	brightness of bulbs, the
Identify whether or not	loudness of buzzers
a lamp will light in a	and the on/off position
simple series circuit,	of switches.
based on whether or	
not the lamp is part of	Use recognised
a complete loop with a	symbols when
battery.	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.  Electricity, electrical appliance, mains, electrical circuit, cell and battery, electrical component, switch, conductor, insulator		Circuit, circuit symbol, circuit diagram, cell, battery, switch, voltage	
Sound						
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
			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			















			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.  Sound, sound source, vibrations, pitch, volume, sound insulation			
Light						
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
		Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light.			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.	















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 a solid object.  Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.	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.
Light, dark, light source, transparent, translucent, opaque, shadow, reflect, mirror	light source, straight lines, light ray, reflect, shadow

Headteacher











