SCIENCE PROGRESSION IN KNOWLEDGE



	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Life Processes (Biology)	Different animals need different types of food. Animals, including humans, have different body parts and these have special functions to help them survive (including senses). Flowering plants have different parts - roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruit, seeds.	Animals need water, food and air. To stay healthy animals need exercise, a balanced diet and hygiene. Some things are living, some are dead and some have never been alive. Plants need water, light and warmth.	Animals cannot make their own food Many animals, including humans, have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement Different parts of flowering plants have different functions. Roots and stems - nutrition, transport of water and support. Leaves - nutrition Flowers - reproduction To stay healthy plants need light, water, nutrients and room to grow	Animals and humans have teeth to help them eat Food is broken down further in the stomach and intestine and absorbed into the blood stream with water	Plants and animals need to reproduce	Oxygen is taken into the blood in the lungs; the blood is pumped by the heart to take oxygen and nutrients to the muscles Some substances and lifestyle choices can have a negative impact on health
Classification (Biology)	There is an enormous range of living things. Organisms are classified into groups at different levels based on similarities in observable characteristics. Differences between organisms are used to identify and name them as individual species. Plants are grouped into common wild and garden plants, deciduous and evergreen trees. Animals are grouped into fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals	Animals and plants can be identified and grouped. This is linked to habitat		Plants and animals can be grouped using a wider range of characteristics The grouping of organisms becomes more detailed, depending on the purpose of the classification Keys are used for the identification of animals and plants		A wider range of living things including micro-organism can be identified

	Plants and animals can be grouped using observable features					
Life Cycles and Interdepence (Biology)	Plants and animals grow and change over the course of their lives. Plants: seeds and bulbs grow into plants Animals, including humans, reproduce offspring which grow into adults All living things are interdependent Different plants and animals live in different places to which they are suited—by giving them food and shelter. Animals get their food from plants and other animals and in turn are consumed by other animals	Plants make seeds to produce more plants (sexual reproduction)	Nutrients made by plants move to primary consumers and then to secondary consumers through food chains	Plants can reproduce asexually Life cycles differ for different species Human development has different stages between birth and death	Environmental change and human impact affects different habitats differently Plants and animals are adapted to suit their environment Living things have changed over time Living things produce offspring of the same kind, but not identical Adaptation may lead to evolution	Plants and animals grow and change over the course of their lives Plants: seeds and bulbs grow into plants Animals, including humans, reproduce offspring which grow into adults All living things are interdependent Different plants and animals live in different places to which they are suited—by giving them food and shelter. Animals get their food from plants and other animals and in turn are consumed by other animals
Describing and Using Materials (Chemistry)	There are different materials and they are used to make different objects Materials can be sorted into groups according to their observable properties	Different materials are suitable for different uses (properties that can be observed)		All materials have mass Materials can be solids, liquids or gases	Materials can be sorted into groups according to properties including hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal) and response to magnets Different properties make materials suitable for different uses (properties that can be measured)	

Changing, Mixing and Separating Materials (Chemistry)	There are different materials and they are used to make different objects	The shape of some solid materials can be changed by a contact force acting on them	Materials can be mixed together Mixtures occur when materials are mixed together but don't react to each other Soils are a mixture of rocks and organic matter Fossils are formed when trapped within rock	Materials can be changed Some materials change state when heated or cooled Heating causes melting and evaporation Removing heat causes condensing and solidifying (freezing)	Some materials will dissolve in a liquid Changes including baking, burning and the reaction of certain chemicals result in new materials Changes that result in new materials are not usually reversible Dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes Mixtures can be separated by filtering, sieving and evaporating	
Light (Physics)	We see with our eyes		We need light to see things Darkness is the absence of light Light travels from a light source in a straight line. Some materials let light pass through them When light hits a material, some of it is reflected off the material Some materials block the light and a shadow is formed The size of shadows change according to the size and shape of objects and distance from the light source There is a variety of sources of light, including the Sun Sunlight can be dangerous			Some materials reflect light better than others Light travels in straight lines We see light from a source reflected off an object into our eyes Shadows and reflections are different Shadows have the same shape as the object that casts them
Sound (Physics)	We hear with our ears.			Sounds can be different Sounds are made when something vibrates Sounds get fainter the further they are from the source Sound travels through a medium (solid, liquid or gas) Sound travels in all directions from a source		

Electricity (Physics)			The nature of sounds depends on how the vibrations are produced The volume of a sound can be changed The pitch of a sound can be changed Some materials reflect sound; some absorb sound and act as sound insulators Electrical appliances need a source of electricity to work. A complete circuit is needed for an electric current to flow. A circuit is made up of different components. A switch opens and closes a circuit. Some materials are better conductors than others.		There are recognised symbols for circuits and their components. When a battery or cell is connected in a circuit, it provides a push (voltage) that causes electrons (current) flow in a circuit. An increase in voltage will cause an increase in current. For a fixed voltage an increase in resistance will cause a decrease in current. Some components can resist the current more than others.
Forces (Physics)	Forces arise between two objects Pushing and /or pulling can make things start moving, stop, go faster or slower	Pushing and /or pulling can make things start moving, stop, go faster or slower or change their shape Some forces need contact between two objects (contact forces) Some forces act between objects although they are not in contact (non-contact forces) Magnets can act at a distance Magnets exert attractive and repulsive forces on each other Some materials are magnetic, some are not		The force of gravity caused by the Earth pulls objects towards its centre Some mechanisms allow a smaller force to have a greater effect Drag forces resist movement	

		When one object moves over another one there will be a force between them that opposes motion. This is called friction.		
Lai en in Space	Temperature and day length changes over the year - this pattern is referred to as the seasons.		The Sun appears to move across the sky. The Earth, Sun and Moon are approximately spherical. The Earth is one of eight planets that orbit the Sun. The Moon orbits the Earth and looks different at different times of the month. The Earth orbits the Sun once every year. The seasons change as the Earth's position changes relative to the Sun. The Earth rotates on its own axis once every 24 hours. It is due to the rotation of the earth that we experience day and night.	