# **Hadley Wood Primary School**

## Science Curriculum Overview



## **Our Vision**

...that every child will leave our school confident in their own abilities and excited about the future, with the strategies and skills to tackle tasks and situations in a capable manner and caring about their planet and their fellow humans.

### **Introduction**

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As a school we use 'Snap Science' scheme to deliver the key objectives from the National Curriculum. It provides teachers with week-by-week lesson support for each year group in the school. The scheme provides lesson plans, assessment, clear progression, and engaging and exciting whiteboard resources to support every lesson.

At the heart of the resource are the following principles:

- A science scheme of work must embody a clear progression
- It is through working scientifically that children develop an understanding of the nature and processes of science and the key scientific knowledge and concepts
- Children are curious to find answers to questions about the world around them
- Children need to be actively involved in their own learning, to be engaged and reflective
- Every child should have the opportunity to achieve in every lesson
- Assessment is an integral part of teaching that enables children to understand the purpose of their activities and to improve the quality of their work

## **How the Scheme is structured**

- 1 The creators of Snap Science recognise that **working scientifically**, asking questions and testing ideas against evidence, is the most effective way for children to learn about science. Therefore each lesson **has a clear science enquiry focus**.
- 2 Every lesson in Snap Science is carefully planned around a question for children to answer, either inside the classroom or outside. By ensuring that these questions spark children's curiosity and that they want to

find out the answer, lessons are purposeful and result in children gaining a new understanding of the world around them.

- 3 In each lesson in Snap Science the **learning intention** is designed so that children have a powerful understanding of the skills and understanding they are developing in the lesson. **Success criteria** define the features of the learning intention in the context of the activity so that children can identify what they are aiming for and how well they are doing.
- 4 Snap Science has been designed to ensure that all children in a class can access and master the lesson's learning intention with each lesson offering **three levels of differentiated task**. These are planned to challenge and extend the learning of all children whilst ensuring that they all achieve the learning intention.
- **5** Every lesson in Snap Science includes **Assessment for Learning strategies** which enable teachers to find out what children have learned and to use that information formatively.
- **6** In response to the wealth of evidence that exists about the benefits of children experiencing the natural world first hand, **children learning science outdoors** is a key feature of Snap Science. For each year group there is a module called **Our Changing World** which is designed to be taught in every term, offering children regular opportunities to explore all aspects of their outdoor environment and build up a rich understanding of how it changes over the year.

## **Progression of Skills and Knowledge**

The National Curriculum Programme of Study for Science describes a sequence of knowledge and concepts, processes and methods. This sequence of knowledge and concepts is arranged as progressive blocks of key ideas in biology, chemistry and physics, alongside a progression in the skills of working scientifically.

The conceptual ideas in Biology, Chemistry and Physics build on each other and children need to develop a strong understanding of each set of ideas in order for the next set to make sense and for them to make progress. The Programme of Study is set out year by year for Key stages 1 and 2 but each science topic is not covered in every year. It is therefore important that teachers and children know where each block of ideas fits into the overall sequence.

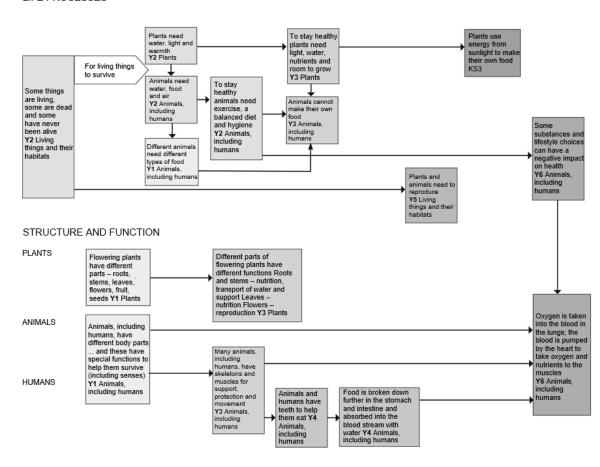
In the Snap Science Progression Charts the key ideas within Biology, Chemistry and Physics in the National Curriculum are arranged to show how they are related to each other and how one idea builds on another. The National Curriculum statements have been edited into key ideas statements. The source of each key idea is identified by the year group and the Programme of Study topic heading. Some additional statements have been added to make important links between ideas.

Working Scientifically is taught throughout KS1 and 2, embedded within the content of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The National Curriculum Programme of Study for Working Scientifically outlines the practical scientific methods, processes and skills that children must be taught to use, divided into three two-year blocks. In every lesson in Snap Science children will use their developing science enquiry skills to answer scientific questions. The Snap Science Progression Chart for Working Scientifically exemplifies the progression in these skills in the key areas of raising questions and planning, collecting and presenting data, drawing and evaluating conclusions.

This progression underpins the sequence of teaching and learning in each Snap Science module and between year groups.

## **Biology: Progression of ideas through KS1 and 2**

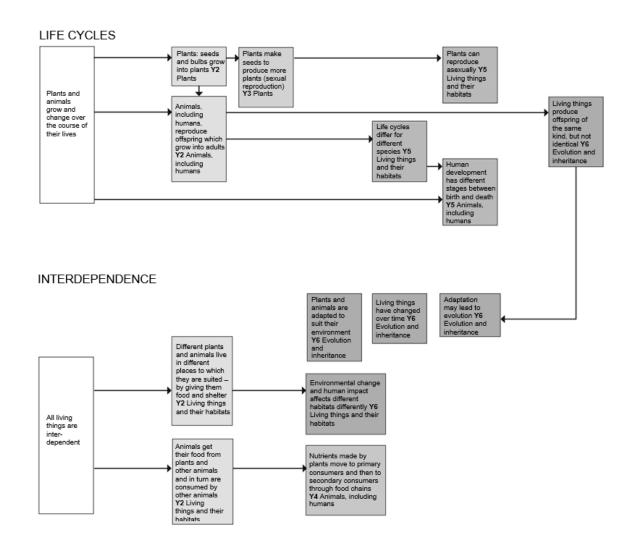
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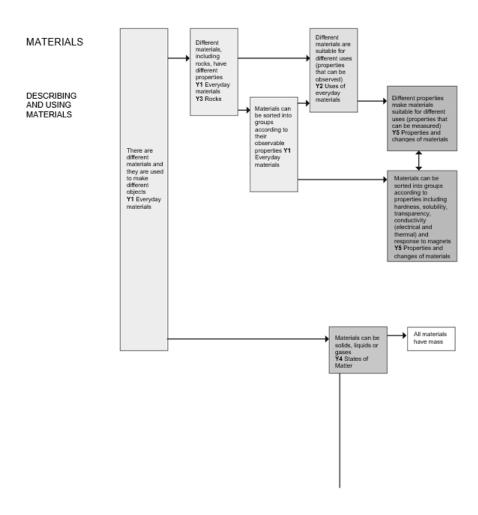
#### CLASSIFICATION

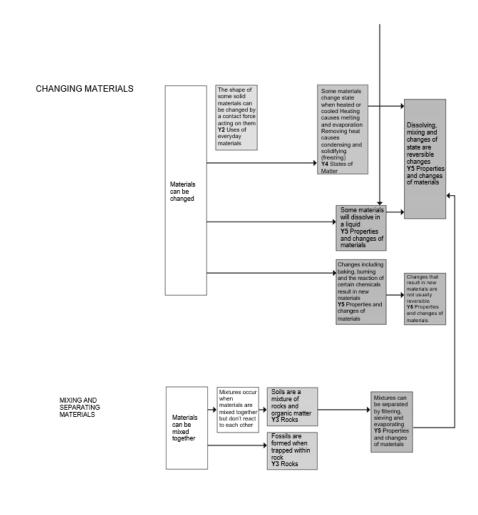
Classifying into more specific groups by increasingly detailed characteristics

Identifying and classifying increasing range from the familiar to the unfamiliar Plants are grouped into There is an common wild The grouping of enormous and garden range of living organisms Plants and plants. becomes more things animals can be deciduous and (organisms) detailed. evergreen grouped using a depending on wider range of trees. Animals the purpose of the classification characteristics are grouped Y4 Living things A wider range of living things into fish, and their amphibians, Animals and Organisms are reptiles, birds, habitats including classified into plants can be micro-organism mammals Y1 identified and groups at can be Plants Y1 different levels grouped. This is linked to identified Y6 Animals, based on Living things including habitat.Y2 Living similarities in and their humans things and their Keys are observable habitats habitats used for the characteristics identification of animals and plants Y4 Living things and their habitats Differences Plants and between animals can be organisms are grouped using used to identify observable and name features Y1 them as Plants Y1 individual Animals, species including humans

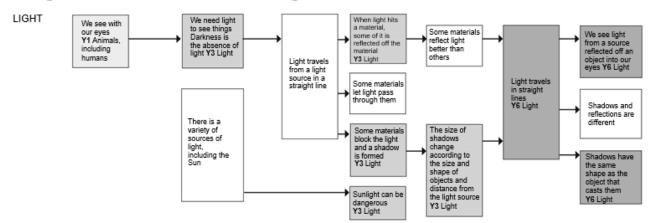


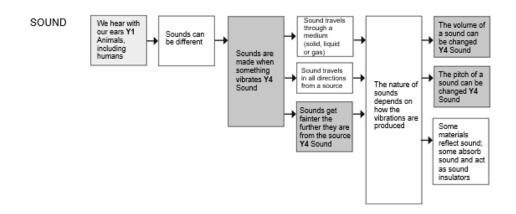
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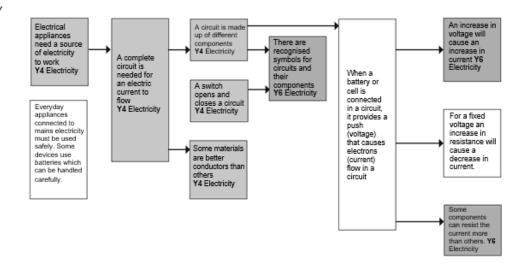


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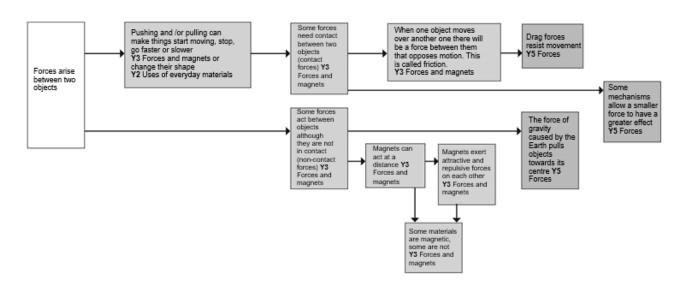




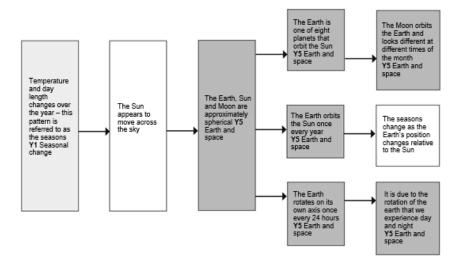
#### ELECTRICITY



#### FORCES



#### EARTH IN SPACE



## **Science Curriculum Overview: EYFS – Year 6**

	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
EYFS	Moving and Handling: Building your ideal home for your family with self- selected materials.  The World: Sorting pictures into the four different seasons	Moving and Handling: Using playdoh to create space elements and scenes.  The World: Comparing and contrasting the moon and the earth, recording ideas.	The World: Looking at icicles and thinking about how they are formed. Using our knowledge of floating and sinking to create ice models, dropping different items into water	The World: Sorting dinosaur toys, figures and photos according to own criteria.	Exploring Using Media and Materials: Creating a new home for the witch from Hansel and Gretel. Are there sweets on her home or something different? Which materials could you use?	Moving and Handling: Using a range of fine motor tools to remove tadpoles from frogspawn.  The World: Planting cress seeds and discussing the changes and why they are occurring.
Year 1	Our changing world: Autumn	Plant detectives	Our changing world: Winter	Our changing world: Spring	Animal antics	Comparing and describing different environments.  Identifying how living things are suited to where they live.  Our changing world: Summer
	- observe the changes of the season to our environment - discuss reasons behind the changes - discuss how the change in seasons affect animals, plants and humans	-identify basic plants - classifying plants - finding plants around school - comparing different plants and flowers - look at what makes a plant - look at how plants change and grow over time	- observe the changes of the season to our environment - discuss reasons behind the changes - discuss how the change in seasons affect animals, plants and humans	-observe the changes of the season to our environment - discuss reasons behind the changes - discuss how the change in seasons affect animals, plants and humans	-investigate the diets of different animals - explore the food chain - look at animal habitats and similarities between habitats -design own habitat for a given animal	-observe the changes of the season to our environment -discuss reasons behind the changes -discuss how the change in seasons affect animals, plants and humans
	Our senses - describe how humans have similarities and differences - explore the 5 senses	- growing own plants	- distinguish between an object and the material it is made of - identify and name a variety of everyday materials	Everyday materials - describe the simple properties of everyday materials - compare and group together a variety of		Looking at animals -identify the different animals in the animal kingdom -look at what makes animals different (birds,

Year 2	Everyday Materials  - identify and compare everyday materials, e.g. wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, stone, clay, paper, rock, cardboard etc  - understand and suggest different possible uses for each material  - to know that some materials may have more than one use.  - to suggest why a material is appropriate for particular uses.  - to know and find out about inventors.	Everyday Materials  - find out how shapes of solid objects can be changed by squashing, twisting, bending and stretching - investigate how materials go through irreversible changes and what materials experience reversible changes - to compare how things move on different surfaces  Chemistry	Living Things and their Habitats  - identify living things and their habitats - describe how these habitats provide the basic need for the animals and plants - identify and name a variety of plants and animals - understand simple food chains and name different sources of foodi	everyday materials based on their physical properties  Animals including humans  - know that animals have offspring and these grow into adults - find out about the basic needs of animals for survival Look after chicks, use to understand life-cycles and basic reproduction/growth know and understand the importance of exercise, healthy eating and good hygiene	Living things and their habitats.  - habitats and microhabitats - explore and compare living things, things that once lived and things that have never lived identify and name a variety of plants and animals across different habitats	reptiles, fish, insects, animals) -classification of animals - look at the types of animals live in our local area and compare it to other areas in the world  Plants  - to observe how pants and seeds grow into mature plants - know and be able to name a plant's requirements for survival - record observations of seeds and bulbs over different stages of growth  Biology
real 3	Rocks and soils – classification of rock types.	Simple understanding of fossilisation.	Forces and magnets – simple observations of magnets attraction and repelling. Looking at poles, prediction of behaviour of materials.	Light - sources of light, shadows & reflection	Plants and animals – Plants incl.parts, lifecycle and requirements for life.	Plants and animals – Animals: skeletons & nutrition.
Year 4	Switched On	Good Vibrations	Where does all that	Who Am I? (Living	In a State (States of	Human Impact (Living
i l	(Electricity)	(Sound)	food go? (Animals	things including plants)	matter)	things and their

	Identify common appliances that run on electricity.  Construct simple circuits, identify and name basic parts including cells, wire, bulbs, switches and buzzers.  Experiment with lighting lamps on different circuits. Recognise common conductors, insulators and associate metal with being good conductors.	Identify how sounds are made, associating some with 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 produces it/ strength of the vibrations and the volume.  Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound increases.  Make ear muffs or muffling boxes to see which one is the best insulation.	including humans)  Describe the function of the digestive system in humans.  Identify the different types of teeth.  Construct food chains, identify producers, predators and prey (compare teeth of carnivores and herbivores).  Look at what can damage teeth.	Grouping a wide selection of flowering and non-flowering plants.  Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment.	Group and compare materials – solids, liquids, and gases.  Observe changes in so materials states when cooled.  Measure change in Celsius and deal with temperature.	Introduce living things and their habitats/revisit environmental change and dangers.  Look at groups of living things.  Classifying vertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals,  Classifying invertebrates: snails, slugs, worms, spiders and insects.  Look at environmental changes and dangers that occur.  Make ongoing observations.
Year 5	Living things and their habitats	Feel the Force	The Earth & Beyond  How does the size of Earth	All Change!  Are the changes that	Get sorted  How can we compare	Reproduction in Plants and Animals (including humans)
	What do we know about the life cycles of mammals?	How can we measure forces?	compare to the Moon and the Sun and how far away are they from us?	happen around us reversible or non-reversible?	and group materials?  Is a solid always hard?	Sexual Reproduction in plants
	What do we know about the life cycles of amphibians?	Why does an object fall? What makes things move?	What is a year? What is a day?	How much gas can be produced by non reversible change?	Is a liquid always runny?  Are all metals the same?	Sexual Reproduction in amphibians
	What do we know about the life cycles of insects?	How can we slow down falling objects?	How does the sun help us to measure time?	How long does it take for iron nails to rust?	Are all plastics the same?	Sexual Reproduction in birds  Sexual Reproduction in

	What do we know about the life cycles of birds?  What makes a successful life cycle?  Why do animals make incredible journeys as part of their life cycles?	Does the shape of an object affect its movement in a liquid?  Do all heavy things sink?  How can we use levers to help us?	What time is it around the world?  Why do we have seasons?  Why does the moon appear to change shape?	What happens when a candle burns?  How long does it take for things to rust?  What would make the best rocket fuel?	To bounce or not to bounce: why are sports balls so different?	mammals  Changes that occur during puberty in boys and girls
Year 6	-impact of diet and exercise and drugsheart and circulation (blood vessels and blood)describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans	-data logging – data records explanation -healthy eating and a balanced diet -investigating the nutritional value of foods -predictions – graphs, explanation text. Recording data - taking measurements – accuracy, precision.	-recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the earth millions of years agoidentify how animals and plants adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution - recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but sometimes offspring vary and are not identical to their parents.	-recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines -use this idea 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 then our eyes -use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the object which is cast -investigate how to change the size of a shadow	-associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuitcompare 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	-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