

## **Birchwood Primary School - Progression in Science**



Substantive	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Plants This involves becoming familiar with different types of plants, their structures and reproduction.	-know that plants grow from a seedknow that plants need water, soil and sun to growknow the parts of a plant – roots, stem, leaves, flower	-know, identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees Wild plants: dandelion, daisy, fox glove, bluebell, dock leaves, nettles Garden plants: rose, tulip, daffodil, sunflower, rosemary, mint Trees: elm, hazel, juniper, larch, maple, oak, pine, redwood, sycamore, teak, willow, yew, holly Mention that some flowers turn into fruit, or the plant's stem or root is the vegetable: tomato, cabbage, carrot, potato, cucumber, strawberryknow, identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.	-know, observe and describe how seed and bulbs grow into mature plants Pupils should be introduced to the requirements of plants for germination, growth and survival as well as to the processes of reproduction and growth in plants – this will be covered in more depth in year 5. Seeds and bulbs need water to grow but most do not need light; seeds and bulbs have a store of food inside themknow and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.	-know, identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowing plants: root-anchors, stem/trunk-carries nutrients, leaves- make food, flowers – petals attract, stamen - male, carpel-femaleknow and explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant. Note – pupils are introduced to the idea that plants can make their own food, but at this stage they do not need to understand how this happensknow and investigate the way in which water is transported within plantsknow and explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowing plants, including fertilisation, pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.		-know and describe the life process of reproduction in some plants.	-know and identify how plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolutionknow and give reasons for classifying plants based on specific characteristics.
Animals including humans This involves becoming familiar with different types of animals, the human body and processes they share.	-know that all humans have a bodyknow that everyone has individual featuresknow how to keep their bodies healthy, e.g. eating healthy food, exercising, screen-time, etcknow that we have a skeletonknow where to find their skeletonknow what skin isknow what a bone isknow the names of some body parts -know that plants grow from a seedknow that plants need water, soil and sun to growknow the parts of a plant – roots, stem, leaves, flower -know that mini beasts are insects and arachnids -know how to identify a worm, spider, ant, snail and caterpillarknow spiders have 8 legsknow insects have 6 legsknow a snail has a shellknow a worm has no bonesknow the life cycle of a caterpillarknow that hatching is the process of a chick exiting an eggknow that an incubator provided heat for the chick to hatchknow that being alive is when you have a heartbeatknow that death is when a heart stops beatingknow a carnivore is a meat eaterknow that extinct means no longer living, and not found alive anywhere on the planet.	-know, identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Know how to take care of animals taken from the local environment and the need to return them safely.  *Knowledge needed:  • Fish have scales, fins and gills, lay eggs, and live in water their whole lives.  • Amphibians start life in water. They have limbs, not fins, can move around on land, but need to stay near water where they lay their eggs.  • Reptiles have limbs. They lay eggs on land and have scaly skin.  • Birds have two wings and two legs. They lay eggs. Some, but not all birds can fly.  • Mammals give birth to live young. They have hair or fur. They produce milk for their offspring.  -know, identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.  -know, describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets) -know, identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each of the five senses (sight, hearing, taste, smell and touch). Use games, actions, songs and rhymes.	-know that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults.  This is recognising growth and similarities not reproduction (e.g. egg, chick, chicken; egg, caterpillar, pupa, butterfly; spawn, tadpole, frog; lamb, sheep; baby, toddle, child, teenager, adult)  -know and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and oxygen).  -know and describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.	-know and identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.  -know and identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat.	-know and identify different types of teeth in humans and their simple functionsknow and describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humansknow, construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.	-know and describe the changes as human develop to old age (ink to PSHE).	-know, identify and name the main parts to the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and bloodknow and describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humansknow and recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.



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Living things	-know the names of common		-know and identify that most living		-know and recognise that living things	-know and describe the differences in	-know and describe how living things are
	materials and objects from their		things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different		can be grouped in a variety of ways	the life cycles of a mammal, an	classified into broad groups according to
and their	own environment.		habitats provide for the basic needs of		-know, explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a	amphibian, an insect and a birdknow and describe the life process of	common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences,
habitats			different kinds of animals and plants,		variety of living things in their local and	reproduction in some animals.	including micro-organisms, plants and
This involves			and how they depend on each other.		wider environment	-know and describe the life process of	animals.
becoming familiar			-know, identify and name a variety of		-know and recognise that environments	reproduction in some plants.	-know and give reasons for classifying
			plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats.		can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.		plants and animal based on specific characteristics.
with a wide range			Habitat – a natural environment or home of a variety		pose dangers to living things.		Characteristics.
of living things and			of plants and animals.  Micro-habitat – a very habitat, or example woodlice				
understanding how			under stones, logs or leaf litter.				
they are suited to			-know, explore and compare the differences between things that are				
their habitat,			living, dead and things that never have				
including			been alive.				
adaptation.			-know and 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.				
Evolution							-know and identify how animals and
This involves							plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that
							adaptation may lead to evolution.
understanding that							-know and recognise that living things
organism come							produce offspring of the same kind, but
into existence,							normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents.
adapt, evolve and							-know how to recognise that things have
become extinct.							changed over time and that fossils
							provide information about living things
							that inhabited the Earth millions of years
E	-know that some things can	-know, identify and name a variety	-know that some materials are used			-give reasons, based on evidence	ago.
Everyday	change, e.g. water into ice,	of everyday materials including;	for more than one thing e.g. metal can			from comparative and fair tests, for	
materials	chocolate can be melted, etc. ice	wood, plastic, glass, water, rock,	be used for coins, cards, cans and			the particular uses of everyday	
This involves	melting experiment	brick, paper, fabric, elastic and foil.	table legs; wood can be used for			materials, including metals, woods	
	-know that extremely low temperatures will cause water to	Include liquids and gases to avoid misconception that a material is a	matches, floors and telegraph polesknow that properties of material			and plastic. This is then to continue throughout the topic as	
becoming familiar	freeze and become ice.	solid.	make them suitable or unsuitable for			the comparative and fair tests will happen during	
with a wide range	-know that ice can melt when	-know and distinguish between an	particular purposed and think of			filtering, evaporation, thermal insulation etcknow, compare and group together	
of materials, their	temperatures rise.	object and the material which it is	creative uses for everyday materials.			everyday materials on the bases of	
properties, uses an	<ul> <li>know the names of common materials and objects from their</li> </ul>	made such as scissors, paper, glass and pencils.	-know and find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some			their properties, including their	
how they can be	own environment.	-know and describe some of the	materials can be changed by			hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal),	
altered.		physical properties of everyday	squashing, bending, twisting and			and response to magnets.	
	-know a material is what objects	materials. Use their senses to	stretching.			-know that some materials will	
	are made of.	describe them (bendy, rough etc.).	-know, identify and compare the			dissolve in liquid to form a solution,	
	<ul> <li>know that materials have different qualities.</li> </ul>	-know, compare and group together a variety of everyday	suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal,			and describe how to recover a	
	-know that different materials are	materials on the basis of their	plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and			substance from a solutionknow how to separate mixtures,	
	better than others when	simple physical properties.	cardboard for particular uses			including through filtering, sieving	
	constructing.					and evaporating	
	-know what a mirror is.					-know and demonstrate that	
	<ul> <li>know that a mirror has a reflective surface.</li> </ul>					dissolving, mixing and changes of	
						state are reversible changesknow and 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.	
Rocks				-know, compare and group together			
				different kinds of rocks on the basis			
This involves				of their appearance and simple physical properties.			
becoming familiar				-know and describe in simple terms			
with the types of				how fossils are formed when things			
rocks, how they are				that have lived are trapped within			
				rock.			



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formed, their uses				-know and recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.			
and properties.				made nonrocks and organic matter.			
States of					-know, compare and group materials together, according to whether they are		
matter					solids, liquids or gases.		
This involves					-know and observe some materials that		
					change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the		
becoming familiar					temperature at which this happens in		
with how objects					degree Celsius (°C)		
are 'states' and the					-know and identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the		
difference in					water cycle and associate the rate of		
particle structure.					evaporation with temperature.		
Light	-know that a mirror has a reflective surface.			-know and recognise that they need light in order to see things and that			-know and recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines.
This involves	Surface.			dark is the absence of light.			-know and use the idea that light travels
understand light,	-know that a shadow is made from			-know that light is reflected from			in straight lines to explain that objects
shadows and how	the absence of light.		I	surfaces -know that light from the sun can be			are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye.
reflection affect				dangerous and that they are ways to			-know and explain that we see things
sight.				protect their eyes.			because light travels from light sources
3.6.11			I	-know that shadows are formed when light from a light source is blocked by			to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes.
				an opaque object			-know and use the idea that light travels
				-know and find patterns in the way			in straight lines to explain why shadows
				that the size of shadows changes.			have the same shape as the objects that cast them.
Forces and	-know what a magnet is.			-know that some forces need contact		-know and identify the effects of air	- Court Court
	-know that magnets can attract			between two objects, but magnetic		resistance, water resistance and	
magnets	some metalsknow that some materials are not			forces can act at a distanceknow and compare how things move		friction, that act between moving surfaces. <i>Air resistance, water</i>	
This involves	magnetic.			on different surfaces.		resistance and friction are contact	
understanding				-know, compare and group together a		forces that act between moving	
what causes				variety of everyday materials on the bases of whether they are attracted		surfaces. The object may be moving through the air or water or the air	
motion.				to a magnet, and identify some		and water may be moving over a	
				magnetic materials -know and observe how magnets		stationary objectknow and explain that unsupported	
				attract or repel each other and		objects fall towards the Earth	
				attract some materials and not		because of the force of gravity acting	
				othersknow and describe magnets as		between the Earth and the falling object. A force causes an object to	
				having two poles.		start moving, stop moving, speed up,	
				-know and predict whether two		slow down or change direction.	
				magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are		Gravity is a force that acts at a distance. Everything is pulled to the	
				facing.		Earth by gravity. This causes	
						unsupported objects to fall.	
						-know how to recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys	
						and gears, allow a smaller force to	
						have a greater effect. A mechanism is	
						a device that allows a small force to be increased to a larger force. The	
						pay back is that it requires a greater	
						movement. The small force moves a	
						long distance and the resulting large force moves a small distance, e.g. a	
						crowbar or bottle top remover.	
						Pulleys, levers and gears are all	
						mechanisms, also known as simple machines.	
Earth and	-know that there are four seasons.	-know and observe changes across				-know and use the idea of the Earth's	
	-know the names of the 4 seasons	the four seasons.				rotation to explain day and night and	
Space,	and the order they are found. ((Autumn, Winter, Spring and	Tasks in italics are not restricted to the science lesson and occur across				the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.	
Seasonal	Summer)	the year to support real experiences				-know and describe the movement of	
Change	-know the common features of	and retention.				the moon relative to the Earth	
This involves	Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer.					-know and describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical	
						bodies.	
understanding	1	1	L		<u> </u>		



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what causes	-know the how to identify between	-know, observe and describe			-know and describe the movement of	
	snowing, sunny, raining, foggy,	weather associated with the			the Earth, and other planets, relative	
seasonal changes,	stormy, cloudy and windy.	seasons and how day length varies.			to the sun in the solar system.	
day and night						
, ,	-know that the weather in the Polar					
	regions is significantly different to					
	that in the UK.					
	and mane on					
	-know that Africa as a continent has					
	much warmer weather than the					
	UK.					
	-know that in summer we have					
	hotter days, wear less clothing and					
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Sound				-know and identify how sounds are		
				made, associating some of them with		
This involves				something vibrating.		
understanding how				-know and recognise that vibrations		
sound is produces,				from sounds travel through a medium to		
-				the ear.		
how it travels and				-know and recognise that sounds get		
how it is heard.				fainter as the distance from the sound		
now it is ficula.				source increases.		
				-know how to find pattern between the		
				volume of a sound and the strength of		
				the vibrations that produced it.		
				- know how to find pattern between the		
				pitch of a sound and features of the		
				object that produced it.		
Electricity				-know how to identify common		-know and use recognised symbols when
_				appliances that run on electricity (mains		representing a simple circuit in a diagram
This involves				and battery).		-know and associate the brightness of a
				-know how to construct a simple series		lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the
understanding how				electrical circuit, identifying and naming		number and voltage of cells used in the
electricity is made,				its basic parts (components) including		circuit.
how it travels and				cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.		-know, compare and give reasons for
				Using these circuits to create simple		variations in how components function,
its role within a				devices. Draw circuit and components		including the brightness of bulbs, the
circuit and				as pictorial representations not		loudness of buzzers and the on/off
				necessarily using circuit symbols – y6.		position of switches.
electrical				-know how to and identify whether or		F-1-1-311 61 6111611611
appliances.				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/cell.		
				-know how to recognise that a switch		
				opens and closes a circuit and associate		
				this with whether or not a lamp lights in		
				a simple series circuit.		
				-know how to recognise some common		
				conductors and insulators, and		
				associate some metals with being good		
				conductors – silver, copper, gold,		
				copper, aluminium, steel and brass.		