Science - Working Scientifically Progression skills

Year	Working scientifically skill
EYFS	Ask simple questions Perform simple tests Identify and classify by a simple criteria Use his/her observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions Begin to understand data collection – votes, tally charts, practical or pictorial pictograms • Continuous provision. Facilitator role between groups of children, quality interactions between staff and children
1	• Ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways • Use simple equipment to observe closely • Perform simple tests • Identify and classify • Use his/her observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions • Gather and record data to help in answering questions
2	• Ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways including use of scientific language from the national curriculum • Use simple equipment to observe closely including changes over time • Perform simple comparative tests • Identify, group and classify • Use his/her observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions noticing similarities, differences and patterns • Gather and record data to help in answering questions including from secondary sources of information

3	• Ask relevant questions and use different types of scientific enquiries to answer them • Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests • Make systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, take accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers • Gather, record, classify and present data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions • Record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables • Report on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions • Use results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions • Identify differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes • Use straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support his/her findings
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5	• Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary • Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate • Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs • Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests • Report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations • Identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments
6	• Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer their own or others' questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary • Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate • Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs • Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests • Report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations • Report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations • Describe and evaluate their own and other people's scientific ideas related to topics in the national curriculum (including ideas that have changed over time), using evidence from a range of sources • Group and classify things and recognise patterns