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Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
1	Animals Including Humans (1) Senses Identify, name and draw the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with which sense	Everyday Materials To identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock To distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made		Animals including humans (2) Identify and name a variety of; AND Describe and compare the structure of a variety of; common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores		Plants Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants including deciduous and evergreen trees. Identify and describe the basic structure pf common flowering plants including trees Note that there is no requirement investigate the different conditions that plants need for growth.
	Seasonal Change Observe changes across the four seasons. Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how the day length varies. Regular observations throughout the year including weather diaries in each season, recording daylight hours at different points of the year.					
2	Animals including Humans Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene	Uses of Everyday Materials Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching		Plants Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy	Living Things and Their Habitats Explore and compare the difference between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants and how they depend on each other Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats Describe how animals obtain their food from plans and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain and identify and name different sources of food	

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3	Animals including Humans 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 Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement	Rocks Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter	Forces and Magnets 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 Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet and identify some magnet materials Describe magnets as having two poles Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing Opportunity for detailed teaching of investigation skills via an investigation into friction – planning, recording and the use of tables and graphs to record results	Plants Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants; roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers 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 Investigate the way in which water is transported within plants Explore the part that flowers play in the lifecycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal	Light Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light Notice that light is reflected from surfaces Recognise that light form 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
4	Animals including Humans Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions Construct and interpret a variety of food chains identifying producers, predators and prey	Electricity Identify common appliances that run on electricity Construct a simple series electrical circuit identifying and naming its basic parts Identify whether or a not a lamp will light based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with	States of Matter Compare and group materials together according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature	Sound 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 object that produced it Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it	Living Things and their Habitats Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things

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		whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit Recognise some common conductors and insulators and associate metals with being good conductors		Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases	
5	Living Things and Habitats Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird Describe the life processes of reproduction in some plants and animals (including sexual and asexual reproduction in plants and sexual reproduction in animals)	Earth and Space 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 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	Properties and Changes of Materials Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal) and response to magnets Give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution Use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated including through filtering, sieving and evaporating Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes 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	Forces Explain that unsupported objects fall towards 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 force to have a greater effect	
	Living Things and Habitats Plants – Ongoing observations of plants grown using asexual reproduction (eg from cuttings) and comparing with plants grown from seed				Animals including humans Puberty (PSHE) Describe the changes as humans develop to old age
6	Living Things and Their Habitats Describe how things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and	Electricity Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit	Evolution Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago	Animals Including Humans Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood	Light Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines 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

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	differences, including mirco-organisms, plants and animals Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics	Compare 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	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 hat adaptation may lead to evolution	Recognise the importance of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the ways their bodies function Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals including humans	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