

Ensuring Excellence through an enriched curriculum

Trinity School



Year 1 Scientist

Working scientifically

(Y1 and Y2)

- I ask simple scientific questions.
- I use simple equipment to make observations.
- I carry out simple tests.
- I identify and classify things.
- I suggest what I have found out.
- I use simple data to answer questions

Biology

Plants

- I name a variety of common wild and garden plants.
- I name the petals, stem, leaf and root of a plant.
- I name the roots, trunk, branches and leaves of a tree.

Animals, including humans

- I name a variety of animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.
- I classify and name animals by what they eat (carnivore, herbivore and omnivore).
- I sort animals into categories (including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals).
- I sort living and non-living things.
- I name the parts of the human body that I can see.
- link the correct part of the human body to each sense.

Chemistry

Everyday materials

- I distinguish between an object and the material it is made from.
- I explain the materials that an object is made from.
- I name wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock.
- I describe the properties of everyday materials.
- I group objects based on the materials they are made from.

Physics

Seasonal changes

- I observe and comment on changes in the seasons.
- I name the seasons and suggest the type of weather in each season.

Year 2 Scientist

Working scientifically (Y1 and Y2)

- I ask simple scientific questions.
- I use simple equipment to make observations.
- I carry out simple tests.
- I identify and classify things.
- I suggest what I have found out.
- I use simple data to answer questions

Biology

Living things and their habitats

- I identify things that are living, dead and never lived.
- I describe how a specific habitat provides for the basic needs of things living there (plants and animals).
- I identify and name plants and animals in a range of habitats.
- I match living things to their habitat.
- I describe how animals find their food.
- I name some different sources of food for animals.
- I explain a simple food chain.

Plants

- I describe how seeds and bulbs grow into plants.
- I describe what plants need in order to grow and stay healthy (water, light & suitable temperature).

Animals, including humans

- I explain the basic stages in a life cycle for animals, including humans.
- I describe what animals and humans need to survive.
- I describe why exercise, a balanced diet and good hygiene are important for humans.

Chemistry

Uses of everyday materials

- I identify and name a range of materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard.
- I suggest why a material might or might not be used for a specific job.
- I explore how shapes can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

Physics

No content

Year 3 Scientist

Working scientifically (Y3 and Y4)

- I ask relevant scientific questions.
 - I use observations and knowledge to answer scientific questions.
 - I set up a simple enquiry to explore a scientific question.
 - I set up a test to compare two things.
 - I set up a fair test and explain why it is fair.
 - I make careful and accurate observations, including the use of standard units.
 - I use equipment, including thermometers and data loggers to make measurements.
 - I gather, record, classify and present data in different ways to answer scientific questions.
 - I use diagrams, keys, bar charts and tables; using scientific language.
 - I use findings to report in different ways, including oral and written explanations, presentation.
 - I draw conclusions and suggest improvements.
 - I make a prediction with a reason.
- I identify differences, similarities and changes related to an enquiry.

Biology Plants

- I describe the function of different parts of flowering plants and trees.
- I explore and describe the needs of different plants for survival.
- I explore and describe how water is transported within plants.
- I describe the plant life cycle, especially the importance of flowers.

Animals, including humans

- I explain the importance of a nutritious, balanced diet.
- I explain how nutrients, water and oxygen are transported within animals and humans.
- I describe and explain the skeletal system of a human.
- I describe and explain the muscular system of a human.
- I describe the purpose of the skeleton in humans and animals.

Chemistry Rocks

- I compare and group rocks based on their appearance and physical properties, giving a reason.
- I describe how fossils are formed.
- I describe how soil is made.
- I describe and explain the difference between sedimentary and igneous rock.

Physics Light

- I describe what dark is (the absence of light).
- I explain that light is needed in order to see.
- I explain that light is reflected from a surface.
- I explain and demonstrate how a shadow is formed.
- I can explore shadow size and explain.
- I explain the danger of direct sunlight and describe how to keep protected.

Forces and magnets

- I explore and describe how objects move on different surfaces.
- I explain how some forces require contact and some do not, giving examples.
- I explore and explain how objects attract and repel in relation to objects and other magnets.
- I predict whether objects will be magnetic and carry out an enquiry to test this out.
- I describe how magnets work.
- I predict whether magnets will attract or repel and give a reason.

Year 4 Scientist

Working scientifically (Y3 and Y4)

- I ask relevant scientific questions.
- I use observations and knowledge to answer scientific questions.
- I set up a simple enquiry to explore a scientific question.
- I set up a test to compare two things.
- I set up a fair test and explain why it is fair.
- I make careful and accurate observations, including the use of standard units.
- I use equipment, including thermometers and data loggers to make measurements.
- I gather, record, classify and present data in different ways to answer scientific questions.
- I use diagrams, keys, bar charts and tables; using scientific language.
- I use findings to report in different ways, including oral and written explanations, presentation.
- I draw conclusions and suggest improvements.
- I make a prediction with a reason.
- I identify differences, similarities and changes related to an enquiry.

Biology Living things and their

habitats

- I group living things in different ways.
- I use classification keys to group, identify and name living things.
- I create classification keys to group, identify and name living things (for others to use).
- I describe how changes to an environment could endanger living things.

Animals, including humans

- I identify and name the parts of the human digestive system.
- I describe the functions of the organs in the human digestive system.
- I identify and describe the different types of teeth in humans.
- I describe the functions of different human teeth.
- I use food chains to identify producers, predators and prey.
- I construct food chains to identify producers, predators and prey.

Chemistry States of matter

- I group materials based on their state of matter (solid, liquid, gas).
- I describe how some materials can change state.
- I explore how materials change state.
- I measure the temperature at which materials change state.
- I describe the water cycle.
- I explain the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.

Physics Sound

- I describe how sound is made.
- I explain how sound travels from a source to our ears.
- I know how sounds are made, associating some of them with vibrating.
- I explore the correlation between pitch and the object producing a sound.
- I explore the correlation between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.
- I describe what happens to a sound as it travels away from its source.

Electricity

- I identify and name appliances that require electricity to function.
- I construct a series circuit.
- I identify and name the components in a series circuit (including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers).
- I draw a circuit diagram.
- I predict and test whether a lamp will light within a circuit.
- I describe the function of a switch in a circuit.
- I describe the difference between a conductor and an insulator; giving examples of each

Year 5 Scientist

Working scientifically (Y5 and Y6)

- I plan different types of scientific enquiry.
- I control variables in an enquiry.
- I measure accurately and precisely using a range of equipment.
- I record data and results using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs.
- I use the outcome of test results to make predictions and set up a further comparative and fair tests.
- I report findings from enquiries in a range of ways.
- I explain a conclusion from an enquiry.
- I explain causal relationships in an enquiry.
- I relate the outcome from an enquiry to scientific knowledge in order to state whether evidence supports or refutes an argument or theory.
- I read, spell and pronounce scientific vocabulary accurately.

Biology Living things and their habitats

- I describe the life cycle of different living things, e.g. mammal, amphibian, insect, bird.
- I describe the differences between different life cycles.
- I describe the process of reproduction in plants.
- I describe the process of reproduction in animals.

Animals, including humans

- I create a timeline to indicate stages of growth in humans.

Chemistry Properties and changes of materials

- I compare and group materials based on their properties (e.g. hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity, [electrical & thermal], and response to magnets).
- I describe how a material dissolves to form a solution; explaining the process of dissolving.
- I describe and show how to recover a substance from a solution.
- I describe how some materials can be separated.
- I demonstrate how materials can be separated (e.g. through filtering, sieving and evaporating).
- I know and can demonstrate that some changes are reversible and some are not.
- I explain how some changes result in the formation of a new material and that this is usually irreversible.
- I discuss reversible and irreversible changes.
- I give evidenced reasons why materials should be used for specific purposes.

Physics Earth and space

- I describe and explain the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the Sun.
- I describe and explain the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth.
- I explain and demonstrate how night and day are created.
- I describe the Sun, Earth and Moon (using the term spherical).

Forces

- I explain what gravity is and its impact on our lives.
- I identify and explain the effect of air resistance.
- I identify and explain the effect of water resistance.
- I identify and explain the effect of friction.
- I explain how levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

Year 6 Scientist

Working scientifically

(Y5 and Y6)

- I plan different types of scientific enquiry.
- I control variables in an enquiry.
- I measure accurately and precisely using a range of equipment.
- I record data and results using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs.
- I use the outcome of test results to make predictions and set up a further comparative and fair tests.
- I report findings from enquiries in a range of ways.
- I explain a conclusion from an enquiry.
- I explain causal relationships in an enquiry.
- I relate the outcome from an enquiry to scientific knowledge in order to state whether evidence supports or refutes an argument or theory.
- I read, spell and pronounce scientific vocabulary accurately.

Biology

Living things and their habitats

- I classify living things into broad groups according to observable characteristics and based on similarities & differences.
- I describe how living things have been classified.
- I give reasons for classifying plants and animals in a specific way.

Animals, including humans

- I identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system.
- I describe the function of the heart, blood vessels and blood.
- I discuss the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and life style on health.
- I describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported in animals, including humans.

Evolution and inheritance

- I describe how the Earth and living things have changed over time.
- I explain how fossils can be used to find out about the past.
- I explain about reproduction and offspring (recognising that offspring normally vary and are not identical to their parents).
- I explain how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment.
- I link adaptation over time to evolution.
- I explain evolution.

Chemistry

No content

Physics

Light

- I explain how light travels.
- I explain and demonstrate how we see objects.
- I explain why shadows have the same shape as the object that casts them.
- I explain how simple optical instruments work, e.g. periscope, telescope, binoculars, mirror, magnifying glass etc.

Electricity

- I explain how the number & voltage of cells in a circuit links to the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer.
- I compare and give reasons for why components work and do not work in a circuit.
- I draw circuit diagrams using correct symbols.

