Ensuring Excellence through an enriched curriculum

Trinity School



Family Colour:

Blue – Survival (animals)

Green - Survival (plants)

Brown – Energy Changes

Yellow – Forces

Pink – Materials

Grey – Earth & Space

Subject coverage for Science Nursery and Reception

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 Talks about why things happen and how things work. R5 Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time. R5 	 Notices detailed features of objects in their environment. (weather) R4 Talks about why things happen and how things work. R5 Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter. ELG 	 Enjoys playing with small world reconstructions, building on first-hand experiences, e.g. visiting farms, garages, train tracks, walking by river or lake. (small world construction) R4 Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world. R5 Shows care and concern for living things and the environment. (Ocean pollution) R5 Begin to understand the effect their behaviour can have on the environment. R6 Talks about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another. R6 Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. ELG

Working Scientifically for EYFS - Characteristics of Effective Learning

Playing and Exploring	Active Learning	Creative and Critical Thinking
Engagement	Motivation	Thinking
Finding out and exploring Playing with what they know Being willing to 'have a go'	Being involved and concentrating Keep trying Enjoying achieving what they set out to do	Having their own ideas Making Links Working with ideas

Ourselves and other animals	Pushes and Pulls	Growing plants	
Animals are alive and move. Animals have bodies with similar parts. There are lots of different types of animals that live in our local area. Animals have different senses which help them to survive. Thinking about what they eat helps us sort animals into herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.	There are different sources of pushes and pulls, other than ourselves. Different things move in different ways, by either push or a pull. A big push can make an object travel further or/and faster. Pushes and pulls can move or stop an object.	There are lots of different types of wild and garden plants. Plants have different parts – root, stem, flower and leaf. Humans and animals eat different parts of different plants. Plants are alive and need water and light to grow healthy.	
Sounds and Hearing	Sorting and grouping materials	Seasons	
 We can make sounds in different ways by moving parts of our body. There are lots of different ways of making sounds. We describe sounds in a different way. We hear with our ears. Our hearing can help us to sense dangers. Sounds seem louder the nearer you are to the source and fainter the further away you are from it. 	Different objects are made up of different materials. Some materials are waterproof, others are absorbent. We can describe and group objects using scientific words. Testing materials can help us to identify the best material for a particular job.	The sun is a source of light and heat. This gives us our warm days. Each year we have four different seasons. The days are longer in the summer and shorted in the winter. We can see patterns in the weather during different seasons.	

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Health and Growth	Forces and Movement	Living things in their habitats	
Autumn 1	Summer 1	Spring 1	
Animals are alive. Babies grow into adults and can have their own offspring. There are many different types of food. Exercise and hygiene help humans to keep themselves healthy. To survive all animals (including humans) need water, food and air.	Pushes and pulls can make things speed up or slow down. Pushes and pulls are examples of a force. Pushes and pulls can change the shape of an object. Pushes and pulls can change the direction of a moving object.	Animals and plants are suited to the habitats (or micro-habitats) that they live in. By comparing and sorting plants and animals we can identify them. Seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. Flowering plants create seeds to reproduce. Seeds need water, air and warmth to germinate.	
Using electricity	Variation	Everudau Materials	
Summer 2	Spring 2	Autumn 2	
We can group and sort appliances into those that use the mains and those that use a battery supply. Electricity can be used to make thing light up, heat up, produce sounds or move. We can test how electrical devices will only work if the circuit is complete. A switch can be used to control a circuit.	Animals have similarities and differences. Plants have similarities and differences. There are differences between things that are living, non-living and dead. Plants and animals can be grouped by using their similarities and differences.	The same material can be used to make lots of different types of objects. We can change some materials by using forces. Heating and cooling can make some materials change. Water can change into ice. Then, if you heat it up, it changes back again.	

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Feeding, Moving and growing Spring 1	Forces and magnets Autumn 2	Helping plants to grow well Summer 2
Like all animals, humans can not make their own food. We get nutrition from what we eat. Skeletons support and protect animal's bodies. Different animals need different types of diet to stay healthy, and to grow and develop. Pairs of muscles work to pull on bones to move different parts of our body.	Most forces need contact between two surfaces but magnetism is a non-contact force. Only some metals are magnetic. Knowing this can help us sort and group materials. We can compare how different surfaces can affect how far an object moves. Magnets have two poles.	 Plants need healthy roots, stems and leaves in order to grow well. Flowers play a vital part in the life cycle of a plant. Plants take in water through their roots and it moves up through the stem and leaves. Different types of plants need different amounts of air, light, water, nutrients and space.
Light and shadows	Using materials	Rocks and soils
Summer 1	Spring 2	Autumn 1
 There are lots of sources of light. We need light to be able to see things. Shadows are created by blocking the light from the Sun or other sources. Some materials create different shadows as they are either transparent, translucent or opaque. There are patterns in the way that shadows can change when a light source moves or the distance changes. 	It is important to choose the material with the right properties for a particular job. Some objects have versions that can be made out of different materials for different jobs. Testing ideas can give us evidence to help decide which material is the best material for a particular job. Carrying out investigations involves us sorting,	Dig deep enough through any soil and you will always find a layer of rock. When rocks get broken up into tiny pieces they can make soils. Different types of rocks can be used for different jobs. Fossils can be made when things that have lived get trapped within the rock.

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Teeth and eating	Changing sounds	Habitats and Survival
Autumn 2	Spring 2	Summer 1
Animals have different types of teeth which do different jobs. The digestive system is made up of lots of different parts. Some foods and drinks can damage our teeth and gums. There are things we can do to stop this. Animals absorb their digested food and use it to give them the energy to move.	Sounds are made when objects or materials vibrate. By changing the vibrations we can make sounds that are louder or softer. By changing the vibrations we can change the pitch of a sounds to make it higher or lower. The vibrations from a sound source travel better through some materials than others.	We can group animals and plants according to the features that they have. Food chains help us to explain the feeding relationships in habitats. There are many different types and sizes of habitat locally. Environments can change and these changes can pose dangers to living things.
Circuits and conductors	Solids, liquids and gases	Keeping warm
Autumn 1	Summer 2	Spring 1
We can investigate patterns in electricity flowing around battery powered circuits. Metals are good conductors of electricity, most other materials are not. If a circuit is incomplete (or switched off) the device will not work. You need to match the components in a circuit to make it work.	Understanding the differences between solids, liquids and gases helps us to sort and group materials. Heating a solid causes it to melt into a liquid. When liquids get hot enough they will evaporate into a gas. Understanding changes of state and temperature helps us to understand and explain the water cycle.	Something hot will cool down (or something cold will warm up) until it is the same temperate as its surroundings. Temperature is a measure of how hot or cold things are. Good thermal insulators can be used to help keep hot objects hot, or keep cool ones cold. Materials such as metals that are good electrical conductors are often good thermal conductors.

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Life Cycles Summer 1	Forces and Gravity Autumn 2	Interdependence and Adaptation Summer 2
As humans we go through several different stages during our lifetime. Different animals survive by having different life cycle strategies. For a long and healthy life we need a balanced diet and regular exercise. Improvements in science, health and hygiene mean that human life expectancy is longer today than it has ever been.	More than one force can act on an object. Galileo and Newton helped to develop the theory of gravitation. Forces are of varying sizes. Gravity is force that acts from a distance.	Green plants survive and grow by making their own food. Different plants grow in different types of soil. The animals and plants in any habitat are interdependent. Food chains and webs help us to understand the feeding relationships in many different habitats (local and global).
Changing State	The Earth and Space	Dissolving
Spring 2	Autumn 1	Spring 1
Melting, freezing, condensing and evaporating are all changes of state which can be reversed. Powders, sponges and soils are all solids, but they have gas trapped in the gaps within them. We can measure how gases (including air) can produce forces and have weight. Gases are different from solids and liquids as they can't keep their shape or volume and can flow in any direction.	The Earth rotates on its axis every 24hrs as it orbits the Sun. The Sun, Moon and Earth are all approximately spheres. The Moon orbits the Earth every 28 days. The Earth takes about 365 days to orbit the Sun.	Some solids can dissolve in water to form solutions. There are ways of helping a solid to dissolve more quickly in a liquid. The more solid you dissolve, the more concentrated the solution. We can test how in a set amount of liquid you can dissolve different amounts of different solids.

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Fuel for life	Forces and movement	Evolution and inheritance
Summer 1	Caria - 2	Evolution and intertrance
Summer I	Spring 2	Summer 2
 The heart is made up of muscle. When it contracts it pumps blood around our arteries and veins. During exercise our muscles work harder. Our pulse rate increases so more blood gets to the muscles. Food and oxygen are taken to the muscles so they can use them to get the energy that they need. Waste products are taken away. Diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle can all have an impact on how well your body works. 	Drag forces resist movement. Unless an object is driven then drag forces will cause it to slow down. Investigating drag forces shows us how they can affect movement. Unless an object is driven then drag forces will cause it to slow down. Forces can have more effect when transferred through simple machines.	Animals and plants change over time. Fossils give evidence about the type of living things that lived on Earth millions of years ago. Animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways. Animals produce offspring of the same kind, but they vary and are not identical to their parents. Over many, many generations the bodies of plants and animals have gradually changed to better suit their environment.
Changing circuits	Reversible and Irreversible Changes	How we see things
Autumn 2	Spring 1	Autumn 1
Using the wrong components may cause damage. Circuits can be drawn as circuit diagrams. Making changes to the wire used in a circuit can influence the brightness of the bulb or loudness of a buzzer. If you are careful you can alter circuits to speed up motors, make buzzers louder or bulbs brighter.	When materials are mixed sometimes they change because of dissolving. Others can change due to reactions. Heating or cooling some mixtures can cause reactions (irreversible changes). If a change is reversible then filtering and/or evaporation can be used to get the original materials back from a mixture. Burning is an irreversible change that produces heat and new materials. Because of this we need to recognise hazards around the home.	When a beam of light is reflected it changes its direction. Light travels in straight lines so shadows are the same shape as the objects that cast them. Shiny surfaces reflect light better than dull ones. We see objects when rays of light travel in straight lines from a light source to our eyes (sometimes directly, sometimes after reflection).

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