



Year 4
Autumn 1

Lesson 3

Topic: Invasion Science: Biology

Food and the Digestive System

Previous learning

In Year 3, children learnt that humans have a skeleton and muscles for movement, support and protecting organs. The children learnt that animals, including humans, need the right types and amounts of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food.

This project teaches children about the human digestive system. They explore the main parts, starting with the mouth and teeth, identifying teeth types and their functions. They link this learning to animals' diets and construct food chains to show the flow of energy.

Substantive Knowledge in Sci	ence	Disciplinary knowledge in Science
An ecosystem is a community of living organisms and their environments that interact with each other. The digestive system is responsible for digesting food and absorbing nutrients and water. The main parts of the digestive system are the mouth, oesophagus, stomach, small intestines, large intestines and rectum. There are four different types of teeth: incisors, canines, premolars and molars.		Ask relevant questions and using 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 their findings.
Lesson 1	Ecosystems • To unde	erstand the features of ecosystems.
Lesson 2	Food chains To construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.	

To understand living things within an ecosystem being interdependent.

Changes in habitats

Lesson 4	Purpose and parts		
	To describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.		
Lesson 5	Teeth types		
	To identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions.		
Lesson 6	Toothpaste investigation		
	To investigate the effectiveness of different toothpaste.		
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Vocabulary

mouth, oesophagus, saliva, stomach, small intestines, large intestines, rectum, excretion, molars, canines, incisors food chain, energy, producer, predator, prey, decomposer

Year 4 Autumn 2 Topic: Invasion Science: Physics

Sound

Previous learning

In EYFS and KS1, children learnt that ears are used for hearing. Different body parts are used for different things.

This project teaches children about sound, how sound is made and how sound travels as vibrations through a medium to the ear. They learn about pitch and volume and find out how both can be changed.

Substantive Knowledge in Science	Disciplinary knowledge in Science
When vibrations stop, the sound stops.	Ask relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them.
The volume of sound is measured in decibels	Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests.
(dB).	Make systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, take accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers.
The more energy put into a sound source, the larger the vibrations and the larger the sound waves.	
	Gather, record, classify and present data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions.
Pitch is how high or low a sound is.	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.
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	Use straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.

Lesson 1	Exploring sound
	 To identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating.
Lesson 2	How does sound travel?
	To recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear.
Lesson 3	Muffling sounds – Breadth and depth
	To measure sound in a unit of measurement called decibels (dB).
Lesson 4	Volume and distance investigation
	 To recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.
Lesson 5	Changing the volume and pitch of sounds
	To find patterns between the volume and pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it.
Lesson 6	Sound Investigation
	 To ask relevant scientific questions, independently, about the world around them and begin to identify how they can answer them.
	Vocabulary
	high pitch, low pitch, vibration, volume

Year 4 Spring 1

Topic: Misty Mountain, Winding River

Science: Biology

Grouping and Classifying

Previous learning

In EYFS, the children learnt that plants and animals can be identified according to their features. In Year 2, the children were aware that animals can be divided into six distinct groups: mammals, fish, birds, reptiles, invertebrates and amphibians. In Year 3, the children learnt that animals have further features that help scientists define the animal groups.

This project teaches children about grouping living things, known as classification. They study the animal and plant kingdoms and use and create classification keys to identify living things.

Substantive Knowledge in Science	Disciplinary knowledge in Science
Scientists classify living things according to	Ask relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them.
shared characteristics.	Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests.
There are five main groups of vertebrates:	Make systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, take accurate

thermometers and data loggers. There are six main groups of invertebrates: Gather, record, classify and present data in a variety of ways to help in answering annelids, molluscs, arachnids, crustaceans, questions. insects and myriapods. Record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables. The plant kingdom is divided into vascular and non-vascular plants. 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 their findings. Guess who? Lesson 1 To recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. Lesson 2 Understanding classification keys To explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. Lesson 3 Animal kingdom To recall and describe each step of fossil formation. Lesson 4 Sorting vertebrates and invertebrates To sort, compare and contrast vertebrates and invertebrates. Lesson 5 Plant kingdom To explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. Lesson 6 Our changing environment To recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. Vocabulary classification, natural influences, human influences, habitat destruction, risk

measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including

mammals, fish, reptiles, birds and amphibians.

Year 4 Spring 2

Topic: Misty Mountain, Winding River

Science: Chemistry States of Matter

Previous learning

In Year 3, the children learnt about materials such as rocks and minerals. They explored the process of dissolving in relation to fossils and sediments.

This project teaches children about solids, liquids and gases and their characteristic properties. They observe how materials change state as they are heated and cooled, and learn key terminology associated with these processes.

Substantive Knowledge in Science		Disciplinary knowledge in Science
Water changes state from solid (ice) ⇌ liquid (water) at 0°C and from liquid (water) ⇌ gas (water vapour) at 100°C.		Ask relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them.
		Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests.
The process of changing from a solid to liquid is called melting.		Make systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, take accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers.
The reverse process of changing from a liquid to a solid is called freezing. The process of changing from a liquid to a gas		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.
is called evaporation.		Report on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions.
The reverse process of changing a liquid is called condensation.	g from a gas to	Use results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions.
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		Use straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.
Lesson 1	Classifying sol	lids, liquids and gases
		pare and group materials together, according to whether they are iquids or gases.
Lesson 2	Particle theory	
	To expla	ain why solids, liquids and gases have different properties.
Lesson 3	Melting, freezir	ng, evaporation and condensation
		erve and explain how some materials change state when they are or cooled, (including links to the water cycle).
Lesson 4	Focus on water	
	To take accurate measurements in standard units, using a range of equipment.	
Lesson 5	Observing, measuring and recording changes over time	
	• To unde	erstand that different materials have different melting and boiling points.

Lesson 6	Melting investigation		
	To investigate the factors that affect the rate that ice melts.		
Vocabulary			
boiling point, condensation, condense, cool, freeze, heat, melt, reversible, water vapour			

Year 4 Summer 1

Lesson 2

Topic: Ancient Civilisations

Science: Physics

Electrical Circuits and Conductors

Previous learning

In Year 3, the children learnt that materials have different properties. Some materials have magnetic properties and magnetic materials are attracted to magnets.

This project teaches children about further properties of materials. They learn about electrical appliances and safety. They construct simple series circuits and name their parts and functions, including switches, wires and cells. They investigate electrical conductors and insulators and identify common features of conductors. It also teaches children about programmable devices. They combine their learning to design and make a nightlight.

Substantive Knowledge in Science		Disciplinary knowledge in Science
A series circuit has a single path for an electric current to flow through.		Ask relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them.
		Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests.
A series circuit must be a complete loop to work and have a source of power from a battery or cell.		Make systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, take accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers.
Electrical components include cells, wires,		Gather, record, classify and present data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions.
lamps, motors, switches and buz open and close a circuit and prov		Record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables.
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Lesson 1	Exploring elec	tricity
To ident		tify common appliances that run on electricity.

To construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic

parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.

Components

Lesson 3	Making series circuits
	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.
Lesson 4	Fixing circuits
	 To identify whether or 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.
Lesson 5	Programmable technologies
	To identify programmable technologies and their locations.
Lesson 6	Programming traffic lights
	To apply their understanding of computing to program, monitor and control their products.
	Vocabulary

electricity, power, battery, buzzer, cell, circuit, complete circuit, component, crocodile clip, electric current, lamp, LED, light-emitting diode, motor, series circuit, switch, wire

Year 4 Summer 2

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Substantive Knowledge in Science	Disciplinary knowledge in Science
Design features of nightlights include a switch,	Ask relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them.
light source and an attractive casing.	Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests.
Components can be added to circuits to achieve a particular goal.	Make systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, take accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers.
These include bulbs for lighthouses and torches, buzzers for burglar alarms.	Gather, record, classify and present data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions.
Electrical conductors allow electricity to flow through them, whereas insulators do not.	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

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	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 their findings.
Lesson 1	Conductors and insulators
	 To recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.
Lesson 2	Recapping electrical knowledge
	To apply our knowledge of electricity, programming and design and technology.
Lesson 3	Research and develop ideas
	 To use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals or groups.
Lesson 4	Communicating my design
	To generate, develop, model and annotate and communicate their ideas.
Lesson 5	Constructing simple circuits
	 To construct operational simple series circuits using a range of components and switches for control.
Lesson 6	Evaluate and improve
	 To evaluate ideas and products against a design criteria and consider the views of others to improve their work.
	Vocabulary
crocodil	electricity, power, battery, buzzer, cell, circuit, complete circuit, component, e clip, electric current, lamp, LED, light-emitting diode, motor, series circuit, switch, wire