



Year 6 Autumn 1

Topic: Britain at War Science: Physics Light Theory

Previous learning

In Year 3, children learnt that light from the Sun is damaging for vision and the skin. Shadows change shape and size when the light source moves. Children noticed that light is reflected from surfaces and that we need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. Children recognised that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object and find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change. In Year 2, children learnt that plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

This project teaches children about the way that light behaves, travelling in straight lines from a source or reflector, into the eye. They explore how we see light and colours, and phenomena associated with light, including shadows, reflections and refraction.

Substantive Knowledge in Science		Disciplinary knowledge in Science
Light travels in waves in straight lines.		Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary.
Light sources give out light. They can be natural or artificial.		Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate.
The angle at which light hits a reflective surface is the same angle at which it is reflected.		Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs.
Refraction is the banding of light	as it passes	Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests.
Refraction is the bending of light as it passes from one transparent material to another.		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.
Lesson 1	How does light travel?	
	To ident	ify that light travels in straight lines.
Lesson 2	How do we see	?
	To explain how we can see things (give out or reflecting light into the eye).	
Lesson 3	Shadows	
		ain (using words, diagrams or a model) why shadows have the same is the objects that cast them and how shadows can be changed.
Lesson 4	Reflections	
	To describe how light behaves when reflected off a mirror (plane, convex or concave) and when passing through a lens (concave or convex).	
Lesson 5	Measuring light	

	To use data loggers to take accurate measurements of light.
Lesson 6	Refraction
	 To describe, using scientific language, phenomena associated with refraction of light (prisms).
Vocabulary	

natural, artificial, absorbed, scattered, reflected, optic nerve, retin, transmitted, fossilised remain, prism

Year 6 Autumn 2

Topic: Britain at War Science: Biology

Evolution and Inheritance

Previous learning

In Year 5, children learnt that Humans reproduce sexually, which involves two parents (one female and one male) and produces offspring that are different from the parents. In Year 4, children learnt that fossils form over millions of years and are the remains of a once-living organism, preserved as rock. In Year 2, children learnt that human offspring go through different stages as they grow to become adults.

This project teaches children how living things on Earth have changed over time and how fossils provide evidence for this. They learn how characteristics are passed from parents to their offspring and how variation in offspring can affect their survival, with changes (adaptations) possibly leading to the evolution of a species.

There are five kingdoms: animals, plants, fungi, protists and monerans.

Scientists compare fossilised remains from the past to living species that exist today to hypothesise how living things have evolved over time.

The theory of evolution was developed in the 19th century by the naturalists Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace. It states that: all life on Earth has evolved from simple life forms to more complex ones over time.

Inheritance is when living things pass on characteristics following sexual reproduction, such as height, skin colour and eye colour.

Disciplinary knowledge in Science

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.

Lesson 1	Classification and reasoning
	To classify living things, including microorganisms, animals and plants, into groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences.
Lesson 2	Classifying fossils
	To recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.

Lesson 3	Theory of evolution
	 To explain that living things have changed over time, using specific examples and evidence.
Lesson 4	Inheritance
	 To identify that living things produce offspring of the same kind, although the offspring are not identical to either parent.
Lesson 5	Natural selection and survival of the fittest
	 To identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.
Lesson 6	Artificial selection
	 To describe how animals and plants can be bred to produce offspring with specific and desired characteristics (selective breeding).
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Vocabulary

natural selection, identical, genes, Charles Darwin, ancestor, common ancestor, deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), evolutionary tree diagram, evolve

Year 6 Spring 1

Topic: Frozen Kingdoms

Science: Physics

Electrical Circuits and Components

Previous learning

In Year 4, children learnt that a series circuit is a simple loop with only one path for the electricity to flow. They learnt that a series circuit must be a complete loop to work and have a source of power from a battery or cell. In Year 3, children learnt that switches open and close a circuit and provide control.

This project teaches children about electrical circuits, their components and how they function. They recognise how the voltage of cells affects the output of a circuit and record circuits using standard symbols. It also teaches children about programmable devices, sensors and monitoring. They combine their learning to design and make programmable home devices.

Substantive Knowledge in Science	Disciplinary knowledge in Science
An electric current is the flow of electric charge	Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary.
around a circuit.	Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate.
The electric current flows from the cell through all the components and back to the cell.	Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs.
Electric current is measured using an ammeter.	Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests.
The force that pushes electric charge around a circuit, called the voltage, is measured using a voltmeter.	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.	
Lesson 1	Recognised circuit symbols	
	To use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.	
Lesson 2	Recording circuits	
	To create circuits using a range of components and record diagrammatically using the recognised symbols for electrical components.	
Lesson 3	Exploring circuit components	
	To investigate how circuit components function and what happens when components in series circuits are changed and added to.	
Lesson 4	Voltage and cells	
	To use a voltmeter or multimeter to measure the actual voltage of the cells, recording the data in the table and then completing the tasks and questions.	
Lesson 5	Investigating voltage	
	To explain how the brightness of a lamp or volume of a buzzer is affected by the number and voltage of cells used in a circuit.	
Lesson 6	Programming tasks	
	To demonstrate how programs run in an exact order by following a sequence of instructions, and test and debug programs.	
	Vocabulary	
	voltage, volts, electrons, lamp, buzzer, motor	

Year 6 Spring 2

Topic: Sow, Grow and Farm

Science: Biology Classification

Previous learning

In Year 5, children group and sort plants by how they reproduce. In Year 2, children identified and named a variety of plants and animals in a range of habitats and Microhabitats. In Year 1, children identified, compared, grouped and sorted a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees, based on observable features.

This project teaches the children that classification is the grouping of living and non-living things with similar characteristics. They learn how to sort and group using existing classification keys and observe how a key can be produced.

Substantive Knowledge in	n Science	Disciplinary knowledge in Science	
Classification keys help us identify living things based on their physical characteristics.		Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary.	
An adaptation is a physical or behavioural trait		Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate.	
that allows a living thing to survive and fill an ecological niche. Adaptations evolve by natural selection. Favourable traits help an organism survive and pass on their genes to subsequent generations.		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.	
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Lesson 1	Classification	- plants and animals and micro-organisms	
		cribe how living things are classified into broad groups according to n observable characteristics.	
Lesson 2	Classification	- micro-organisms	
		cribe how living things are classified into broad groups according to n observable characteristics (micro-organisms).	
Lesson 3	Classification	keys - plants	
	To use habitats	and construct classification systems to identify plants from a range of s.	
Lesson 4	Classification	keys - animals	
	To use habitats	and construct classification systems to identify animals from a range of s.	
Lesson 5	Adaptations	Adaptations	
		tify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in t ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.	
Lesson 6 Polar adaptations		ons	
		and answer deeper and broader scientific questions about the local and rorld that build on and extend their own and others' experiences and dge.	
		Vocabulary	
		m, microbe, ancestry, genetic comparison	

Year 6 Summer 1 Topic: Maafa Science: Biology Circulatory System

Previous learning

In Year 5, the children learned about human reproduction. In Year 4, the children learned that the digestive system is responsible for digesting food and absorbing nutrients and water. They learned that there are different types of teeth in humans and about their simple functions. The children learnt that for sound to reach the ear, sound waves travel through a medium, such as air or water. In Year 3, children learned that humans have a skeleton and muscles for movement, support and protecting organs. They learned that humans need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food. In Year 2, children learned that human offspring go through different stages as they grow to become adults. They learnt that it is important that humans exercise, eat the right amounts of different types of food, and have good hygiene.

This project teaches children about the transport role of the human circulatory system, its main parts and primary functions. They learn about healthy lifestyle choices and the effects of harmful substances on the body.

Substantive Knowledge in Science		Disciplinary knowledge in Science
The circulatory system includes the heart, blood vessels and blood.		Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary.
There are three types of blood vessels: arteries, veins and capillaries. They each have a different-sized hole (lumen) and walls.		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.
The heart has four chambers: th left atrium, right ventricle and lef		Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests.
Blood is made up of four different components: plasma, platelets, red blood cells and white		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.
blood cells.	o and write	Identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.
Arteries carry blood away from the heart, providing the tissues and organs with oxygen and other nutrients.		
Lesson 1	Bodily systems	
		cribe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within s, including humans.
Lesson 2	Role of the circ	culatory system
	To iden describ	tify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and e the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.
Lesson 3	Structure and function of the heart	
	To nam of the h	e and describe the purpose of the circulatory system and the functions eart.
Lesson 4	The function o	f blood
	To desc	cribe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within

animals, including humans.

Lesson 5	The structure and function of blood vessels	
	To describe the structure and function of each type of blood vessel.	
Lesson 6	Measuring heart rate	
	To record data in a table and calculate the beats per minute (bpm).	

Vocabulary

blood vessels, arteries, veins, capillaries, lumen, red blood cells, white blood cells, infection

Year 6 Summer 2 Topic: Maafa Science: Biology Circulatory System

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Lesson 1 Proving a	pypothesis

To prove or disprove a hypothesis by collecting data.

Lesson 2	Heart rate investigation	
	To plan and carry out a range of enquiries.	
Lesson 3	Benefits of exercise	
	 To know the benefits of physical exercise, time outdoors, community participation, voluntary and service-based activity on mental wellbeing and happiness. 	
Lesson 4	Classifying foods	
	To classify food using traffic light nutrition labels and prior knowledge.	
Lesson 5	Healthy diet	
	 To know what constitutes a healthy diet (including understanding calories and other nutritional content). 	
Lesson 6	Poor diet and lifestyle	
	 To know the characteristics of a poor diet and risks associated with unhealthy eating and other behaviours (including obesity and drugs). 	
Vocabulary		

aerobic exercise, alcohol, balancing exercises, blood pressure, carbohydrate, cholesterol, diet, drugs, Eatwell guide, exercise, healthy, muscles, processed food, protein, saturated fat, smoking, strengthening exercises, stretching exercises, unhealthy, unsaturated fat, weight