



# Science Assessment Grid

		Autumn		Spring		Summer	
		1.1.	1.2.	2.1.	2.2.	3.1.	3.2.
YR	Parts of the body Similarities and differences	Colour, light/ dark		Animals & Habitats - contrast		Materials Plants	
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<b>The Natural World</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.</li> </ul>							
Y1		<b>Rats, Toys &amp; Kings</b>  Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.  Group together everyday materials based on their physical properties.	<b>Wonderful Me</b>  Label basic human body parts.  Name all of the senses.			<b>Powerful Plants</b>  Know the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees.  Name the basic structure of plants and trees.	<b>The Carnival of the Animals</b>  Identify and name common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.  Name animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.
			 <b>TAPS Assessment - Modelling the body</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions</li> </ul>			 <b>TAPS Assessment - Modelling Plant Structure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Observe and identify</li> </ul>	 <b>TAPS Assessment- Animal Classification</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying and classifying</li> <li>Describe and compare the structure of a variety of animals.</li> </ul>
Y2	<b>Deep in the woods</b>  Explain the life cycle of a hedgehog.  Compare the life cycle of a human to the life cycle of a hedgehog and understand that offspring grow into adults.	<b>Incredible You</b>  Explain why it is important to exercise, eat healthy foods, drink water and be hygienic.  Know why eating the right amounts of different types of food is important.	<b>I Spy With My Little Eye</b>  Explain why different materials are suitable for different things because of their properties.  Explain which material is most suitable to make a bucket and why.			<b>The Secret Garden</b>  Explain how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants  Know plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.	<b>Wild &amp; Wonderful</b>  Know the difference between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive.  Name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats.  Create and understand a simple food chain.
			 <b>TAPs Assessment- Comparative test</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What material would you use to make a boat to carry people crossing the Thames to flee the Great Fire of London?</li> </ul>			 <b>TAPs Assessment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe what they have found out and use their results to make comparisons: children to order large pictures of their beans, label the key vocabulary and present it to others in their Science 3s.</li> </ul>	
Y3		<b>Bones &amp; Other Bits</b>  Understand the importance of nutrition  Know key parts of the human skeleton  Know how muscles help us move.	<b>Extreme Earth</b>  Describe and name different types of rocks.  Explain how fossils are formed	<b>Magnificent Magnets (Science Week)</b>  Know which materials are attracted to a magnet.  Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel one another.	<b>I Can Grow</b>  Describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants.  Explain what plants need to live.  Explain the life cycle of flowering plants.		
			 <b>TAPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fingerprint classifying- recognise patterns from my observation and investigations</li> </ul>	 <b>Comparative test- soil investigation testing permeability.</b>	 <b>Comparative test- car ramp which surface is best to stop slipping</b>	 <b>TAPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plant slow reveal- making systematic and careful observations</li> </ul>	

		<p><b>Shadowy Showpiece</b></p> <p>To understand light is reflected so we can see objects</p> <p>To recognise objects can be transparent, translucent or opaque.</p> <p>To explain how light can be blocked</p>  <p><b>TAPS - Investigating shadow size-</b> making systematic and careful observations and taking accurate measurements</p>		 <p><b>TAPS - Magnetic Maze</b> Analytical thinking Contributes to the design processes and uses components to make models</p>		
<b>Y4</b>			<p><b>Polluted Planet</b></p> <p>Understand and describe the water cycle</p> <p>Understand how states of matter change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<p><b>Chew, Poo &amp; You</b></p> <p>Name the different types of teeth and explain their role in digestion</p> <p>Know how food travels through the body</p> <p>Understand what a food chain is and how it works.</p>  <p><b>TAPS- The Homan Digestion Explanation.</b> I can engage with scientific and technological evidence.</p> <p><b>Powerful Problems</b></p> <p>Construct a simple circuit and name its components.</p> <p>Understand whether a circuit is complete or incomplete using a switch.</p> <p>Recognise materials that are conductors or insulators and explain their uses.</p>  <p><b>TAPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conductor or Insulator</li> <li>Use straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.</li> </ul>	<p><b>What a Wonderful World</b></p>  <p>Group and identify animals using classification keys.</p> <p>Explain how environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.</p>	<p><b>Sound</b></p> <p>Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear</p> <p>Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.</p>  <p><b>TAPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>String telephone conclusions</li> <li>Use results to draw simple conclusions.</li> </ul>
<b>Y5</b>	<p><b>Incredible Inventions</b></p> <p>Know what materials are suitable for what purposes.</p> <p>Describe and justify material choices for their inventions.</p>  <p><b>TAPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insulation layers</li> <li>Compare everyday materials on basis of their thermal conductivity</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fantastic Beasts</b></p> <p>Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.</p> <p>Describe the key difference between the life process of reproduction in plants and animals.</p>	<p><b>Amazing Egyptians</b></p> <p>Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object.</p> <p>Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces.</p> <p>Recognise that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.</p>	<p><b>Vicious Vikings</b></p> <p>Explain how gravity has an impact on objects on Earth.</p> <p>Explain the impact air resistance; water resistance and friction have on objects.</p>  <p><b>TAPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the effects of water resistance</li> </ul>	<p><b>Are We Alone?</b></p> <p>Describe the solar system including the eight planets and the Sun</p> <p>Describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth</p>	<p><b>Human Highways (Moved from Y4)</b></p> <p>Name the main parts of the human circulatory system</p> <p>Describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.</p> <p>Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the human body.</p> <p>Describe how nutrients and water are transported within animals and humans</p>

			<p>Explain how gravity has an impact on objects on Earth.</p> <p>Explain the impact air resistance; water resistance and friction have on objects.</p>	<p>Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests</p>		<p>???</p> <p><b>TAPs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reaction catches</li> <li>Ask questions and develop a line of enquiry To recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function</li> </ul>
Y6		<p><b>Fight or flight</b></p> <p>Explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to objects then into our eyes.</p> <p>Know that light travels in straight lines which explains why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them</p>		<p><b>Darwin's Discoveries</b></p> <p>To give reasons for classifying plants and animals into specific categories based on their characteristics.</p> <p>To explain how living things change and adapt over time and that this may lead to evolution.</p>		<p><b>Trails &amp; Treasure!</b></p> <p>To recognise symbols in a simple circuit diagram</p> <p>To explain how the loudness of a buzzer is affected by the number and voltage of cells in a circuit</p>

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