

Science Unit	Working scientifically skills non-	Working Scientifically skills activities
	negotiables (linked to FLIC)	
Animals including humans (Year A)	Begin to record data and results of increasing	Compare data about the gestation periods, and life
describe the changes as humans	complexity using scientific diagrams and labels,	expectancy of humans and other animals
develop to old age.	classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and	
	line graphs.	or find out and record the length and mass of a baby as it
	Begin to identify scientific evidence that has been	grow.
	used to support or refute ideas or arguments.	
Forces (Year A)	Begin to plan different types of scientific enquiries	Carry out fair tests with parachutes to determine which are
explain that unsupported objects fall	to answer questions, including recognising and	the most effective.
towards the Earth because of the	controlling variables where necessary.	
force of gravity acting between the		
Earth and the falling object.	Begin to report and present findings from	
	enquiries, including conclusions, causal	Explore resistance in water by making and testing boats of
identify the effects of air resistance,	relationships and explanations of and degree of	different shapes
water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces.	truth in results, in oral and written forms	
	Begin to use test results to make predictions to set	
recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears,	up further comparative and fair tests.	
allow a smaller force to have a	Begin to take measurements, using a range of	
greater effect.	scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and	
	precision, taking repeat readings when	
	appropriate.	
Properties and changes of materials	Begin to plan different types of scientific enquiries	Carry out tests to answer questions such as 'Which materials
(Year A)	to answer questions, including recognising and	would be the most effective for keeping the bomb warm or
	controlling variables where necessary.	for making conductive wires?'



together everyday materials on the		
basis of their properties, including	Begin to record data and results of increasing	Observe and compare the changes that take place, for
their hardness, solubility,	complexity using scientific diagrams and labels,	example when burning different materials.
transparency, conductivity (electrical	classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and	
and thermal), and response to	line graphs.	
magnets.	5	
<u> </u>	Begin to use test results to make predictions to set	
know that some materials will	up further comparative and fair tests.	
dissolve in liquid to form a solution,		
and describe how to recover a	Begin to identify scientific evidence that has been	
substance from a solution.	used to support or refute ideas or arguments.	
use knowledge of solids, liquids and	Begin to report and present findings from	
gases to decide how mixtures might	enquiries, including conclusions, causal	
be separated, including through	relationships and explanations of and degree of	
filtering, sieving and evaporating.	truth in results, in oral and written forms	
give reasons, based on evidence		
from comparative and fair tests, for		
the particular uses of everyday		
materials, including metals, wood		
and plastic.		
demonstrate that dissolving, mixing		
and changes of state are reversible		
changes.		
explain that some changes result in		
the formation of new materials, and		
that this kind of change is not usually		
reversible, including changes		

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associated with burning and the		
action of acid on bicarbonate of soda		
Living things and their habitats	Begin to identify scientific evidence that has been	Observe and compare the life cycles of plants and animals in
(Year A)	used to support or refute ideas or arguments.	their local environment with other plants and animals around
describe the differences in the life		the world (in the rainforest, in the oceans, in desert areas and
cycles of a mammal, an amphibian,	Begin to report and present findings from	in prehistoric times),
an insect and a bird.	enquiries, including conclusions, causal	
	relationships and explanations of and degree of	
describe the life process of	truth in results, in oral and written forms.	
reproduction in some plants and		
animals.		
	Begin to plan different types of scientific enquiries	Ask pertinent questions and suggest reasons for similarities
	to answer questions, including recognising and	and differences.
	controlling variables where necessary.	
	Begin to record data and results of increasing	
	complexity using scientific diagrams and labels,	
	classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and	
	line graphs.	
Light (Year B)	Plan different types of scientific enquiries to	Decide where to place rear-view mirrors on cars;
recognise that light appears to travel	answer questions, including recognising and	
in straight lines.	controlling variables where necessary.	Design and make a periscope and using the idea that light
		appears to travel in straight lines to explain how it works.
use the idea that light travels in	Identify scientific evidence that has been used to	
straight lines to explain that objects	support or refute ideas or arguments.	Investigate how the size of shadows change related to the
are seen because they give out or		position of the light source
reflect light into the eye.	Take measurements, using a range of scientific	
	equipment, with increasing accuracy and	
explain that we see things because	precision, taking repeat readings when	
light travels from light sources to our	appropriate.	

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eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes. use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.	Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests.	
Electricity (Year B) brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit. compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches. use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram	 Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary. Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs. Report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of truth in results, in oral and written forms. Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests. 	Identify the effect of changing one component at a time in a circuit; Design and make a set of traffic lights, a burglar alarm or some other useful circuit.
Animals including humans (Year B) identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.	Report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of truth in results, in oral and written forms.	Explore the work of scientists and scientific research about the relationship between diet, exercise, drugs, lifestyle and health.



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recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function. describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans	Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary. Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs.	
Evolution and inheritance (Year B) recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents.	Report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of truth in results, in oral and written forms. Identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments. Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs.	Observe and raise questions about local animals and how they are adapted to their environment; compare how some living things are adapted to survive in extreme conditions, for example cactuses, penguins and camels. Analyse the advantages and disadvantages of specific adaptations, such as being on two feet rather than four, having a long or a short beak, having gills or lungs, tendrils on climbing plants, brightly coloured and scented flowers
identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution. <u>Living things and their habitats</u> (Year B)	Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification	Devise classification systems and keys to identify some animals and plants in the immediate environment.
things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences,	keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs. Identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.	Research animals and plants in other habitats and decide where they belong in the classification system.



including micro-organisms, plants and animals.	Report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of truth in results, in	
give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.	oral and written forms	