

Working Scientifically

- ask relevant questions and use 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 and 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 straight forward scientific evidence to answer questions to support their findings

Vocabulary: relevant, scientific enquiry, comparative and fair tests, systematic and careful observation, accurate measurements, standard units, equipment, thermometers, data loggers, record, classify, labelled diagram, key, bar chart, table, results, conclusions, predictions, improvements, differences, similarities, changes, processes, scientific evidence, exploring, relationships/patterns, interactions

Electricity

- identify common appliances that run on electricity
- construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers
- 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
- recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit
- recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors

Vocabulary: electricity, appliances, circuit, cells, wires, bulbs, switches, buzzer, battery, series circuit, conductor, insulator

Living Things & their Habitats

- recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways
- explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment
- recognise that environment can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things

Vocabulary: classification keys, classify, endangered species, habitat, vertebrates (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals), invertebrates (snails, slugs, worms, spiders, insects), flowering plants (grasses), non-flowering plants (ferns, mosses), deforestation

Y4 Science

States of Matter

- compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases
- observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C)
- identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature

Vocabulary: states of matter, solids, liquids, gases, temperature, heating, cooling, evaporation, condensation, water cycle

Animals, including humans

- describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans
- identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions
- construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey

Vocabulary: functions, digestive system, molars, canines, incisors, pre-molars, food chains, producers, predators, prey, mouth, tongue, teeth, oesophagus, stomach, small and large intestine, carnivores, herbivores, bacteria, plaque, cavity

Sound

- identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating
- recognise that vibrations from sound travel through a medium to the ear
- find patterns between the pitch of a sound and the features of the object that produced it
- find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it
- recognise that sound gets fainter as the distance from the sound source increases

Vocabulary: sound, vibration, pitch, volume, dynamics, insulation