SITHNEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Science Progression and Core Concepts



Year	Biology			Chemistry	Physics	
CORE CONCEPTS	Life Systems	Ecosystems	Evolution	Matter	Energy	Forces (inc. Space)
3-4 yrs	Animals excluding humans: Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal. Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. Humans: Make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and toothbrushing. Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.	Living things and their habitats Plant seeds and care for growing plants. Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary. Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal. Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.		Materials: Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials. Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties. Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice. Explore how things work.	Light and Sound Explore how things work. Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice. Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.	Forces Explore and talk about different forces they can feel. Explore how things work Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.
Reception	Excluding Humans: Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live. ELG Humans: Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy	Living things and their habitats Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. 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.		Materials Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including changing states of matter. Explore the natural world around them. Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.	Light and Sound Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter. Explore the natural world around them,	Seasonal Changes/Earth and Space Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the effect of seasons. Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting

	food choices. Talk about members of their immediate family and community. Name and describe people who are familiar to them. Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.	Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live			making observations. 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.	environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside Forces Explore the natural world around them. Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. Earth and Space
Y1	Animals, including humans Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.	Plants: Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.		Everyday materials: Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.		Seasonal Changes: Observe changes across the four seasons Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies
Y2	Animals, including humans: Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) Describe the	Living things and their habitats Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive Describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their	Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited	Uses of everyday materials: Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by		

Y4	Animals, including humans: Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive	Living things and their habitats: Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways Explore and use classification	Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose	States of matter: Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or	Sound: Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating	
Y3	Animals including humans: Identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.	Plants: Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers Explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant Investigate the way in which water is transported within plants Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.		Rocks: compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.	Light: Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light Notice that light is reflected from surfaces Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.	Forces and magnets: Compare how things move on different surfaces Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials Describe magnets as having two poles Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.
	importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.	habitats, including microhabitats Describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food. Plants: Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.		squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.		

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system in humans	keys to help group, identify and	dangers to living	gases	Recognise that	
Identify the different	name a variety of living things in	things	Observe that some	vibrations from	
types of teeth in	their local and wider		materials change state	sounds travel through	
humans and their	environment		when they are heated or	a medium to the ear	
simple functions			cooled, and measure or	Find patterns	
Construct and			research the temperature	between the pitch of	
interpret a variety of			at which this happens in	a sound and features	
food chains,			degrees Celsius (°C)	of the object that	
identifying producers,			Identify the part played	produced it	
predators and prey.			by evaporation and	Find patterns	
			condensation in the	between the volume	
			water cycle and associate	of a sound and the	
			the rate of evaporation	strength of the	
			with temperature.	vibrations that	
			·	produced it.	
				Recognise that	
				sounds get fainter as	
				the distance from the	
				sound source	
				increases.	
				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.	
Y5	Animals, including humans: describe the changes as humans develop to old age	Living things and their habitats: Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.	Properties and changing materials: Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution Use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating 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		Earth and space: Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system Describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth Describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky. Forces: Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to

				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 associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda.		have a greater effect.
Υ6	Animals, including humans: Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood 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.	Living things and their habitats: Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics	Evolution and Inheritance: 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 Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.		Light: Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye Explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our 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. Electricity: Associate the 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.