

Year 3 National Curriculum Objectives for Science: Children will be taught to:

•	Year 3 Working Scientifically	Programmes of Study
I	Pupils will be taught to use the following practical scientific	
1	methods, processes and skills:	Animals including humans (Body Business)
•	asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and simple fair tests.	<ul> <li>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</li> <li>identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.</li> </ul>
•	Begin to make systematic and careful observations and, begin to take measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment and data loggers.	<ul> <li>Rocks (Marvellous Merseyside)</li> <li>compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties</li> </ul>
•	gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions. Eg: tally charts, simple tables, bar charts.	<ul> <li>describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock</li> <li>recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.</li> </ul>
•	recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, bar charts, and tables	Light (Growing)
•	reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations.	<ul> <li>recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light</li> </ul>
•	using results to draw simple conclusions and recognise errors in scientific procedure.	<ul> <li>notice that light is reflected from surfaces</li> <li>recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are</li> </ul>
•	identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes	<ul> <li>ways to protect their eyes</li> <li>recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object</li> </ul>
•	using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.	<ul> <li>find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Plants (Growing) <ul> <li>identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers</li> <li>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</li> <li>investigate the way in which water is transported within plants</li> <li>explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Forces and Magnets (Taught discretely) <ul> <li>compare how things move on different surfaces</li> <li>notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance</li> <li>observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others</li> <li>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</li> <li>describe magnets as having two poles</li> <li>predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Notes	
Children Working Below	Children who are working above objectives listed above