



Science Progression of Skills Document

<p>C1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show curiosity and answer questions.</li> <li>• Make observations using their senses and simple equipment.</li> <li>• Make direct comparisons.</li> <li>• Use equipment to measure.</li> <li>• Record their observations by drawing, taking photographs, using sorting rings or boxes and, in Reception, on simple tick sheets.</li> <li>• Use their observations to help them answer questions.</li> <li>• Talk about what they are doing and have found out.</li> <li>• Identify, sort and group.</li> </ul>		
	<p>C2</p>	<p>C3</p>	<p>C4</p>
<p>Asking questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways</p>	<p>While exploring the world, the children develop their ability to ask questions (such as what something is, how things are similar and different, the ways things work, which alternative is better, how things change and how they happen). Where appropriate, they answer these questions.</p> <p>The children answer questions developed with the teacher often through a scenario.</p> <p>The children are involved in planning how to use resources provided to answer the questions using different types of enquiry, helping them to recognise that there are different ways in which questions can be answered.</p>	<p>While exploring the world, the children develop their ability to ask questions (such as what something is, how things are similar and different, the ways things work, which alternative is better, how things change and how they happen). Where appropriate, they answer these questions.</p> <p>The children answer questions developed with the teacher often through a scenario.</p> <p>The children are involved in planning how to use resources provided to answer the questions using different types of enquiry, helping them to recognise that there are different ways in which questions can be answered.</p>	<p>Children independently ask scientific questions. This may be stimulated by a scientific experience or involve asking further questions based on their developed understanding following an enquiry.</p> <p>Given a wide range of resources the children decide for themselves how to gather evidence to answer a scientific question. They choose a type of enquiry to carry out and justify their choice. They recognise how secondary sources can be used to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical work.</p>
<p>Making observations and taking measurements</p>	<p>Children explore the world around them. They make careful observations to support identification, comparison and noticing change. They use appropriate</p>	<p>The children make systematic and careful observations.</p>	<p>The children select measuring equipment to give the most precise results e.g. ruler, tape measure or trundle wheel, force meter with a suitable scale.</p>



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	<p>senses, aided by equipment such as magnifying glasses or digital microscopes, to make their observations.</p> <p>They begin to take measurements, initially by comparisons, then using non-standard units.</p>	<p>They use a range of equipment for measuring length, time, temperature and capacity. They use standard units for their measurements.</p>	<p>During an enquiry, they make decisions e.g. whether they need to: take repeat readings (fair testing); increase the sample size (pattern seeking); adjust the observation period and frequency (observing over time); or check further secondary sources (researching); in order to get accurate data (closer to the true value).</p>
<p>Engaging in practical enquiry to answer questions</p>	<p>The children use practical resources provided to gather evidence to answer questions generated by themselves or the teacher. They carry out: tests to classify; comparative tests; pattern seeking enquiries; and make observations over time.</p> <p>Children use their observations and testing to compare objects, materials and living things. They sort and group these things, identifying their own criteria for sorting.</p> <p>They use simple secondary sources (such as identification sheets) to name living things. They describe the characteristics they used to identify a living thing.</p>	<p>The children select from a range of practical resources to gather evidence to answer questions generated by themselves or the teacher.</p> <p>They follow their plan to carry out: observations and tests to classify; comparative and simple fair tests; observations over time; and pattern seeking</p>	<p>The children select from a range of practical resources to gather evidence to answer their questions. They carry out fair tests, recognising and controlling variables. They decide what observations or measurements to make over time and for how long. They look for patterns and relationships using a suitable sample</p>
<p>Recording and presenting evidence</p>	<p>The children record their observations e.g. using photographs, videos, drawings, labelled diagrams or in writing.</p> <p>They record their measurements e.g. using prepared tables, pictograms, tally charts and block graphs.</p>	<p>The children sometimes decide how to record and present evidence. They record their observation e.g. using photographs, videos, pictures, labelled diagrams or writing. They record their measurements e.g. using tables, tally charts and bar charts (given templates, if required, to which they can add headings). They record classifications e.g.</p>	<p>The children decide how to record and present evidence. They record observations e.g. using annotated photographs, videos, labelled diagrams, observational drawings, labelled scientific diagrams or writing. They record measurements e.g. using tables, tally charts, bar charts, line graphs and scatter graphs. They record</p>



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	<p>They classify using simple prepared tables and sorting rings.</p>	<p>using tables, Venn diagrams, Carroll diagrams.</p> <p>Children are supported to present the same data in different ways in order to help with answering the question.</p>	<p>classifications e.g. using tables, Venn diagrams, Carroll diagrams and classification keys.</p> <p>Children present the same data in different ways in order to help with answering the question.</p>
<p>Answering questions and concluding</p>	<p>Children use their experiences of the world around them to suggest appropriate answers to questions. They are supported to relate these to their evidence e.g. observations they have made, measurements they have taken or information they have gained from secondary sources.</p> <p>The children recognise 'biggest and smallest', 'best and worst' etc. from their data.</p>	<p>Children answer their own and others' questions based on observations they have made, measurements they have taken or information they have gained from secondary sources. The answers are consistent with the evidence.</p> <p>Children interpret their data to generate simple comparative statements based on their evidence. They begin to identify naturally occurring patterns and causal relationships.</p> <p>They draw conclusions based on their evidence and current subject knowledge.</p>	<p>Children answer their own and others' questions based on observations they have made, measurements they have taken or information they have gained from secondary sources. When doing this, they discuss whether other evidence e.g. from other groups, secondary sources and their scientific understanding, supports or refutes their answer.</p> <p>They talk about how their scientific ideas change due to new evidence that they have gathered.</p> <p>They talk about how new discoveries change scientific understanding.</p> <p>In their conclusions, children: identify causal relationships and patterns in the natural world from their evidence; identify results that do not fit the overall pattern; and explain their findings using their subject knowledge.</p>
<p>Evaluating and raising further questions and predictions</p>		<p>They identify ways in which they adapted their method as they progressed or how they would do it differently if they repeated the enquiry.</p>	<p>They evaluate, for example, the choice of method used, the control of variables, the precision and accuracy of measurements and the credibility of secondary sources used.</p>



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		<p>Children use their evidence to suggest values for different items tested using the same method e.g. the distance travelled by a car on an additional surface.</p> <p>Following a scientific experience, the children ask further questions which can be answered by extending the same enquiry.</p>	<p>They identify any limitations that reduce the trust they have in their data.</p> <p>Children use the scientific knowledge gained from enquiry work to make predictions they can investigate using comparative and fair tests.</p>
Communicating their findings		<p>They communicate their findings to an audience both orally and in writing, using appropriate scientific vocabulary.</p>	<p>They communicate their findings to an audience using relevant scientific language and illustrations.</p>