



Rushbury C of E Primary School

Science Skills and Knowledge Progression - Year A

Class	Term	Scheme of Work	Key areas from NC.
Ticklerton	Autumn	My Body	I can carry out a blind test to identify familiar smells. • I can gather facts about the sense of smell to answer questions. • I can taste different fruits and use
		Everyday Materials	I can follow instructions to perform a simple test to see whether a material is waterproof or not. • I can use my observations to suggest which materials would be best for an umbrella.
Ticklerton	Spring	ID Plants	I can observe plants closely and draw my findings. • I can use a simple classification key to identify wild flowers. • I can use close observation to explain how a seed changes to a plant.
		Id Animals	I can use a Venn diagram to sort animals to show which are herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. • I can use a tally chart to gather data about our class's favourite pet. • I can use a tally chart to gather information about minibeasts I spot. • I can use information I have gathered in tally charts to answer simple questions.
Ticklerton	Summer	Super Scientists	I know that scientists discover new things and make advances because they ask questions and work out how to find the answers. • I can carry out simple tests to test my reflexes, recording the results systematically in a table. • I can carry out an experiment to see how many germs are on our hands before and after we wash them. • I can make predictions about what will happen in an experiment.
Gretton	Autumn	How plants grow	I can observe root growth over a period of time and record my observations in a table. • I can generate ideas for an experiment to test water transportation in plants. • I can plan, set up and carry out an experiment to show how water is transported in plants, making a prediction and recording my observations. • I can make a comic strip to explain the process of pollination, using vocabulary such as stamen, stigma, ovary, nectar and petals. • I can classify plants according to their seed dispersal method. • I can taste test a variety of different seeds. • I can gather data about our class's favourite seeds in a chart. • I can ask and answer question
		Health and Movement	I can classify a variety of foods into different food groups. • I can carry out my own research to find out what foods different animals eat, and record my findings. • I can generate questions to investigate to find out what pets eat. • I can gather data in a tally chart and convert the results into a pictogram. • I can use data to draw conclusions and find the answer to my question. • I can label a diagram of the human skeleton. • I can use a variety of sources of information to find out how invertebrates protect themselves and report my findings. • I can ask and answer questions about muscles. • I can make different movements with my body and explain which muscles I am using.

Gretton	Spring	States of matter	I can compare and classify materials according to whether they are solids or liquids. • I can carry out an investigation to see if air weighs anything and report on my findings. • I can draw diagrams to show how the particles in solids, liquids and gases behave differently. • I can experiment with pneumatics and make observations about what I'm doing. • I can research the melting points of a variety of materials. • I can plan and carry out an experiment to see the different melting points of chocolate and evaluate the fairness of my experiment. • I can give different everyday processes which involve melting and freezing. • I can draw diagrams and use written examples to show the processes of evaporation and condensation. • I can label a diagram of the water cycle to show what is happening.
		Changing sound	I can investigate a range of objects that show visible vibrations to help me understand how sound waves work. • I can predict how well sound will travel through a variety of different materials. • I can plan, set up and carry out an experiment to answer the question, 'Do sound waves travel through all materials equally?' • I can generate questions to investigate what happens to a sound as you get further away from it. • I can plan, set up and carry out an experiment to see which materials are best for soundproofing. • I can draw conclusions from my investigations to answer a question. • I can make predictions about the pitch and volume an instrument will produce, using my knowledge of how sound works. • I can draw a diagram to show how and why the pitch changes on a glockenspiel. • I can investigate a variety of stringed instruments to explore how the pitch changes according to the length, thickness and tightness of the string, and record my findings. • I can predict which bottle would produce the highest pitch when different amounts of water are inside, then test my prediction and record my results.
Gretton	Summer	Forces and Magnets	I can carry out a fair test to explore whether objects need the same force to move them across different surfaces. • I can make predictions about the results of my investigation. • I can use my results to draw conclusions. • I can explore whether magnets attract or repel when north poles and south poles are put together. • I can draw diagrams to show the results of my findings. • I can predict which materials will be magnetic and which will not, then test my hypothesis. • I can carry out my own research to find out about uses for magnets and report my findings.
Stanway	Autumn	Life Cycles	I can label the parts of a flowering plant correctly using their scientific names. • I can dissect a flower to explore the male and female parts of the plant. • I can write scientifically accurate descriptions of asexual reproductions in plants using 100 words or less. • I can follow instructions to grow a new plant from cuttings. • I can classify a variety of animals according to how they reproduce. • I can create a scatter graph to show animal gestation and incubation periods, using the information to generate statements and answer questions. • I can research and present data and information about the organisms living in a variety of environments around the world. • I can compare the life cycles of a variety of animals. • I can carry out independent research to find out about the life and achievements of a famous naturalist.

		Changes and reproduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can create a bar chart to show the gestation period of a range of animals, and use this to answer questions. • I can compare gestation periods in animals with the female animal's weight, and use this to draw conclusions. • I can write a report about the development of children from age 0 to 11. • I can label diagrams of boys and girls to show the changes that take place during puberty.
Stanway	Spring	Properties and changes of material	I can mix a variety of materials with water to see whether they will dissolve, float, sink or react, recording the results in a table. • I can classify materials depending on whether they dissolve, float, sink or react when mixed with water. • I can investigate different irreversible changes by mixing different materials together, observing the results and explaining what has happened. • I can compare and classify a variety of everyday materials based on their properties. • I can carry out a variety of investigations to explore the properties of materials to see if they e.g. conduct electricity, are magnetic, are soluble, etc. • I can give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for uses of everyday materials. • I can plan, set up and carry out a fair test, drawing conclusions and presenting the results.
		Earth and Space	I can draw a labelled diagram of the Sun, Earth and Moon to show how they are related to one another. • I can create a moving model of the Sun, Earth and Moon, and write a description to describe what is happening. • I can make a simple sundial and set it up to observe how shadows change throughout the day. • I can record my observations and use these to draw conclusions. • I can use the internet to research which time zones different cities around the world are in. • I can label diagrams to show which season both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres will be experiencing depending on the Earth's position and tilt. • I can create a graph to show the average day length by month, and use the data to answer questions. • I can create a labelled diagram of the phases of the moon. • I can sort fact cards to show which apply to the geocentric and which apply to the heliocentric explanations of the solar system. • I can use the internet to explore the night sky, stating which planets and constellations will be visible on a given day. • I can carry out my own research to find out key facts about each planet in the solar system. • I can create
Stanway	Summer	Forces in action	I can carry out an investigation to explore the effect of gravity on falling objects, taking careful measurements and observations to draw conclusions. • I can carry out independent research to find out about the roles Newton and Galileo played in helping our understanding of gravity, presenting my findings appropriately. • I can suggest ways to plan an experiment to find out which surface has the most friction when an object is moved across it. • I can carry out a fair test to explore the friction of different surfaces, recording my results accurately and using them to draw conclusions. • I can analyse a variety of statements, explaining which I agree with and why. • I can plan, set up and carry out an investigation to explore how the size of a parachute affects the speed at which it falls to the ground, recording my results appropriately and using them to draw conclusions. • I can make predictions about which shape of plasticine would fall quickest in a pot of water, giving scientific explanations for my choices. • I can carry out an experiment to test my predictions, recording

			my results using a stopwatch and using evidence to draw conclusions. • I can create some simple pulleys, exploring the different forces needed to pull the same object and drawing conclusions from my findings. • I can use card or construction toys to create different transmissions, exploring the movement and torque of the driver and follower gears.
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Science Knowledge and Skills Progression - Year B

Class	Term	Scheme of Work	
Ticklerton	Autumn	Growth and Survival	I can carry out my own research using simple sources to find out what a particular animal needs in order to survive.
		Explore Everyday Materials	I can suggest different ways of sorting materials based on their properties and characteristics. • I can sort materials into those that are natural and those that are man-made. • I can experiment with what happens to different materials when you bend, twist, stretch and squash them, recording my observations. • I can make predictions about how materials will behave. • I can experiment with ways of making a paper bridge that is strong enough to hold a toy car.
Ticklerton	Spring	Living in Habitats	I can classify things that are living, things that are dead and things that have never been alive. • I can explore and observe microhabitats in the local environment. • I can experiment with ways of separating a variety of materials from water, choosing suitable equipment for the task.

		Growing Plants	I can carry out an experiment to observe how the roots of a bulb grow. • I can use close observation to examine different fruits to see how many seeds they have, making predictions beforehand. • I can plan and set up an experiment to find out which conditions are best for seed germination. • I can suggest how to make an experiment a fair test. • I can use the results of my experiment to draw a diagram explaining the best conditions for seed germination. • I can use observation to explain how a seed changes over time.
Ticklerton	Summer	Seasonal Changes	I can transfer data from a tally chart into a pictogram to show what seasonal clothing was worn. • I can use collected data to answer questions.
Gretton	Autumn	Eating and digestion	I can classify a wide variety of animals to show whether they are herbivores, carnivores or omnivores. • I can present information about how to keep teeth healthy. • I can draw a diagram to show what I think the digestive system looks like and how it works. • I can ask a variety of questions about the digestive system and use different sources to find out the answers. • I can label a diagram of the digestive system and describe how it works. • I can plan and carry out an experiment (making sure it is a fair test) to explore how acid affects the food in our stomachs.
		Living in environments	can explore my local area to see how many different habitats there are. • I can use a variety of clues in riddles to help me identify different animals. • I can classify a variety of organisms using my own and given criteria, sorting the results into tables and Carroll diagrams. • I can use a classification key to identify which group an animal belongs to. • I can use a classification key to identify unfamiliar organisms.
Gretton	Spring	Light and shadow	I can identify a variety of light sources around my school. • I can predict which light sources would be strongest, comparing my predictions with a partner and discussing any differences. • I can explain in my own words why we have night and day, using appropriate vocabulary. • I can test whether an object is transparent, translucent or opaque by testing what kind of shadow it casts. • I can explain which shadow diagram is correct, using what I know about how shadows are formed. • I can investigate how shadows behave, finding ways to make shadows move and make them longer and shorter. • I can record results from my shadow experiments using diagrams. • I can predict what I think will happen to a shadow throughout the day. • I can carry out an experiment to find out what happens to shadows throughout the day, recording my results in a table. • I can draw conclusions from my shadow investigation to say what I have found out. • I can experiment with using mirrors to see around corners.
		Rocks and fossils	I can classify rocks that are natural and those that are man-made. • I can identify a variety of natural and man-made rocks in my local environment. • I can suggest which criterion has been used to sort rocks into two groups. • I can sort rocks into Venn diagrams and Carroll diagrams based on specific criteria. • I can use my own criteria for sorting rocks into a Carroll diagram. • I can generate ideas for an experiment to test different rocks to see how much they erode. • I can carry out an experiment to test the erosion rate of different rocks, making predictions and recording my findings appropriately. • I can use a variety of sources of information to

			help me find out about specific rocks and their uses. • I can use observation to explore different soil samples and rank them according to different criteria. • I can classify fossil samples according to various criteria.
Gretton	Summer	Circuits and conductors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can test different materials using a simple circuit to see whether they are conductors or insulators. • I can use what I found out about conductors and insulators to draw conclusions. • I can classify objects into those that are conductors and those that are insulators. • I can draw diagrams to show appliances that have conductors on the inside and insulators on the outside. • I can experiment with a variety of objects and materials in a simple circuit to create a working switch. • I can incorporate a buzzer into a circuit that makes a sound when the switch is on. • I can plan, set up and carry out an investigation to find out how you can change the brightness of a bulb, making sure it is a fair test.
Stanway	Autumn	Healthy bodies	<p>I can plan an experiment, as James Lind, to see whether eating different foods can cure scurvy. • I can suggest ways in which James Lind could have expanded his clinical trial. • I can plan a clinical trial to explore the effects of different foods on our bodies, explaining how I will make it a fair test and what I expect the results to show. • I can allocate a variety of foods to their correct food group. • I can assess a variety of food labels to assess which of a group of foods has e.g. the most and least fat, or the most and least carbohydrate. • I can use a diagram of the human heart to suggest how it works. • I can write a detailed report about how the circulatory system works. • I can dissect a heart to explore the heart's chambers, veins and arteries, writing a recount of my findings. • I can take my own pulse before and after exercise, recording the differences. • I can design an investigation to explore how exercise affects our heart rate and draw conclusions from my results. • I can label muscle groups on a diagram of the human body. • I can suggest some exercise that would train different muscle groups. • I can create a presentation to answer a particular question about drugs, using my own research to find answers.</p>
		Classifying organisms.	<p>I can classify a variety of organisms into groups according to their features. • I can use a classification key to help me identify which group unfamiliar animals belong to. • I can create a presentation with labelled diagrams to show the features of each group of animal. • I can use a variety of criteria to classify animals that belong to the same group, e.g. mammals. • I can create a classification key to help identify a variety of flowering and non-flowering plants. • I can gather plant samples (or photographs of plants) from the local area, then create a classification key to identify them. • I can find a variety of different ways to classify different plants. • I can use the Linnaeus classification system to identify the kingdom, phylum, class, order, family, genus and species of a variety of organisms. • I can use the Linnaeus classification system to answer questions about different organisms. • I can carry out my own research to create a report about a particular family of animals, including pictures, diagrams and information. • I can ask questions about micro-organisms and use my own research to answer them. • I can carry out a fair test to explore which foods yeast most likes to eat, recording the results and drawing conclusions. • I can gather samples of organisms in the local area (or</p>

			take photos) to identify and classify organisms found in the local area. • I can carry out my own research to find out about different groups of organisms in a different part of the world, presenting my findings appropriately.
Stanway	Spring	Seeing light	I can draw on my previous knowledge of light and shadow to answer a variety of questions. • I can use careful observation to identify the pupil, cornea, iris and sclera of the human eye. • I can use arrows to draw the direction light travels. • I can label a cross-section diagram of the human eye, explaining the function of each part. • I can present information about how the eye works in a variety of different ways. • I can use what I know about the angle of reflection to draw the angle light will reflect off a mirror. • I can use what I know about the angle of reflection to shine a light beam to a goal using mirrors. • I can make predictions about which surfaces will reflect a lot of light and which won't. • I can investigate a variety of surfaces to see which reflect a lot of light and which don't, noting similarities and differences between the two groups. • I can suggest a variety of investigations to explore how shadows behave. • I can carry out an investigation to explore what happens to the size and shape of a shadow when an object is moved further away from a light source, recording my results in graphs and tables.
		Evolution and Inheritance	I can identify features I have inherited from my parents and note variations. • As a class, we can arrange ourselves in different ways according to our inherited characteristics. • I can carry out my own research to find animals that live in a particular environment around the world, recording the features that make it advantageous for its habitat. • I can compare and contrast the features of two animals living in the same environment, explaining why each of their features are advantageous for that particular species. • I understand that scientists are always refining, changing and developing the ideas of other scientists, and that ideas can be refuted when further evidence is uncovered. • I can ask questions about evolution and use my own research to find the answers, presenting my findings. • I can create a fact file about Charles Darwin, using known facts and my own research. • I can read statements and write persuasive arguments to show whether I agree or disagree, drawing on my knowledge of evolution and inheritance.
Stanway	Summer	Changing circuits	I can work independently to create a series and a parallel circuit. • I can create series and parallel circuits to match a circuit diagram. • I can use what I know about voltage to predict the brightness of a bulb or bulbs in a variety of different circuits. • I can experiment with the best way to make the bulb in a circuit as bright as possible, recording my results on a scale. • I can draw a circuit diagram that includes conventional circuit symbols. • I can create series and parallel circuits to match a circuit diagram that uses conventional circuit symbols. • I can plan, set up and carry out a fair test to see how changing the wire in a circuit affects the brightness of a bulb. • I can use the results of my experiment to answer questions. • I can ask questions about circuits I would like to find the answer to, and decide how to find the answers. • I can design and create a circuit for a particular purpose.

