Science-progressive vocabulary lists by year group (Year 1 – 6).

Science content vocabulary

Working scientifically vocabulary

	<u>Autumn 1</u>	<u>Autumn 2</u>	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 1	 Naming body parts Senses – touch, taste, smell, sight, hear Ask know 	objectmaterialDescribe	Name types of material - wood, plastic, glass, metal, paper, fabrics, brick, water, rock, clay, sand Compare Group		 Name the parts of plants and trees – roots, flower, stem, leaves, trunk, branches bulb seeds, Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter Identify Recognise 	To be taught in 'where can we go for a great day out?' • Fish • Amphibian • Reptile • Bird • Mammal
Year 2	 diet, variety, hygiene, healthy/unhealth y words to describe materials – e.g. rough/shiny, hard/soft, transparent/opa que Ask Describe Communicate 	deciduous,evergreen	 squash, bend, twist, stretch, heat, cool, freeze, melt, boil Natural/manmad e/manufactured Observe Record Gather Respond 		 food chain habitat micro habitat living dead never been alive survival Carnivore Herbivore Omnivore Classify Recognise Identify 	
Year 3	• circuit		Forces		 Flowering plants 	

cell (battery)	Friction	• Nutrients
• wires	• Pull	Seed dispersal
• bulb		5 16 N
• switch	• Air resistance	Life cycle
• buzzer	Cause and effect	Pollination
• conductor	Measure accurately	Vertebrates/
• insulator		invertebrates
 magnetic 		Classification
attract		Environments
• repel		Producer
• poles		Predator
<mark>simple enquiries</mark>		• Prey
prediction		<mark>Classify</mark>
		<mark>Similarities and</mark>
		<mark>differences</mark>
		<mark>Observe</mark>
		<mark>systematically</mark>
		Gather data
<u>Year 4</u> ● Vibrations	• Solid	• Digestion
• Pitch	Liquid	• System
• Volume	• Gas	Oesophagus
Sound waves	Degrees Celsius	Intestine (small
Reflection	Evaporation	and large)
• Shadow	Condensation	• Function
Opaque (recap	Temperature	Ask relevant questions
from Y2)	Present Presen	<mark>Explain</mark>
Use evidence to	Report findings	Draw simple
answer questions	Fair test	<mark>conclusions</mark>
Use results,	Prediction	
knowledge and		
understanding		

Year 5	 Substance 	Gravity	Reproduction	
	Conductor/	Water resistance	Life processes	
	insulator (recap	Friction	Life cycles (recap	
	year 3)	Mechanism	y3)	
	 Solution 	• Lever	Classification	
	 Dissolve 	Pulley	(recap y3)	
	 Reversible and 	• Gear	Use scientific	
	irreversible		diagrams and	
	 Filtering 	 Voltage 	classification keys	
	Plan scientific enquiry	• Current	Explain differences	
	Measure accurately	Component		
	Use results to predict	Demonstrate		
	Record data and	knowledge and		
	results systematically	understanding		
	Conclude using	Select and decide		
	<mark>evidence</mark>			
	<mark>Evaluate</mark>			
	Repeat observations			
	Find patterns			
Year 6	• Orbit	• Fossils		
	 Rotation 	Evolve		
	 Axle/axis 	Evolution		
	 Solar system 	Extinct		
	Identify scientific	Variation		
	<mark>evidence</mark>	Identical, non		
	Report and present	identical		
		Adaptation		
		• Characteristics		
		Describe relationships		
		Explain differences		
		Use evidence to draw		
		conclusions		