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Year group	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
EYFS	Materials Paper, plastic, metal, wood. Float, sink, hard, soft. Seasonal changes: Autumn Trees, leaves, weather, rain, changing, conkers, hibernate, nocturnal.	Changing state Ice, water, melt, freeze, mixture, dissolve Earth and space Sun, moon, earth, planet, rocket, astronaut	Animals animals, pets, wild, tame suitable, unsuitable, care, survive, healthy, alive, habitat, farm, parent, offspring, babies, similar, different Seasonal changes: Spring Grow, sprout, buds, blossom, baby animals, trees, leaves	Healthy me Dental hygiene, personal hygiene, clean, dirty, germs, teeth, toothbrush, first aid, plaster, bandage, temperature, body, ill, poorly, unhealthy	Plants plant, grow, flower, water, soil, seed, bulb, fruit, vegetables, carrots, sunflowers, potatoes Seasonal changes: Summer trees, leaves, fruit, crops, weather, hot, sunny.	Knowledge review Waterproof, strong, suitable, unsuitable. Habitat, ocean, sea, land, seaweed, sand, shells Life cycle, egg, baby, adult. whale, mammal, blow hole, blubber, krill, Fins, Fish, gills, scales, tail,
Year 1	Identifying materials Material, wood, plastic, glass, paper, water, metal, rock, stone	Comparing materials hard, soft, stretchy, stiff, shiny, dull, rough, smooth, bendy, waterproof, absorbent	Types of animals fish, reptiles, mammals, birds, amphibians, insects, carnivore, herbivore, omnivore	Parts of animals leg, arm, elbow, head, ear, nose, back, wings, claw, beak, fur, feather, eyes, hair, teeth, skin	Plants deciduous, evergreen, flowers, leaves, fruit, roots, stem, branch, trunk, seeds, bulbs, daffodil, daisy, rose, thistle, tulip, oak, horse chesnut, silver birch, pine, fir.	Seasons Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter, sun, moon, day, night, light, dark, weather, climate, seasons
Year 2	Using materials hard, soft, stretchy, stiff, shiny, dull, rough, waterproof, bendy, opaque, absorbent, transparent, purpose, suitable, unsuitable	Materials – changing shape squashing, bending, twisting, stretching, elastic, change, hard, soft, shiny, dull, stretchy, stiff, bendy, suitable, unsuitable	Habitats living, dead, energy, habitat, microhabitat, food, food chain, predator, prey, woodland, desert, pond, ocean, rainforest, conditions, shelter	Living things living, dead, once alive, no longer alive, habitat, energy, food chain, predator, prey, baby, human, animal, offspring, parent	Growing plants seeds, bulbs, water, light, temperature, growth, grow, sun, heat. Conditions, change, monitor	Feeding and exercise exercise, survival, hygiene, water, air, food, healthy, shelter, balanced diet, sleep, energy
Year 3	Forces and magnets magnetic, force, contact, attract, repel, friction, poles, push, pull, open, surface, magnet, North, South	Light and shadows light, shadows, mirror, reflective, dark, reflection, see, surface, natural, artificial, sunlight, blocked, torch, lamp	Rocks and soils rocks, fossils, soils, sandstone, granite, marble, pumice, crystals, absorbent, matter	Parts of a plant root, lead, flower, stem, anther, filament, petals, sepal, stigma, style, ovary, pollen, branch, trunk	What plants need plant, air, light, water, nutrients, soil, room, needs, fertiliser, nutrition, support, reproduction	Feeding and movement movement, muscles, bones, skill, nutrition, skeletons, support, protect, body, move
Year 4	States of matter solid, liquid, gas, evaporation, condensation, particles, temperature, freezing, heating, solidify, heat, cool, water vapour, changing state, water cycle, thermometer	Grouping living things species, classification key, conditions, questions, mammal, fish, reptile, amphibian, bird,	Electricity appliance, mains, battery, electrical, non-electrical, circuit, bulb, motor, switch, complete loop, conductor	Human nutrition digestive system, teeth, molar, canine, premolar, incisor, plaque, stomach acid, stomach, small intestine, large intestine	Sound sound, vibrate, vibration, ear, pitch, high frequency, low frequency, faster, slower	Dangers to living things change, environment, food chain, flood, fire, drought, volcano, oil spill, deforestation
Year 5	Life cycles life cycle, mammal, amphibian, insect, bird, human, change, process, reproduction, metamorphosis	Materials Properties, hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity, magnetic, absorbency, thermal insulation, thermal conduction, current	Forces air resistance, water resistance, friction, gravity, Newton, gears, pulleys, effect, force, move, accelerate, decelerate, stop, mechanism	Separating mixtures solids, liquids, gases, separate, filter, sieve, evaporate, dissolve, solution, substance	Earth and Space Earth, Sun, Moon, axis, rotation, day, night, moon phases, star, constellation, solar system, orbit, tilt, planets	Types of change material, solid, liquid, gas, filter, sieve, evaporation, melting, dissolving, mixing, solute, solution, burn, properties, reversible, irreversible, chemical

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Year 6	Electricity	Light and sight	Evolution and inheritance	Our bodies	Classifying living things	Review and celebration
	circuit, symbols, battery,	light, light source, Sun, reflect,	evolution, adaption, inherited	body systems, circulatory,	classification, vertebrates,	
	voltage, wires, buzzer, volume,	reflectors, shadow, eye, view,	traits, adaptive traits, natural	digestive, skeletal, muscular, diet,	invertebrates, micro-organisms,	In this unit of work pupils revisit
	bulb, brightness, motor, power	scattered, opaque, transparent,	selection, inheritance, Charles	exercise, lifestyle, drugs, heart,	amphibians, reptiles, mammals,	and review the learning that has
	source, direction	translucent, absence of light	Darwin, Alfred Wallace, DNA,	blood, blood vessels, arteries,	insects, species, characteristics,	taken place across Key Stage 2.
			genes, variation, parent, offspring,	veins, capillaries, oxygen, pulse	compare, Linnaean, domain,	Teachers should look to
			fossil, environment, habitat,	rate	phylum, genus, family, order,	vocabulary for relevant units
			fossilisation, plants, animals		class	from the KS2 curriculum.