

Working Scientifically Progression

Skills/Stage	EYFS	KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
PLAN	choose the resources they need for their chosen activities and say when they do or don't need help.	Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways.	Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them. Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests	plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary
DO	Know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things Make observations of animals and plants. Explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Select and use technology for particular purposes.	Observe closely, using simple equipment. Perform simple tests. Identify and classify.	Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests. Make systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, take accurate measurements using standard units, use a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers.	Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests. Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate
RECORD	Represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories	Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions.	Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions. Recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables.	Recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs.



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Talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another.

Explain why some things occur and talk about changes.

Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.

Report on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions.

use results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions.

Identify differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes.

Use straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.

Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests.

Report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations.

Identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.