# Year 1 Science

# ALL TOPICS will be taught using practical scientific methods

## **Seasonal Changes**

Objectives	Notes and guidance	Activities/Experiments
- Observe the apparent movement of	<ul> <li>Pupils should observe and talk about</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils might work scientifically by</li> </ul>
the Sun during the day.	the weather, the seasons and how the	observing and recording the apparent
- Observe changes across the four	Sun seems to move during the day.	movement of the Sun during the day,
seasons.		for example a sequence of
- Observe and describe weather		photographs or moving Teddy so he
associated with the seasons and how		stays in the sunshine: making tables
day length varies.		and charts about the weather and
		displays of what happens in the world
		around them, including day length, as
		the seasons change.
		- Create a rainstorm: clear tray of
		water, put shaving foam on the top
		and then drip different amounts of
		blue dye on the top and looks like rain.

#### Forces - Movement and speed

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<ul> <li>Notice and describe how things are</li> </ul>	- Pupils should observe closely some	<ul> <li>Pupils might work scientifically by:</li> </ul>
moving, using simple comparisons such as	things moving. Pupils should discuss,	asking questions about the movement
faster and slower.	describe and compare the movement	of objects such as parachutes, toy cars
- Compare how different things move.	of a variety of objects and, where	and balloon rockets; comparing them,
	appropriate, themselves, through	by measuring how far they go;
	actions such as sliding, rolling, falling,	ordering their findings and recording
	flying, walking and running. They can	their observations and measurements,
	explore the movements through	for example by constructing tables
	games, songs and rhymes, including	and charts, and drawing on their
	work in physical education.	results to answer questions. (Link to
		Toys and vehicles – C/C History)

#### **Materials - Properties**

Objectives	Notes and guidance	Activities/Experiments
- Distinguish between an object and the	- Pupils should explore, name and	<ul> <li>Sort toys based on child's chosen</li> </ul>
material from which it is made.	discuss everyday materials so that	criteria.
- Identify and name a variety of	they become familiar with the names	<ul> <li>What's the best material for a doll's</li> </ul>
everyday materials, including wood,	of materials and properties such as:	house? Mr Wolf's jumper? Etc.
plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock.	hard/soft; stretchy/stiff; shiny/dull;	<ul> <li>Pupils might work scientifically by:</li> </ul>
- Describe the simple physical	rough/smooth; bendy/not bendy;	performing simple tests to explore
properties of a variety of everyday	waterproof/not waterproof;	questions such as: 'What is the best
materials.	absorbent/not absorbent. Pupils	material for an umbrella?for lining a
- Compare and group together a variety	should explore and experiment with a	dog basket?for curtains?for a
of everyday materials on the basis of	wide variety of materials, not only	bookshelf?for a gymnast's leotard?'
their simple physical properties.	those listed in the programme of	
- Find out how the shapes of solid	study, but including for example:	
objects made from some materials can	brick, paper, fabrics, elastic, foil.	
be changed by squashing, bending,		
twisting and stretching.		
- Pupils will find out about people who		
have developed useful materials		
(Dunlop and Brunel – C/C History)		

## **Animals including humans - classifying**

Objectives	Notes and guidance	Activities/Experiments
- Identify and name a variety of	<ul> <li>Pupils should use the local</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils might work scientifically by:</li> </ul>
common animals that are birds, fish,	environment throughout the year to	using their observations to compare
amphibians, reptiles, mammals and	study animals in their habitat. They	and contrast animals at first hand or
invertebrates.	should understand how to take care of	through videos and photographs,
- Identify and name a variety of	animals taken from their local	describing how they identify and
common animals that are carnivores,	environment and the need to return	group them; grouping animals
herbivores and omnivores.	them safely after study. Pupils should	according to what they eat, and using
- Describe and compare the structure of	become familiar with the common	their senses to compare different
a variety of common animals (birds,	names of birds, fish, amphibians,	textures, sounds and smells.
fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals	reptiles, mammals and invertebrates,	
and invertebrates, and including pets).	including pets.	
- Identify, name, draw and label the	- Pupils should have plenty of	
basic parts of the human body and say	opportunities to learn the names of	
which part of the body is associated	the main body parts (including head,	
with each sense.	neck, arms, elbows, legs, knees, face,	
	ears, eyes, hair, mouth, teeth) through	
	games, actions, songs and rhymes.	
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