

Working Scientifically Progression

Years 1 & 2	Years 3 & 4	Years 5 & 6
<p>During Years 1 and 2, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ asking simple questions ▪ observing closely, using simple equipment ▪ performing simple tests ▪ identifying and classifying ▪ using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions ▪ gathering and recording data to help in answering questions (Year 2 only). 	<p>During Years 3 and 4, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them ● setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests ● making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers ● 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 ● reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions ● using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions ● identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes ● using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings 	<p>During Years 5 and 6, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary ● taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate ● recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs ● using test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests ● reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and a degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations. ● identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments