



Year 1 - Science skills progression

Term	Subject Knowledge Objective (where applicable)	Use all or some of the following activities to cover this objective	Working scientifically skills developed in the activities
Who am I?	Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body. Observe closely, using simple equipment.	1. My body apron. 2. Dog biscuit skeleton. 3. Under the microscope	Gather and record data to help in answering questions. Observe closely, using simple equipment.
Who am I?	Answering questions based on observations	4. The tallest person.	Use observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions
Who am I?	Say which part of the body is associated with each sense. Identify and name a variety of common garden plants.	1. Smell table. 2. Smell pots. 3. Stinky socks. 4. Smelly herbs. 5. Smells outdoors.	Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions. Observe closely.
Who am I?	Say which part of the body is associated with each sense	1. What's that taste? 2. Favourite tastes. 3. Tricking our taste buds.	Gather and record data to help in answering questions. Performing simple tests. Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.
Who am I?	Say which part of the body is associated with each sense. Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals. Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock.	1. My eyes. 2. Why are eyes important? 3. Senses without sight. 4. What is it?	Gather and record data to help in answering questions. Observe closely, using simple equipment.
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Who am I?	Say which parts of the body is associated with each sense	1. Using our ears to hear. 2. Where is the sound?	Perform simple tests. Observing closely
Celebrations	Say which part of the body is associated with each sense.	1. Introducing candles. 2. Observing a candle. 3 Bright, Brighter, Brightest.	Observing closely. Use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions. Identify and classify
Celebrations	Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made.	4. In the dark, dark, cave. 1. Shadow shapes. 2. Hand shadows. 3. Make a shadow puppet play.	Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions. Perform simple tests.
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Celebrations	Describe the simple properties of a variety of everyday materials.	1. Bottle top clackers. 2. Kazoo. 3. Ice cube tray xylophone	Perform simple tests
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Polar places	Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.	1. Polar places. 2. What do we need? Planning a polar adventure. 3. How will we get there? 4. Home-school activity.	Identify and classify. Ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways.
Polar places	Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.	5. What to wear? 6. Which material? 7. Investigate! Gloves.	Identify and classify. Ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways. Perform simple tests. Use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.
Polar places	Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets). Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.	1. Adopt an animal. 2. Am I a herbivore, carnivore or omnivore?	Identify and describe.
Polar places	Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.	3. The Big Frieze. 4. Camouflage.	Perform simple tests. Gather and record data to help in answering questions.
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Polar places	Answering questions based on observations	1. Warm me up. 2. Soup	Observing closely using simple equipment. Use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions
Polar places	Answering questions based on observations	3. Porridge	Observing closely using simple equipment. Use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to question
Plants and animals where we live.	Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, and deciduous and evergreen trees. Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.	1. Which plants and animals live here?	Observe closely, using simple equipment. Identify and classify. Use observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.
Plants and animals where we live.	Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, and deciduous and evergreen trees. Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. Observe changes across the four seasons.	2. What's my name? 3. Adopt a tree.	Observe closely, using simple equipment. Identify and classify. Use observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions. Observe changes across the four seasons. Observe closely, using simple equipment. Use observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions
Plants and animals where we live.	Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, and deciduous and evergreen trees. Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.	4. Leaves	Ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways. Observe closely, using simple equipment. Identify and classify
Plants and animals where we live.	Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets).	1. Birdwatching	
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On Safari	Answering questions based on observations	1. Organising safari backpacks. 2. We are going on safari.	Observe closely, using simple equipment.
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On Safari	Asking and answering questions	2. Asking questions	Ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways.
On Safari	Asking and answering questions	3. Answering our questions	Ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways.
Holiday	Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.	1. Packing a case. 2. Sun safety.	Identify and classify. Observe closely, using simple equipment. Perform simple tests. Use observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions
Holiday	Answering questions based on observations	3. Keeping cool	Observe closely, using simple equipment. Perform simple tests. Use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.
Holiday	Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.	4. Sunglasses	Perform simple tests. Use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions
Holiday	Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.	1. Marine biologist. 2. Identify marine and seashore animals. 3. Marine animal puppets	Gather and record data to help in answering questions.
Holiday	Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets).	4. Classroom rock pool. 5 Seashells	Identify and describe.
Holiday	Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. Identify and name a variety of everyday materials including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock.	1. Messy humans	Identify and describe.