Science Vocabulary Progression – Duddon St Peter’s C of E Primary School

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| Working Scientifically | |
| Nursery/Reception | |  | | --- | | look closely, observe, watch, touch, feel, smell, listen, same, different, compare, ask questions, record, sort, group | |
| Year 1 and 2 | |  | | --- | | observe, changes, patterns, grouping, sorting, compare, same, different, identify (name), measure, data, record results, drawing, picture, table, tally chart, present, pictogram, block chart, Venn diagram, ask questions, test, investigate, explore, equipment, resources, magnifying glass, hand lens, ruler, tape measure, metre stick, pipette, syringe, spoon, teaspoon, answer questions, interpret results, scientific enquiry, pattern seeking, comparative testing, observing over time, classifying, researching using secondary sources | |
| Year 3 and 4 | |  | | --- | | practical work, fair testing, relationships, accurate, thermometer, data logger, stopwatch, timer, estimate, data, diagram, identification key, chart, bar chart, prediction, similarity, difference, evidence, information, findings, criteria, values, properties, characteristics, conclusion, explanation, reason, evaluate, improve | |
| Year 5 and 6 | |  | | --- | | variables, independent variable, dependent variable, control variable, evidence, justify, argument (science), causal relationship, accuracy, precision, scatter graphs, bar graphs, line graphs, force meter | |

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| Plants | |
| Nursery | plant, leaf, stem, branch, root, bark, flower, petal, seed, berry, fruit, vegetable, bulb, plant, hole, dig, water, weed, grow, shoot, die, dead, soil, names of plants they grow |
| Reception | tree, bush, herb, names of plants they see (Reception - Living things and their habitats) |
| Year 1 | leaf, flower, blossom, petal, fruit, berry, root, seed, trunk, branch, stem, bark, stalk, bud, names of trees in the local area, names of garden and wild flowering plants in the local area |
| Year 2 | light, shade, Sun, warm, cool, water, space, grow, healthy, bulb, germinate, shoot, seedling  names of plants in local habitats and micro-habitats (Y2 - Living things and their habitats) |
| Year 3 | photosynthesis, pollen, insect/wind pollination, male, female, seed formation, seed dispersal (wind dispersal, animal dispersal, water dispersal), air, nutrients, minerals, soil, absorb, transport |
| Year 4 | classification, classification keys (Y4 - Living things and their habitats) |
| Year 5 | life cycle, reproduce, sexual, fertilises, asexual, plantlets, runners, tubers, cuttings (Y5 - Living things and their habitats) |
| Year 6 | flowering, non-flowering, mosses, ferns, conifers (Y6 - Living things and their habitats) |
| Key Stage 3 | Reproduction in plants, including flower structure, wind and insect pollination, fertilisation, seed and fruit formation and dispersal, including quantitative investigation of some dispersal mechanisms |

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| Living things and their habitats | |
| Nursery | natural, plant, animal, leaves, seeds, conkers, acorns, twigs, bark, shells, feathers, pebbles, stones, same, different, pattern  plant, leaf, stem, branch, root, bark, flower, petal, seed, berry, fruit, vegetable, bulb, plant, hole, dig, water, weed, grow, shoot, die, dead, soil (Nursery - Plants) |
| Reception | plant, tree, bush, flower, vegetable, herb, weed, animal, names of plants and animals they see, name of a contrasting environment (e.g. beach, forest) |
| Year 1 | names of garden and wild flowering plants in the local area (Y1 - Plants)  head, body, eyes, ears, mouth, teeth, leg, tail, wing, claw, fin, scales, feathers, fur, beak, paws, hooves, names of animals experienced first-hand from each vertebrate group (Y1 - Animals, including humans)  weather, sunny, rainy, raining, shower, windy, snowy, cloudy, hot, warm, cold, storm, thunder, lightning, hail, sleet, snow, icy, frost, puddles, rainbow, seasons, winter, summer, spring, autumn, Sun, sunrise, sunset, day length (Y1 - Seasonal changes) |
| Year 2 | living, dead, never been alive, suited, suitable, basic needs, food, food chain, shelter, move, feed, water, air, survive, survival, names of local habitats (e.g. pond, woodland etc.), names of micro-habitats (e.g. under logs, in bushes etc.), conditions, light, dark, shady, sunny, wet, damp, dry, hot, cold, names of living things in the habitats and micro-habitats studied  light, shade, Sun, warm, cool, water, space, grow, healthy, bulb, germinate, shoot, seedling (Y2 - Plants)  offspring, reproduction, growth, baby, toddler, child, teenager, adult, old person, names of animals and their babies (e.g. chick/chicken, cat/kitten, caterpillar/butterfly) (Y2 - Animals, including humans) |
| Year 3 | photosynthesis, pollen, insect/wind pollination, male, female, seed formation, seed dispersal (e.g. wind dispersal, animal dispersal, water dispersal), air, nutrients, minerals, soil, absorb, transport (plants) |
| Year 4 | classification, classification keys, environment, habitat, human impact, positive, negative, migrate, hibernate  herbivore, carnivore, omnivore, producer, predator, prey (Y4 - Animals, including humans) |
| Year 5 | life cycle, reproduce, sexual, sperm, fertilises, egg, live young, metamorphosis, asexual, plantlets, runners, cuttings |
| Year 6 | vertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, warm-blooded, cold-blooded, invertebrates, insects, spiders, snails, worms, flowering, non-flowering, mosses, ferns, conifers |
| Key Stage 3 | Reproduction in humans (as an example of a mammal), including the structure and function of the male and female reproductive systems, menstrual cycle (without details of hormones), gametes, fertilisation, gestation and birth, to include the effect of maternal lifestyle on the foetus through the placenta  The consequences of imbalances in the diet, including obesity, starvation and deficiency diseases  The effects of recreational drugs (including substance misuse) on behaviour, health and life processes  The structure and functions of the gas exchange system in humans, including adaptations to function  The mechanism of breathing to move air in and out of the lungs  The impact of exercise, asthma and smoking on the human gas exchange system |

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| Animals including humans | |
| Nursery | egg, chick, bird, caterpillar, cocoon, chrysalis, butterfly, frog spawn, tadpole, froglet, frog, grow, change, die, names of animals and their young, fur, feathers, scales, tail, wings, beak, claws, paws, hooves, swim, walk, run, jump, fly, patterns, spots, stripes, grow, change, baby, toddler, child, adult, old person, smell, taste, touch, feel, hear, see, blind, deaf |
| Reception | names of animals, live, on land, in water, jungle, desert, North Pole, South Pole, sea, hot, cold, wet, dry, snow, ice, hair (e.g. black, brown, dark, light, blonde, ginger, grey, white, long, short, straight, curly), eyes (e.g. blue, brown, green, grey), skin (e.g. black, brown, white), big/tall, small/short, bigger/smaller, baby, toddler, child, adult, old person, old, young, brother, sister, mother, father, aunt, uncle, grandmother, grandfather, cousin, friend, family, boy, girl, man, woman |
| Year 1 | head, body, eyes, ears, mouth, teeth, leg, tail, wing, claw, fin, scales, feathers, fur, beak, paws, hooves, names of animals experienced first-hand from each vertebrate group, parts of the human body including those within the school’s RSE policy, senses, touch, see, smell, taste, hear, fingers, skin, eyes, nose, ears, tongue |
| Year 2 | offspring, reproduction, growth, baby, toddler, child, teenager, adult, old person, names of animals and their babies (e.g. chick/chicken, kitten/cat, caterpillar/butterfly), survive, survival, water, food, air, exercise, heartbeat, breathing, hygiene, germs, disease, food types (e.g. meat, fish, vegetables, bread, rice, pasta, dairy)  living, dead, never been alive, suited, suitable, basic needs, food, food chain, shelter, move, feed, water, air, survive, survival (Y2 - Living things and their habitats) |
| Year 3 | nutrition, nutrients, carbohydrates, sugars, protein, vitamins, minerals, fibre, fat, water, skeleton, bones, muscles, joints, support, protect, move, skull, ribs, spine |
| Year 4 | digestive system, digestion, mouth, teeth, saliva, oesophagus, stomach, small intestine, large intestine, rectum, anus, incisor, canine, molar, premolar, herbivore, carnivore, omnivore, producer, predator, prey |
| Year 5 | puberty, the vocabulary to describe sexual characteristics in line with the school’s RSE policy  life cycle, foetus, baby, child, adolescent, adult, reproduce, sexual, sperm, fertilises, egg, live young (Y5 - Living things and their habitats) |
| Year 6 | heart, pulse, rate, pumps, blood, blood vessels, transported, lungs, oxygen, carbon dioxide, cycle, circulatory system, diet, drugs, lifestyle |
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| Evolution and Inheritance |

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| Nursery | natural, plant, animal, leaves, seeds, conkers, acorns, twigs, bark, shells, feathers, pebbles, stones, same, different, pattern (Nursery - Living things and their habitats) |
| Reception | plant, tree, bush, flower, vegetable, herb, weed, animal, names of plants and animals they see, name of a contrasting environment (e.g. beach, forest) (Reception - Living things and their habitats) |
| Year 1 | leaf, flower, blossom, petal, fruit, berry, root, seed, trunk, branch, stem, bark, stalk, bud (Y1 - Plants) |
| Year 2 | light, shade, Sun, warm, cool, water, space, grow, healthy, bulb, germinate, shoot, seedling (Y2 - Plants)  living, dead, never been alive, suited, suitable, basic needs, food, food chain, shelter, move, feed, water, air, survive, survival, conditions, light, dark, shady, sunny, wet, damp, dry, hot, cold (Y2 - Living things and their habitats) |
| Year 3 | photosynthesis, pollen, insect/wind pollination, male, female, seed formation, seed dispersal (e.g. wind dispersal, animal dispersal, water dispersal), air, nutrients, minerals, soil (Y3 - Plants)  soil, fossil, bone, flesh, minerals (Y3 - Rocks) |
| Year 4 | environment, habitat, human impact, positive, negative, migrate, hibernate (Y4 - Living things and their habitats)  herbivore, carnivore, omnivore, producer, predator, prey (Y4 - Animals, including humans) |
| Year 5 | life cycle, reproduce, sexual, fertilises, asexual, plantlets, runners, tubers, cuttings (Y5 - Living things and their habitats) |
| Year 6 | offspring, sexual reproduction, vary, characteristics, adapted, inherited, species, evolve, evolution |
| Key Stage 3 | Heredity as the process by which genetic information is transmitted from one generation to the next  A simple model of chromosomes, genes and DNA in heredity, including the part played by Watson, Crick, Wilkins and Franklin in the development of the DNA model  The variation between species and between individuals of the same species means some organisms compete more successfully, which can drive natural selection  Changes in the environment may leave individuals within a species, and some entire species, less well adapted to compete successfully and reproduce, which in turn may lead to extinction |

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| Seasonal Changes | |
| Nursery | Explore natural materials, indoors and outside. |
| Year 1 | grow, shoot, die, dead (Nursery - Plants)  egg, chick, bird, caterpillar, cocoon, chrysalis, butterfly, frog spawn, tadpole, froglet, frog, grow, change, die, names of animals and their young (Nursery - Animals, excluding humans) |
| Year 2 | spring, summer, autumn, winter, seasons, sunny, cloudy, hot, warm, cold, shower, raining, storm, thunder, lightning, hail, sleet, snow, icy, frost, puddles, windy, rainbow, animals, young, plants, flowers |
| Key Stage 3 | The seasons and the Earth’s tilt, day length at different times of year, in different hemispheres |

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| Materials | |
| Nursery | mix, stir, cook, hot, oven, microwave, change, burn, melt, hard, runny, set, freeze, freezer, cold, blended, hard, soft, bendy, stiff, wobbly, wood, plastic, paper, card, fabric |
| Reception | ice, water, frozen, icicle, snow, melt, wet, cold, slippery, smooth, big, bigger, biggest, smaller, smaller, smallest, hard, soft, bendy, rigid, wood, plastic, paper, card, metal, strong, weak, hot, apply heat, waterproof, soggy, not waterproof, best, change, change back |
| Year 1 | object, material, wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock, brick, paper, fabric, elastic, foil, card/cardboard, rubber, wool, clay, hard, soft, stretchy, stiff, bendy, floppy, waterproof, absorbent, breaks/tears, rough, smooth, shiny, dull, see-through, not see-through |
| Year 2 | opaque, transparent, translucent, reflective, non-reflective, flexible, rigid, shape, push/pushing, pull/pulling, twist/twisting, squash/squashing, bend/bending, stretch/stretching |
| Year 3 | rock, stone, pebble, boulder, grain, crystals, layers, hard, soft, texture, absorbs water, fossil, bone, flesh, minerals, marble, chalk, granite, sandstone, slate, types of soil (e.g. peaty, sandy, chalky, clay) (Y3 - Rocks)  magnetic force, magnet, attract, magnetic material, metal, iron, steel (Y3 - Forces and magnets) |
| Year 4 | solid, liquid, gas, heating, cooling, state change, melting, freezing, melting point, boiling, boiling point, evaporation, condensation, temperature, water cycle  electrical conductor, electrical insulator, metal, non-metal (Y4 - Electricity) |
| Year 5 | thermal insulator/conductor, change of state, mixture, dissolve, solution, soluble, insoluble, filter, sieve, reversible/non-reversible change, burning, rusting, new material |
| Key stage 3 | Chemical reactions as the rearrangement of atoms  Representing chemical reactions using formulae and using equations  Combustion, thermal decomposition, oxidation and displacement reactions  Defining acids and alkalis in terms of neutralisation reactions  The pH scale for measuring acidity/alkalinity; and indicators |

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| Rocks | |
| Nursery/Reception | natural, shells, pebbles, stones |
| Year 1 | object, material, rock, brick, clay, hard, soft, waterproof, absorbent, rough, smooth, shiny, dull, see-through, not see-through (Y1 - Everyday materials) |
| Year 2 | opaque, transparent, translucent, reflective, non-reflective (Y2 - Uses of everyday materials) |
| Year 3 | rock, stone, pebble, boulder, grain, crystals, layers, hard, soft, texture, absorbs water, fossil, bone, flesh, minerals, marble, chalk, granite, sandstone, slate, types of soil (e.g. peaty, sandy, chalky, clay) |
| Year 6 | evolution |
| Key Stage 3 | The composition of the Earth  The structure of the Earth  The rock cycle and the formation of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks |

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| Light |

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| Nursery | light, torch, bulb, lamp, spotlight, shiny, bright, brighter, brightest, Sun, shine, glow, mirror |
| Reception | Sun, sunny, light, shadow, shady, clouds, torch, see-through, not see-through, source, light source |
| Year 1 | senses, see, eyes (Y1 - Animals, including humans)  shiny, dull, see-through, not see-through (Y1 - Materials) |
| Year 2 | opaque, transparent, translucent, reflective, non-reflective (Y2 - Uses of everyday materials) |
| Year 3 | light, light source, dark, absence of light, surface, shadow, reflect, mirror, Sun, sunlight, dangerous |
| Year 6 | straight lines, light rays |
| Key Stage 3 | The similarities and differences between light waves and waves in matter  Light waves travelling through a vacuum; speed of light  The transmission of light through materials: absorption, diffuse scattering and specular reflection at a surface  Use of ray model to explain imaging in mirrors, the pinhole camera, the refraction of light and action of convex lens in focusing (qualitative); the human eye  Light transferring energy from source to absorber leading to chemical and electrical effects; photo-sensitive material in the retina and in cameras  Colours and the different frequencies of light, white light and prisms (qualitative only); differential colour effects in absorption and diffuse reflection |

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| Forces | |
| Nursery | object, float, sink, water, up, down, top, bottom, push, pull, magnet, spring, squash, bend, twist, stretch, turn, spin, smooth, rough, fast, slow |
| Reception | float, sink, up, down, top, bottom, surface, move, roll, drop, fly, turn, spin, fall, fast, slow, faster, slower, fastest, slowest, further, furthest, wind, air, water, blow, bounce |
| Year 2 | flexible, rigid, shape, push/pushing, pull/pulling, twist/twisting, squash/squashing, bend/bending, stretch/stretching (Y2 - Uses of everyday materials) |
| Year 3 | force, push, pull, twist, contact force, non-contact force, magnetic force, magnet, strength, bar magnet, ring magnet, button magnet, horseshoe magnet, attract, repel, magnetic material, metal, iron, steel, poles, north pole, south pole |
| Year 5 | force, gravity, Earth, air resistance, water resistance, friction, mechanisms, simple machines, levers, pulleys, gears |
| Key Stage 3 | Magnetic fields by plotting with compass, representation by field lines  Earth’s magnetism, compass and navigation  Forces as pushes or pulls, arising from the interaction between two objects  Using force arrows in diagrams, adding forces in one dimension, balanced and unbalanced forces  Moment as the turning effect of a force  Forces: associated with deforming objects; stretching and squashing – springs; with rubbing and friction between surfaces, with pushing things out of the way; resistance to motion of air and water  Forces measured in Newtons, measurements of stretch or compression as force is changed |

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| Sound | |
| Nursery | sound, noise, loud, quiet, high, low, music, bang, blow, pluck, soft, hard, fast, slow, names of instruments |
| Reception | sound, noise, listen, hear, music, voices, bird song, traffic, sirens, thunder, high, low, loud, quiet, soft, volume, crackle, thunder, hum, buzz, roar |
| Year 1 | senses, hear, ear (Y1 - Animals, including humans) |
| Year 4 | sound, source, vibrate, vibration, travel, pitch (high, low), volume, faint, quiet, loud, insulation |
| Keys Stage 3 | Waves on water as undulations which travel through water with transverse motion; these waves can be reflected, and add or cancel – superposition  Frequencies of sound waves, measured in Hertz (Hz); echoes, reflection and absorption of sound  Sound needs a medium to travel, the speed of sound in air, in water, in solids  Sound produced by vibrations of objects, in loud speakers, detected by their effects on microphone diaphragm and the ear drum; sound waves are longitudinal  Auditory range of humans and animals  Pressure waves transferring energy; use for cleaning and physiotherapy by ultra-sound  Waves transferring information for conversion to electrical signals by microphone |

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| Electricity | |
| Nursery | battery, plug, socket, electricity, wire, sound, light, move |
| Year 4 | electricity, electrical appliance/device, mains, plug, electrical circuit, complete circuit, component, cell, battery, positive, negative, connect/connections, loose connection, short circuit, crocodile clip, bulb, switch, buzzer, motor, conductor, insulator, metal, non-metal, symbol |
| Year 6 | circuit diagram, circuit symbol, voltage |
| Key Stage 3 | Electric current, measured in amperes, in circuits, series and parallel circuits, currents add where branches meet and current as flow of charge  Potential difference, measured in volts, battery and bulb ratings; resistance, measured in ohms, as the ratio of potential difference (p.d.) to current  Differences in resistance between conducting and insulating components (quantitative).  Static electricity |

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| Earth and Space | |
| Reception | Sun, Moon, Earth, star, planet, sky, day, night, space, round, bounce, float |
| Year 3 | light, light source, Sun, sunlight, dangerous (Y3 - Light) |
| Year 5 | Sun, Moon, Earth, planets (Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn, Venus, Mars, Uranus, Neptune), spherical, Solar System, rotate, star, orbit |
| Key Stage 3 | Gravity force, weight = mass x gravitational field strength (g), on Earth g=10 N/kg, different on other planets and stars; gravity forces between Earth and Moon, and between Earth and Sun (qualitative only)  Our Sun as a star, other stars in our galaxy, other galaxies  The seasons and the Earth’s tilt, day length at different times of year, in different hemispheres  The light year as a unit of astronomical distance |