

Scientific Enquiry Overview



	Autumn		Spring		Summer
Year 1	Everyday Materials	Seasonal Changes	Animals including humans (parts of body & senses)		Plants
	Enquiry type: Fair testing	Enquiry type: Observing over time	Enquiry type: Pattern seeking		Enquiry type: Identifying, classifying and grouping
	Extended enquiry question: What is the best material to make wellies out of?	Extended enquiry question: How has my playground changed throughout the year?	Extended enquiry question: Do people with bigger hands have bigger feet?		Extended enquiry question: What plants and trees are in my local environment?
Year 2	Use of everyday materials Enquiry type: Fair testing Extended enquiry question: What is the best material to build a tent out of?	Animals including humans Enquiry type: Research Extended enquiry question: How does a butterfly grow?	Living Things and Habitats 1 Enquiry type: Pattern seeking Extended enquiry question: Where do ants live in my local environment?		Plants Enquiry type: Observation over time Extended enquiry question: What does a plant need to grow?
Year 3	Rocks Enquiry type: Fair testing Extended enquiry question: How permeable are different types of soil?	Animals including humans Enquiry type: Research Extended enquiry question: Which meal contains the most [children chose: sugar / fat / carbohydrate / protein / fibre] ?	Forces and magnets Enquiry type: Pattern seeking / fair testing Extended enquiry question: When being attracted by a magnet, does a paperclip move a greater distance on a smoother surface?	Light Enquiry type: Identifying, classifying and grouping Extended enquiry question: What materials are transparent, translucent and opaque?	Plants Enquiry type: Observation over time Extended enquiry question: How does water travel up a flower?

Year 4	States of Matter Enquiry type: Research Extended enquiry question: How does it rain?	Animals including humans Enquiry type: Observation over time Extended enquiry question: What is the effect of different liquids on an egg shell?	Living Things and their Habitats Enquiry type: Classifying Extended enquiry question: How many ways can you classify a [children chose a local animal to classify]?	Electricity Enquiry type: Fair testing Extended enquiry question: How can I make a bulb brighter?	Sound Enquiry type: Pattern seeking Extended enquiry question: What is the effect of distance on volume?
Year 5	Properties and changes Observing over time Enquiry type: Observing over time Extended enquiry question: What happens to a nail in water?	Animals including humans Enquiry type: Pattern seeking Extended enquiry question: How can data about babies height, mass and gender tell us about how babies grow?	Living Things Enquiry type: Classifying Extended enquiry question: How can the life cycles of different birds be classified? (Children chose different birds)?	Forces Fair test Enquiry type: Fair testing Extended enquiry question: On which surfaces do trainers move the slowest? (Children chose different surfaces)?	Space Enquiry type: Research Extended enquiry question: What else do I want to know about Earth and space? (Children chose questions to investigate)?
Year 6	Light Enquiry type: Fair testing Extended enquiry question: How does the distance an object is from a light source effect the length of its shadow? (Children can chose the object / own shadow and the distances to investigate)?	Animals including humans Enquiry type: Pattern seeking Extended enquiry question: Do boys have higher pulse rates? (Children can chose to investigate other variables in the sentence stem 'Do have a pulse rate?)	Living things and their habitats Enquiry type: Observation over time Extended enquiry question: In what conditions does mould grow on bread? (Children can chose the conditions for mould to grow in)	Electricity Enquiry type: Pattern seeking Extended enquiry question: Does adding more / less [children insert component they would like to investigate] make a bulb brighter?	Evolution & Inheritance Enquiry type: Research Extended enquiry question: How has a [children insert animal here] evolved over time and why has this happened?