## **Ashwell Primary School Science Curriculum Scientifically Skills Organiser**



## **EYFS**

- Sorting and matching things
- Finding things that are similar or different
- Being curious and starting to ask questions
- Performing simple tests and using equipment
- Using senses to observe and look closely
- Looking closely at things and noticing changes Making simple records of what I notice or how things change
- Talking about what I have done and noticed

		Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Ideas and Questions		<ul> <li>asks simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways</li> <li>recognises scientific and technical developments that help us</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>asks relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them</li> <li>explains the purposes of a variety of scientific and technological developments</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>uses their scientific experiences to explore ideas and raise different types of questions</li> <li>talks about how scientific ideas have developed over time</li> <li>recognises the applications of specific scientific ideas</li> </ul>
Planning	Planning an approach	<ul> <li>performs simple tests or follows teachers' instructions</li> <li>with guidance, suggests what they will do with guidance, identifies things to measure or observe that are relevant to the question</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>sets up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests</li> <li>begins to make decisions about what observations to make and how long to make them for</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>selects and plans different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions</li> <li>makes decisions about what observations to make, what measurements to use, how long to make them for and whether to repeat them</li> </ul>
	Equipment	<ul> <li>uses resources provided or chosen from a limited range</li> <li>uses simple measurements and equipment to gather data</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>begins to choose the type of simple equipment that might be used from a reasonable range</li> <li>uses appropriate equipment and measurements with reasonable accuracy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>chooses the most appropriate equipment to make measurements</li> <li>explains how to use the equipment accurately</li> </ul>
	Variables	<ul> <li>suggests why a test is unfair</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>recognises when a simple fair test is needed</li> <li>with help, decides how to set up a fair test and control variables</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>recognises when and how to set up comparative and fair tests</li> <li>recognises and controls variables where necessary</li> </ul>

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				<ul> <li>(e.g. explains which variables need to be controlled and why)</li> </ul>
Obtaining and presenting evidence	Observing and measuring	<ul> <li>observes closely (including changes over time), using simple equipment</li> <li>makes measurements using non-standard units</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>makes systematic and careful observations</li> <li>makes accurate measurements using standard units (e.g. cm, m, °C, N, g, Kg, ml), using a range of equipment, e.g. data loggers and thermometers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>takes measurements, in standard units, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision</li> <li>takes repeat readings when appropriate</li> </ul>
	Secondary sources	<ul> <li>uses simple secondary sources to find answers, e.g. books, videos, photographs or people</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>recognises when and how secondary sources (e.g. books, internet, experts, diagrams) might help answer questions that cannot be answered through practical investigations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>recognises which secondary sources will be most useful to research their ideas</li> <li>begins to separate opinion from fact</li> </ul>
	Recording information and data	<ul> <li>gathers and records simple data to help in answering questions</li> <li>with support, prepares simple tables to record data</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>gathers and records data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions</li> <li>prepares own format for recording data</li> <li>makes decisions about how to record and analyse the data</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>records data and results of increasing complexity</li> <li>decides how to record data from a choice of familiar approaches</li> <li>calculates mean value where appropriate</li> </ul>
	Presenting evidence	<ul> <li>with help, records their findings in a range of ways, e.g. simple tables, diagrams, pictograms, sorting circles, bar charts and templates</li> <li>talks about their findings using everyday terms, text scaffolds or simple scientific language</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>records and presents findings using drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, tally charts, Carroll diagrams, Venn diagrams, bar charts and tables</li> <li>reports on findings from enquiries, in simple scientific language, using oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>records and presents findings using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs</li> <li>reports on findings from enquiries, using relevant scientific language and conventions, in oral and written explanations such as displays and other presentations</li> </ul>
Considering and evaluating evidence	Looking for patterns	<ul> <li>uses simple observable features to compare objects, materials and living things</li> <li>identifies and classifies (decides how to sort and group objects)</li> <li>with guidance, begins to notice changes (i.e. cause and effect), patterns and relationships (i.e. how one variable affects another)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>uses observable and other criteria to group, sort and classify in different ways (including simple keys and branching databases)</li> <li>identifies differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes</li> <li>with help, looks for changes, patterns, and relationships in their data</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>uses and develops keys and other information records to identify, classify and describe living things and materials</li> <li>identifies conclusions, causal relationships and patterns</li> </ul>
	Explaining results	<ul> <li>talks about what they have found out and how they found it out</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>with help, uses results to draw simple conclusions and answers questions using appropriate level of knowledge</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>draws valid conclusions, explains and interprets the results (including the degree of trust) using scientific</li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>uses their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions</li> <li>uses comparative language to describe changes, patterns and relationships</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>uses straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings</li> <li>uses relevant scientific language to discuss their ideas and communicate their findings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>knowledge and understanding (e.g. recognises limitations of data)</li> <li>identifies scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments</li> <li>uses relevant scientific language and illustrations to discuss, communicate and justify their scientific ideas</li> </ul>
Evaluating	<ul> <li>with support, suggests whether or not what happened was what they expected</li> <li>with support, suggests different ways they could have done things</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>with support, uses results to suggest improvements to what they have done</li> <li>with support, raise further questions (e.g. arising from the data)</li> <li>with support, makes predictions for new values within or beyond the data collected</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>makes practical suggestions about how their working method could be improved (e.g. the effect of sample size on reliability)</li> <li>uses results to identify when further tests and observations might be needed</li> <li>uses test results to make predictions and to set up further comparative and fair tests</li> </ul>