United Curriculum: Science



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	N3-4	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn 1	It's getting cold outside / Bears Weather where we live, habitats where bears live. Our local area. Weather in Manchester. Curiosity and respect	Me and My World  Exploring the natural world around us.  Comparing us now to when we were babies – talking about how our body changes.  Exploring our local area.  Civility and Curiosity and respect.	BIOLOGY Plants Identifying and naming common plants and describing basic structures  Nature walk around our school grounds. Tree and leaf hunt.  Curiosity and respect	BIOLOGY Plant growth Plants grow from seeds, and require water, light and a suitable temperature  Local plant walk  Curiosity	CHEMISTRY Rocks Comparisons of types of rocks and how fossils are formed  Fossil finding in an around our school curiosity and respect	BIOLOGY Classifying organisms Introduction to classifying animals and their environment Habitats and microhabitats at our forest school Curiosity and respect	CHEMISTRY Separating mixtures Identifying and separating mixtures; reversible and non- reversible changes  Curiosity	PHYSICS Electricity Investigating variations in series and parallel circuits, and how electricity is generated Looking at local power plant Local use of renewable energy Curiosity
Autumn 2	Polar express / Special days Melting and freezing; natural and artificial materials civility and curiosity	My Heroes/Standing Ovation Looking at seasonal changes (Autumn).  Curiosity and respect	BIOLOGY / PHYSICS Seasonal changes Observing changes across four seasons and describing associated weather.  Observe weather in Gorton during the Autumn term.  Curiosity	BIOLOGY Needs of animals Animals need water, food and air to survive and to have offspring Curiosity and respect	PHYSICS Light Relationship between light and how we see; the formation of shadows Curiosity	BIOLOGY Food & digestion The human digestive system and simple food chains Caterlink assembly about digesting food  Curiosity	BIO / CHEM / PHYSICS Energy Introducing the concept of energy stores and energy transfers; relate this to prior knowledge Looking at local power plant Local use of renewable energy  Curiosity and respect	BIOLOGY Evolution Fossils; introduction to the idea that adaptation may lead to evolution Research local fossil discoveries Curiosity and respect
Spring 1	On the Move / Toys Exploring pushes, pulls and magnets Civility and respect	Castles, Knights and Dragons  Looking at seasonal changes (Winter)  Curiosity	CHEMISTRY Everyday materials Distinguishing objects from their material, and describing simple properties.  Look at materials that are produced in Manchester.  Curiosity.	CHEMISTRY Uses of materials Comparisons of an object's material with its use; impact of bending, twisting on solid objects  Curiosity	BIOLOGY Organisms The role of muscles and skeletons; the importance of nutrients Curiosity	CHEMISTRY Particle model and states of matter States of matter in relation to particle arrangement Locating solids, liquids and gases in our school environment  Curiosity and respect	BIOLOGY Life cycles Life cycles of a mammal, amphibian, insect, bird, and some reproduction processes Look at lifecycles in microhabitats on the school grounds and surrounding areas.  Curiosity and resepct	PHYSICS Light How light travels and is reflected, and how this allows us to see Curiosity



On the Farm / Food Glorious Food Life cycles of farm animals and plants  Plants and animals in local area./trip to Reddish Vale Farm  Curiosity and civility and respect.	Spring in our step Wildlife and weather in spring and winter; habitats around our school.  Curiosity and respect	Consolidation and review	BIOLOGY Living things & habitats Introduction to habitats, micro-habitats, and simple food chains Local habitats walk Civility, curiosity and respect	BIOLOGY Plants Features of flowering plants and what they need to survive  School flower tour  Curiosity and respect	PHYSICS Sounds Relationship between strength of vibrations and volume of sound Making panpipes Curiosity	BIOLOGY Human development Human development to old age  Curiosity and respect	BIOLOGY Further classification Further classification of organisms based on characteristics  Judgement  Enthusiasm
Once upon a time 1 / 2 Properties of materials and exploring mixtures  Curiosity	Where We Live Materials – looking at similarities and differences in construction Our local area – Gorton Curiosity	BIOLOGY Animals Naming reptiles, fish, amphibians, birds and mammals; carnivores, herbivores, omnivores  School Trip to Lancaster Park and Animal Farm  Civility, curiosity and respect	CHEMISTRY Solids, liquids and gases How the same substances can exist as solids, liquids and gases  Curiosity	PHYSICS Forces & motion Introducing pushes and pulls; opposing forces, and balanced forces Curiosity.	PHYSICS Electricity Simple series circuits Power stations in Carrington and Stalybridge  Curiosity and respect	PHYSICS Forces Gravity, air and water resistance and friction; introduction to pulleys  Curiosity	BIOLOGY Functions of the human body Human circulatory system; transport of nutrients within the body Links with local hospitals Curiosity Enthusiasm
All creatures great and small 1 / 2 Life cycles of animals in trop. rainforests, sea, and grasslands  Respect and curiosity	Science detectives Properties of materials and habitats around the world  Visit to Debdale Park  Civility, curiosity and respect	BIOLOGY Humans Human body parts and senses  Walk of our local area to explore our senses.  Civility and curiosity	Consolidation and review	PHYSICS Magnetism Contact and non-contact forces, including friction and magnetism  Curiosity	CHEMISTRY Properties of materials Considering physical and chemical properties  Curiosity	PHYSICS Earth and space Movements of planets and the Moon, and relationship to day and night Links to Jordrel Bank and the Lovell telescope Curiosity	CHEMISTRY Physical and chemical changes Identifying physical and chemical changes Everyday changes around us  Critical thinking and curiosity  Enthusiasm

