

The National Curriculum for Science in Year 1

Working Scientifically

During years 1 and 2, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content:

- asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways
- observing closely, using simple equipment
- performing simple tests
- identifying and classifying
- using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions
- gathering and recording data to help in answering questions.

Plants

Our children will be taught to:

- identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees
- identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.

Animals including humans

Our children will be taught to:

- identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.

Everyday materials

Our children will be taught to:

- 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
- describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials
- compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.

Seasonal Changes

Our children will be taught to:

- observe changes across the 4 seasons
- observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.