Gillespie Primary School



National Curriculum
Science Scheme of work

Working Scientifically at Key Stage 1 Provide opportunities for using the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills across Years 1 and 2

Approaches to enquiry

Children should be helped to develop their understanding of scientific ideas by using different types of scientific enquiry to answer their own questions, including:

- observing changes over a period of time
- noticing patterns
- grouping and classifying things
- carrying out simple comparative tests
- finding things out using secondary sources of information

Asking questions	Planning	Collecting data	Presenting data
Ask simple questions	Recognise that questions can be	Observe closely, using simple	Record data to help in
 Begin to shape questions using 	answered in different ways	equipment	answering questions
different question stems	With support:	choose and use appropriate	talk about what has
 Ask questions about how and 	suggest how to find things out	simple equipment to make	been found out and how
why objects, materials and	identify patterns to observe	observations	record observations in
living things:	and measure	use non-standard units to	word and pictures
change	identify variables to change	collect observations	record observations and
are similar or different	and measure	performing simple tests	test results in simple
to each other	identify sorting criteria	choose and use appropriate	prepared pictograms,
connect with each other are made or work	suggest how to take measurements	simple equipment with	tables, tally charts, bar
Suggest questions to	suggest next steps or a	increasing accuracy to collect comparative data	charts and maps including ICT formats
investigate	sequence of steps in a plan	use non-standard units to	record sorting in sorting
Investigate	sequence of steps in a plan	collect data	circles or tables
		identifying and classifying	circles of tubies
		sort objects by observable	Use their observations and
		and behavioural features	ideas to suggest answers to
		make comparisons between	questions using simple scientific
*N.B: Statutory requirements shown in bold,		simple features	language
other information taken from Snap Science		gathering data to help in	
(Collins) for working scientifically		answering questions	
		gather data to answer	
		questions from a variety of	
		sources including talking to	
		people, simple books and	
		electronic media, first hand	
		observation and practical	
		activity	

Scientific Knowledge, Skills and Conceptual Understanding for Seasonal Changes

Year 1 Seasonal Changes/Our Changing World (OCW)

Children look at how plants, animals and the weather change during the year. Children are encouraged to carry out regular and frequent observations of the world around them to build a rich knowledge of their local environment.

- Can they observe changes over time across the four seasons? E.g. revisit the same plants or shrubs to look at how the leaves change through the year, visit specific trees observing them closely and noticing that some trees drop their leaves at certain points during the year, while others seem to keep their leaves all of the time, observe a variety of flowering plants and notice that many flower during the summer months whilst others can flower at other times of the year, use the school garden to grow vegetables and observe changes to plants over time
- Can they name the four seasons in order? Can they notice patterns? E.g. visit school grounds and locality and make observations of any animal life including birds, care for and observe garden snails over an extended period of time
- Can they observe changes over time and describe weather associated with the seasons? E.g. explore the impact on them of the changing seasons what do different kinds of weather look and feel like?, visit school grounds/local area at different times in the year looking for evidence of seasonal changes to the natural world 'scavenger hunts', collect daily records of the weather for a period of 2 weeks and look for patterns and link these to seasonal change
- Can they observe and describe how day length varies?

Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins)

OCW: Plants OCW: Animal Antics OCW: Sensing Seasons

Scientific Knowledge, Skills and Conceptual Understanding for Animals including humans, Everyday Materials and Plants

Year 1				
Animals, including humans	Everyday Materials Classifying and grouping	Plants		
 Can they point out some of the differences between different animals? Can they sort photographs of living things and non-living things? Can they identify and name a variety of common animals? (birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals, invertebrates) Can they describe how an animal is suited to its environment? Can they identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores? Can they name the parts of the human body that they can see? Can they draw & label basic parts of the human body? Can they identify the main parts of the human body and link them to their senses? Can they name the parts of an animal's body? Can they name a range of domestic animals? Can they classify animals by what they eat? (carnivore, herbivore, omnivore) Can they compare the bodies of different animals? Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 2: Looking at animals Module 3: Using Our Senses	 Can they distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made? Can they describe materials using their senses? Can they describe materials using their senses, using specific scientific words? Can they explain what material objects are made from? Can they explain why a material might be useful for a specific job? In stories, e.g. Whatever Next! Make links between everyday objects used to get to the moon exploring the materials from which they are made Make links to best materials used for boats/e.g. Golden Hinde/waterproof/not waterproof/absorbent/not absorbent Can they name some different everyday materials? e.g. wood, plastic, metal, water and rock Can they sort materials into groups by a given criteria? Can they explain how solid shapes can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching? Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 4: Everyday Materials 	 Can they name the petals, stem, leaf, bulb, flower, seed, stem and root of a plant? Can they identify and name a range of common plants and trees? Can they recognise deciduous and evergreen trees? Can they name the trunk, branches and root of a tree? Can they describe the parts of a plant (roots, stem, leaves, and flowers)? Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 1: Plant Detectives 		

Year 2

Our Changing World (OCW)

Children look at how plants, animals and habitats change during the year. Children are encouraged to carry out regular and frequent observations of the world around them to build a rich knowledge of their local environment.

• Can they observe changes over time and notice patterns? E.g. Carry out surveys to see what animals are visible at different times of the year in the habitats studied, explore how does a habitat change though the year, observe how animals change over time (including a human baby/toddler) plan what bulbs and seeds to grow to make a healthy soup later in the year, observe and measure changes in how plants grow over time, use the local environment throughout the year to observe how different plants grow

Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins)

Scientific Knowledge, Skills and Conceptual Understanding for Everyday Materials, Animals including humans, Plants and Living Things and their Habitats

materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper, cardboard for particular uses?		
 Make links to materials used in Tudor houses during Great fire of London Can they explain how things move on different surfaces? 		
Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 3: Materials: Good Choices Module 4: Materials: Shaping Up		

Working Scientifically at Lower Key Stage 2 Provide opportunities for using the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills across Years 3 and Year 4

Approaches to enquiry

Children should ask their own questions about what they observe and make some decisions about which types of scientific enquiry are likely to be the best ways of answering them including:

- observing changes over time
- noticing patterns
- grouping and classifying things
- carrying out simple fair tests
- finding things out using secondary sources of information

Asking questions	Planning	Collecting data	Presenting data
Ask relevant questions • Recognise questions that can be	Use different types of scientific enquiries to answer them	Make systematic and careful observations where appropriate,	Record data in a variety of ways to help in answering
investigated scientifically and those that cannot	 Identify different ways to answer a question 	take accurate measurements using standard units, using a	questionsMake notes
Ask a clear scientific questionRecognise when questions can be	Choose the most appropriate method	range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers	Record data in tables and bar charts
answered by first hand or second sources of evidence	Set up simple prostical apprints	Use a range of equipment including	Use graphs produced by data
sources of evidence	Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests	data loggers to collect data using standard measures	loggers
	 Decide what observations to make, how often and what equipment to use 	With support take accurate measurements on measuring equipment, recognising when to	Classify in a variety of ways to help in answering questions
	 Decide what measurements to take, how long to make them for and whether to repeat them Decide what sorting or classification 	repeat them Carry out simple tests to sort and classify materials according to properties or behaviour	 Use Carroll diagrams, and Venn diagrams to classify Use and make simple keys to identify and classify
*N.B: Statutory requirements shown in bold, other information taken from Snap Science (Collins) for working scientifically	criteria to use • Recognise when a simple fair test is necessary •With help, decide what variables to change and measure	Gather data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions • Gather data to answer questions from a variety of sources including using textbooks, simple keys, electronic media, first hand observation, practical activity and data collected by others	Present data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions • Drawings, labelled diagrams • Bar charts, bar line graphs, simple scatter graphs and tables using ICT where appropriate

Concluding	Evaluating
Report on findings from enquiries, including oral and written	Use results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for
explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions	new values, suggest improvements, and raise further questions
 Draw simple conclusions about changes observed and link these to scientific ideas 	Make predictions for new values within or beyond the collected data collected
Refer to a table or graph when reporting findings	Identify new questions arising from the data
Begin to use and interpret graphs produced by data loggers	Find ways of improving enquiries
• Draw a simple conclusion about similarities and differences identified and link these to scientific ideas	
Draw conclusions about simple patterns between two sets of data	
Draw simple causal conclusions from fair tests	
Draw conclusions from data from different secondary sources	
Identify differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes	
Make links between:	
observed changes	
similarities and differences	
simple patterns between two sets of data	
simple causal relationships	
data from secondary sources	
and simple scientific ideas and processes	
Use straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to	
support their findings	
Refer to evidence from practical tests and observations or from secondary data sources when appropriate questions or evaluations findings.	
data sources when answering questions or explaining findings	
 Use simple scientific language in a range of oral and written presentations suitable for different audiences to present findings 	

Year 3

Our Changing World (OCW)

Children look at how plants change during the year. Children are encouraged to carry out regular and frequent observations of the world around them to build a rich knowledge of their local environment.

• Can they observe changes over time and notice patterns? E.g. compare the effect of different factors on plant growth such as, the amount of light, the amount of fertiliser; discovering how seeds are formed by observing the different stages of plant life cycles over a period of time; looking for patterns in the structure of fruits that relate to how seeds are dispersed, observe how water is transported in plants, for example by putting cut, white carnations into coloured water and observing how water travels up the stem to the flowers

Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins)

Year 3				
Rocks	Forces and Magnets	Plants	Animals including humans	Light
 Can they compare and group together different rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties? Can they describe and explain how different rocks can be useful to us? Can they describe and explain the differences between sedimentary and igneous rocks, considering the way they are formed? Can they describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock? Can they recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter? Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 2: Rock Detectives	 Can they compare how things move on different surfaces? Can they observe that magnetic forces can be transmitted without direct contact? Can they observe how some magnets attract or repel each other? Can they classify which materials are attracted to magnets and which are not? Can they notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance? Can they compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet? Can they identify some magnetic materials? Can they describe magnets have having two poles (N & S)? Can they predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other depending on which poles are facing? Can they investigate the strengths of different magnets and find fair ways to compare them? 	•Can they identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants? (roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers)? • Can they explore the requirement of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow)? • Can they explain how they vary from plant to plant? • Can they investigate the way in which water is transported within plants? • Can they explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal? Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 1: How Does Your Garden Grow	 Can they explain the importance of a nutritionally balanced diet? Can they describe how nutrients, water and oxygen are transported within animals and humans? Can they identify that animals, including humans, cannot make their own food: they get nutrition from what they eat? Can they describe and explain the skeletal system of a human? Can they describe and explain the muscular system of a human? Can they explain how the muscular and skeletal systems work together to create movement? Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 5: Amazing Bodies 	 Can they recognise that they need light in order to see things? Can they recognise that dark is the absence of light? Can they notice that light is reflected from surfaces? Can they recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes? Can they recognise that shadows are formed when a solid object blocks the light from a light source? Can they find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change Can they explain why their shadow changes when the light source is moved closer or further from the object? Can they explain the difference between transparent, translucent and opaque? Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 3: Can you see me?

Teac	ther reference:		
	Science (Collins)		
	ule 4: The Power		
	orces		

Year 4

Our Changing World (OCW)

Children look at how plants change during the year. Children are encouraged to carry out regular and frequent observations of the world around them to build a rich knowledge of their local environment.

• Can they observe, classify and identify a variety of living things in their local and wider environment E.g. Use observation of key features of leaves and to classify the leaves of a variety of trees, devise simple classification keys to sort leaves, observe features of and classify deciduous trees and flowering plants across the year

Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins)

Scientific Knowledge, Skills and Conceptual Understanding for States of Matter, Sound, Living Things and Their Habitats, Animals including humans and Electricity

	Year 4			
States of Matter	Sound	Living Things and Their Habitats	Animals including humans	Electricity
•Can they compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases? • Can they explain what happens to materials when they are heated or cooled? • Can they measure or research the temperature at which different materials change state in degrees Celsius? • Can they use measurements to explain changes to the state of water? • Can they identify the part that evaporation and condensation has in the water cycle? • Can they explain what happens over time to materials such as puddles on the playground or washing hanging on a line? • Can they associate the rate of evaporation with temperature? Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 1: In a State	 Can they describe a range of sounds and explain how they are made? Can they associate some sounds with something vibrating? Can they compare sources of sound and explain how the sounds differ? Can they explain how to change a sound (louder/softer)? Can they recognise how vibrations from sound travel through a medium to a ear? Can they find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produce it? Can they find patterns between the volume of the sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it? Can they recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases? Can they explain how you could change the pitch of a sound? 	 Can they recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways? Can they explore and use a classification key to group, identify and name a variety of living things? (plants, vertebrates, invertebrates) Can they compare the classification of common plants and animals to living things found in other places? (under the sea, prehistoric) Do they recognise that environments can change and this can sometimes pose a danger to living things? Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 5: Human Impact Module 6: Who Am I?	 Can they identify and name the basic parts of the digestive system in humans? Can they describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans? Can they identify the simple function of different types of teeth in humans? Can they compare the teeth of herbivores and carnivores? Can they explain what a simple food chain shows? Can they construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey? Can they explain how certain living things depend on one another to survive? Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 4: Where Does All That Food Go?	 Can they identify common appliances that run on electricity? Can they construct a simple series electric circuit? Can they identify and name the basic part in a series circuit, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers? Can they identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery? Can they recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit? Can they associate a switch opening with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit? Can they recognise some common conductors and insulators? Can they associate metals with being good conductors? Can they explain why cautions are necessary for working safely with electricity?

Can they investigate how different materials can affect the pitch and volume of sounds? Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 2: Good Vibrations	Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 3: Switched On
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Working Scientifically at Upper Key Stage 2 Provide opportunities for using the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills across Year 5 and Year 6

Approaches to enquiry

Children should select the most appropriate ways to answer science questions using different types of scientific enquiry, including:

- observing changes over different periods of time
- noticing patterns
- grouping and classifying things
- carrying out fair tests
- finding things out using a wide range of secondary sources of information

Asking questions	Planning	Collecting data	Presenting data
Use results to raise further questions Independently ask questions and offer ideas for scientific enquiry Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests	Use different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions • Explain why an enquiry method is the most appropriate to answer a question • Plan systematic collection of data and which equipment to use • Plan collection of sufficient data • Recognise when research using secondary sources will answer questions • Decide which sources of information to use to answer questions	Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment with increasing accuracy and precision • Use a range of equipment accurately without support to collect observations and measurements • Repeat sets of observations or measurements, where appropriate, selecting suitable ranges and intervals • Use a series of tests to sort and	Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables and bar and line graphs and models • Decide how to record data accurately and appropriately • Use appropriate scientific language in oral and written presentations • Make keys and branching
*N.B: Statutory requirements shown in bold, other information taken from Snap Science (Collins) for working scientifically	 Recognise and control variables where necessary Recognise when variables need to be controlled and why Recognise when variables cannot be controlled and a pattern seeking enquiry is appropriate Identify which variables have the greatest effect on the result 	classify materials • Use relevant information and data from a range of secondary sources to answer questions	databases with 4 or more items • Use more than one source of scientific evidence to identify and classify things • Present data in line graphs, scatter graphs and frequency charts

Concluding	Evaluating
Report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions,	Identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or
causal relationships and explanations of results in written forms such	refute ideas or arguments
as displays and other presentations	Begin to separate opinion from fact
 Use scientific evidence to answer questions or support findings 	Use scientific evidence to justify ideas
•Draw valid conclusions about changes, similarities and differences, and causal relationships from data collected	Talk about how scientific ideas have developed over time
 Draw valid conclusions that utilise more than one piece of supporting evidence 	Identify when further tests and observations might be needed
•Use scientific knowledge to explain findings	Evaluate the effectiveness of their working methods, making practical
 Use simple models to help describe scientific ideas 	suggestions for improving them
 Explain differences in repeated observations or measurements, identifying reasons for any anomalies noticed 	
Communicate findings in written form, displays, multi-media and other forms of presentation using scientific language	

Year 5

Our Changing World (OCW)

Children observe a variety of plants and visit them regularly throughout the year. Children are encouraged to carry out regular and frequent observations of the world around them to build a rich knowledge of their local environment.

• Can they observe changes over different periods of time? E.g. Explore practically some of the methods for growing new plants, observe a variety of plants and visit them regularly throughout the year looking for evidence of plant reproduction, for example flowers, seed heads, berries and fruits on plants.

Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins)

Scientific Knowledge, Skills and Conceptual Understanding for Earth and Space, Forces, Properties and Changes of Materials, Living Things and their Habitats and Animals including humans

Year 5						
Earth and Space	Forces	Properties and Changes of Materials	Living things and their Habitats	Animals including humans		
 Can they identify and explain the movement of the Earth and other plants relative to the sun in the solar system? Can they explain how seasons and the associated weather is created? Can they describe and explain the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth? Can they describe the sun, earth and moon as approximately spherical bodies? Can they use the idea of the earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky? Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 8: The Earth and Beyond 	 Can they explain that unsupported objects fall towards the earth because of the force of gravity acting between the earth and the falling object? Can they identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces? Can they recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect? Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 7: Feel the 	 Can they compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets? Can they explain how some materials dissolve in liquid to form a solution? Can they describe how to recover a substance from a solution? Can they use their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving, evaporating? Can they give reasons, based on evidence for comparative and fair tests for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals wood and plastic? Can they describe changes using scientific words? (evaporation, condensation) Can they demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes? Can they explain that some changes result in the 	Can they describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, amphibians, insects and a bird? Can they describe the life cycles of common plants? Can they describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. Can they explore the work of well know naturalists and animal behaviourists? (David Attenborough and Jane Goodall) Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 1: Circle of Life Module 2: Reproduction in Plants and Animals	Can they describe the changes as humans develop to old age? Focus on humans & link to puberty Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 2: Reproduction in Plants and Animals		

Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 3: Get Sorted Module 4: Everyday Materials Module 5: Marvellous Mixtures Module 6: Materials: All Change

Year 6

Our Changing World (OCW)

Children are encouraged to carry out regular and frequent observations of the world around them to build a rich knowledge of their local environment.

• Can they observe animals in their locality and in the wider environment at different times of the year? E.g. Visit a variety of different locations around school and in the wider environment, Monitor invertebrates in locality and wider environment and identify and record the numbers of different types and their habitats, identifying examples of animals that they observe and describing what the animals are doing at different times of the year, Conduct simple investigations into the behaviour of invertebrates and examine ways in which these animals show adaptation to the environments in which they live

Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins)

Scientific Knowledge, Skills and Conceptual Understanding for Evolution and Inheritance, Electricity, Animals including humans, Living things and their Habitats and Light

Year 6							
Evolution and Inheritance	Electricity	Animals including humans	Living things and their Habitats	Light			
 Can they recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the earth millions of years ago? Can they recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents? Can they give reasons why offspring are not identical to each other or to their parents? Can they explain the process of evolution and describe the evidence for this? Can they identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution? Can they talk about the work of Charles Darwin, Mary Anning and Alfred Wallace? Can they analyse the advantages and disadvantages of specific adaptations, such as being on two rather than four feet? 	 Can they identify and name the basic parts of a simple electric series circuit? (cells, wires, bulbs, switches, buzzers) Can they compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers, the on/off position of switches? Can they use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram? Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 5: Danger: Low Voltage! 	 Can they identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood? Can they recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function? Can they describe the ways in which nutrients and water and transported within animals, including humans? Can they explore the work of medical pioneers, for example, William Harvey and Galen and recognise how much we have learnt about our bodies? Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 2: The Body Pump Module 3: Body Health 	 Can they describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences including microorganisms, plants and animals? Can they give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics? Can they readily group animals into reptiles, fish, amphibians, birds and mammals? Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 1: The Nature Library 	 Can they recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines? Can they use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye? Can they explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to object s and then to our eyes? Can they use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them? Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 6: Light Up Your World 			

Teacher reference: Snap Science (Collins) Module 4: Everything Changes		