

Science Overview and Intent – Crackley Bank Primary School

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1 Inc - Science Week	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2 Inc – Well-being week
Nursery	Use all their senses in hands on exploration	Explore how things work	Explore and talk about differences in materials and changes they notice (ice). Explore and talk about different forces.	Key features of plant life cycles. Plant seeds and care for plants	Key features of animal life cycles Understand the need to care for and respect the environment Care for growing plants	Explore how things work
Reception	Explore the Natural World around them. Animals including Humans Seasonal Changes	Animals: Recognising that animals live in habitats Light and Dark; Diurnal/ Nocturnal.	Every day Materials – Sorting (Link to 3 Pigs)	Growing Animals chicks – observing changes. Drawing what happens to plants and animals. Growing – Plants	Animals: Living things and their habitats - comparing environments	Seasonal Changes – look back to see what has happened. Comment on how things work – link to transport. Forces
Year 1	Everyday Materials	Seasonal Changes	Animals Including humans	Plants	Seasonal Changes	Animals Including humans
Year 2	Living Things & Their Habitats	Uses of Everyday Materials	Living Things & Their Habitats – food chains	Plants	Animals Including humans	Animals Including humans
Year 3	Rocks	Forces & Magnets	Plants	Animals Including humans – skeletons and muscles	Light	Animals Including humans - diet
Year 4	States of Matter	Electricity	Animals Including humans – food chains	Living Things & Their Habitats	Sound	Animals Including humans – digestion
Year 5	Earth & Space	Forces	Materials - properties	Living Things in Their Habitats	Materials - changes	Animals Including humans
Year 6	Living Things in Their Habitats	Light	Animals Including humans – circulation system	Evolution & Inheritance	Electricity	Animals Including humans – the impact of lifestyle
Notes			Celebrate British Science Week: Scientists and Inventors			Lessons to prepare for Well-being Week (humans)

The school's intent for Science learning focusses on developing their knowledge, skills and understanding of both science facts and science phenomena. In the Autumn Term, the science curriculum focusses on elements of Science that the children will feel familiar with and can relate to. Light occurs during the Autumn Term for Year 6 due to the nature of the curriculum requiring darker light so that children can investigate how it travels. In contrast to this, Year 3 study light in the Summer Term as their curriculum focusses on the forming of shadows which is greatly enhanced by the sunlight. Electricity is taught in Year 4 in the Autumn Term and this provides knowledge they can apply to the Spring DT focus of electrical systems.

During the Spring term we celebrate British Science Week, looking at Scientists and Inventors which links directly with our curriculum intent to “encourage our children to be aspirational so they can reach their true potential.” The curriculum provides opportunities to learn how Science contributes to our lives now and how they could be in employment that required science when they are older .

Plants and living things in the Spring Term lend themselves to working outdoors in the environment, allowing children to work scientifically in their school grounds and beyond – looking at habitats and how plants grow. It also provides opportunities to observe changes in plants over time. Separating Animals, including Humans in KS1 over two half terms allows for children to make clear and focussed comparisons between the two areas. Human science links with our Well-Being Week focussing on healthy eating, body and mind well-being and physical activities. These also link directly with our school's intent to “support the social and emotional development of our children” and to “encourage children to be active.”

Throughout all units of science teaching, scientific skills will be taught ensuring that children experience a wide range of activities and learning styles. This will help them to develop their understanding of the nature, process and methods associated with science. To enhance their learning, the children will have the opportunity to use ipads and recording equipment as well as online resources to allow for children to use science alongside modern technologies too. Linking to our curriculum intent to “develop language and vocabulary”, children will be able to use the correct scientific vocabulary in context and with deeper understanding so as to develop conclusions and make justified predictions.

Science teaching at Crackley Bank nurtures children to ask questions not only about everyday science but also about phenomena which allows for their awe and wonder of the world around them to be explored. This is explored in all year groups from Nursery to Year 6 following a sequential curriculum that allows for exploration, investigation and knowledge to be developed.

