

CUSP SCIENCE Handbook

SINGLE AGE SEQUENCE
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LONG-TERM SEQUENCE

Early Years Foundation Stage
Key Stage 1
Lower Key Stage 2
Upper Key Stage 2





AN EXAMPLE OF THE LONG-TERM SEQUENCE FOR SCIENCE – EYFS to KS1

	ELG's	How this is achieved in EYFS	Key Vocabulary to be	e developed in EYFS	Scie	ence KS1
					Year 1	Year 2
Specific Area of Learning Understanding the World	Managing Self Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet, and understanding the importance of healthy food choices. ELG 14 The Natural World Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.	 Discussions at snack time of the importance of healthy food choices. During lunch time discussions. Through stories and circle time discussions, e.g. the story – Now wash your hands and Funny bones. P.E lessons that encourage getting dressed and undressed independently. Naming body parts through songs – Heads, shoulders, knees, and toes. RSE link – Correct naming of body parts. Talking about pets at home. Exploring minibeasts and recording our observations. 	 Exercise Healthy Wash Toothbrush Tooth / Teeth Body Head Bones Skeleton Family 	 Animal Human Mammal Bird Fish Amphibian Insect Lifecycle Nocturnal 	Animals, in	icluding humans.
	ELG 14 The Natural World • Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.	 Going on walks to observe the local environment and to compare and learn about the seasons. Taking photos to compare seasons and discuss. Planting seeds and plants. Looking after the EYFS garden. Creating bug hotels. 	LifecyclePlantseedgrowrootsFlower	 Seasons Autumn Winter Spring Summer Change Weather 	Seasonal changes	Plants Living things and their habitats.
	 ELG 14 The Natural World Understanding some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including seasons and changing states of matter. 	 Growing plants from bulbs and seeds. Making boats to explore best materials. Water tray activities to explore water, ice, and materials that float and sink. Testing the best material for a raincoat for Paddington bear. 	 Material Wood Plastic Glass Float 	SinkLiquidSolid	Everyday materials	Uses of everyday materials.
	Scientific V	ocabulary – scientist, sort, observation, identify, co	empare, group, investiga	te, test, evaluate		





CUSP Early Foundations – Structured Story Time, Foundational Knowledge, and Opportunities and Experiences

What do we mean by **Opportunities and Experiences?**

The Foundational Knowledge and Progression documents outline the key concepts that we want pupils to learn and how their application of knowledge will become more advanced throughout the EYFS.

The Opportunities and Experiences document acts as a menu for practitioners to select ideas for how core aspects of learning can be built into provision so that pupils can develop their understanding of the key concepts that they have learned. This is not exhaustive and practitioners will need to be responsive to the young people in their care.

We have deliberately built this around learning, not activity, so that we keep the focus on how pupils interact with the knowledge and skills acquired through the curriculum.



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Foundational Knowledge

Name some common plants / vegetation, e.g. grass, tree, bush, daisy, dandelion (and other plants and tree names local to their environment, e.g. reeds / lily pads in a school pond). Examine change over time, for example, the life cycle of different plants / fruit / vegetables, growing plants from seeds and plants which go to seed (collect seeds). Talk about simple plant parts and what happens to them. Use language such as leaves, roots, stem and petal. Talk about simple similarities and differences in plants.



Structured Story Time

exemplary phonics

EYFS

rich mathematics

Opportunities and Experiences

What will I explicitly teach?

Where will pupils meet this in continuous provision?

How will it progress throughout the year?

How will I enhance this provision?

What does effective interaction look like?

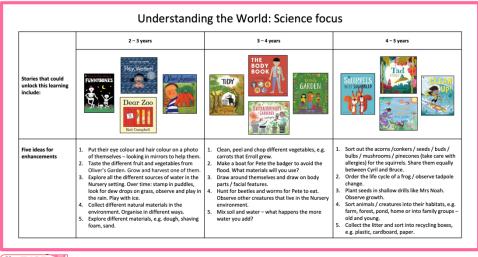
When will pupils meet this learning and vocabulary again?

What will it look like if pupils have secured their understanding?



Understanding the World: Science focus							
What will pupils know and be able to do?		2 – 3 years	3 – 4 years		4 – 5 years		
Plants Talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants. / trees. Notice features of plants. Know that plants grow. Know that plants often grow in the ground or in pots.		Nnow that fruit and vegetables are plants. Know that some vegetables grow underground and they look different above and below the ground. Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant. Develop an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time, e.g. observing an apple / bananar rotting / school compost heap, we pile of leaves. Show care and concern for living things and the environment, e.g. keep plants alive by watering them.		Name some common plants / vegetation, e.g. grass, tree, bush, daisy, dandelion (and other plants and tree names local to their environment, e.g. reads / lily pads in a school pond). Examine change over time, for example, life cycle of different plants / fruit / vegetables, growing plants from seeds, plants which go to seed (collect seeds). Talk about simple plant parts and what happens to them. Use language, e.g. leaves, roots, stem, petal. Talk about simple similarities and differences in plants.			
Essential vocabulary	plant, tree, grass, I	eaves, twig / stick, ground, grow	seeds, rot, change, fruit, vegetable, die underground leaves, roots		leaves, roots, ster	em, petal, familiar plant names, life cycle	
What will I explic	itly teach?		Where could pupils meet this in provision (this is not exhaustive)?				
		Specific provision				Wider provision	
how to observe plants carefully, modelling the correct vocabulary noticing plants and trees in the environment through observation and dialogue, e.g. look - or tree with xxx shaped leaves, look at its branches where plants usually grow the life cycle of plants how to care for plants the names of plants and trees in the local environment similarities and differences in plants mark-making equipment similarities and differences in plants		Mud Kitchen pots of herbs growing flowers / plants in pots leaves scissors, blunt safety knives, whisks, spoons, stirrers fruit and vegetables (whole and chopped) cauldrons water / different coloured water	till seed packets real and fake plants and flowers gardening gloves wellies pots, compost, seeds, buckets gardening books		Pupils will also meet this in other aspects of the provision, for example: when taking part in forest school activities; when on sounds walks in the environment and when out visiting local parks and garden centres. It is useful to make links in the community, e.g. with local garden centres (for cast off plants) or with parents / grandparents who are expert gardeners.		













CUSP Science Single Age Sequence Content Progression

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	Seasonal changes and daily weather	Everyday materials	Plants
Year 1	Introduce Plants – (trees)	Revisit 1: Animals, including	Revisit 2: Plants, Animals including
	Animals, including humans	humans	humans
\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	Living things and their habitats	Uses of everyday materials	Plants
Year 2	Animals, including humans	Revisit Living things and their habitats / materials	Revisit Living things and their habitats / Animals, including humans
	Rocks		
Year 3	Animals, including humans	Forces and magnets	Plants continued
	Revisit Rocks	Plants	Light
	Living things and their habitats		Electricity
Year 4	States of matter	Animals, including humans	Sound
Year 5	Properties and changes of materials	Forces (Gravity and Galileo)	Living things and their habitats
rear 5	Animals, including humans	Earth in space	Forces continued
V/	Electricity	Animals including humans (water transport)	Living things and their habitats
Year 6	Animals including humans (circulatory system)	Light	Evolution and inheritance





AN EXAMPLE OF THE UNSEQUENCED LONG-TERM SEQUENCE FOR SCIENCE Year 1 – Year 6

(This model shows conceptual sequence and references where the content may be taught:

	EYFS Understanding the world	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
ntent)			Living things and their habitats (+ revisit modules)		Living things and their habitats	Living things and their habitats	Living things and their habitats
)))		Plants (AT / ST)	Plants (ST)	Plants (ST)			
Biology of Science content)		Animals, including humans	Animals, including humans	Animals, including humans	Animals, including humans	Animals, including humans	Animals, including humans
(53% c	The Natural World	(+ revisit modules)	(+ revisit modules)	Hamans	Hamans	Hamans	Hamans
(5)	Explore the natural world around them, making						Evolution and inheritance
	observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.	Seasonal changes (+ revisit module)		Light			Light
Physics (29% of Science content)	Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them			Forces and magnets		Forces	
Physics of Science	and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in				Electricity		Electricity
(29% c	class. Understand some important				Sound		
	processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and					Earth and space	
Chemistry of Science content)	changing states of matter.	Everyday materials	Use of everyday materials			Properties and change of materials	
				Rocks (AT) (+ revisit module)			
) (18% of					States of matter		





	BIOLOGY	PHYSICS	CHEMISTRY
	Pupils develop an understanding of the concept of BIOLOGY through:	Pupils develop an understanding of the concept of PHYSICS through:	Pupils develop an understanding of the concept of CHEMISTRY through:
Seasonal changes and daily weather Physics Animals, including humans	 knowing and explaining what an animal is and what a plant is knowing and explaining how seasons influence plants and animals knowing and identifying the common features of fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals knowing, explaining and grouping animals by the types of food they eat knowing and explaining the places (habitats) that fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals live 	 knowing and explaining the order of seasons knowing and explaining the changes within each season including months of the year knowing different patterns of weather and explaining, for example, how rain can occur in all seasons knowing that the earth rotates and explaining how day and night 	 knowing the properties of everyday materials, such as wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock knowing and explaining the difference between an object and the material from which it is made, such as metal and a spoon knowing and explaining the properties of materials, such as hard / soft, stretchy, / stiff, rough / smooth, bendy / rigid, waterproof /not waterproof, absorbent / not absorbent, opaque / translucent / transparent
Biology Everyday materials	 knowing and locating the main body parts of a human knowing the five senses and explaining how they help compare different textures, sounds and smells 	occurs	 knowing, explaining and grouping a range of everyday materials depending on their properties
Chemistry	 knowing and identifying the basic structure of plants and trees, such as roots, bulbs, stem, leaf, flower, fruits, trunk, branch and crown knowing and identifying the common names of wild and garden plants 		
Plants	 knowing and identifying explaining different trees in the locality, such as oak or Scots Pine 		
Biology	knowing and explaining the difference between evergreen and deciduous trees, including the influence of seasons		





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		Pupils develop an	Pupils develop an
	Pupils develop an understanding of the concept of BIOLOGY through:	understanding of the concept of PHYSICS through:	understanding of the concept of CHEMISTRY through:
Living things and their habitats Biology	 knowing and explaining the common characteristic of living things, such as MRS GREN knowing and explaining the difference between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive knowing and explaining what a habitat is and why plants and animals that live there 	•	 knowing and explaining what properties everyday materials have knowing, comparing and explaining the properties and suitability of everyday materials
Animals, including	 knowing and identifying a variety of plants and animals in micro-habitats and habitats knowing and explaining what an animal is and how they get their food from other 		for particular uses, such as glass in windows or bricks for building – identifying what is suitable or unsuitable
humans Biology	plants and animals knowing and explaining what a simple food chain is, including the direction of energy 		knowing and explaining how the shape of everyday materials can be changed, for example by squashing, bending, twisting
	 knowing and explaining that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults 		and stretching
Uses of everyday materials	 knowing and explaining simple life cycles of animals, including humans knowing and explaining that animals need water, food and air to survive 		 explaining how significant scientists have made useful things from knowing about the properties of materials,
Chemistry	knowing and explaining that to be healthy, humans need to exercise, eat the right amounts of different types of food and keep clean		such as Charles Macintosh
Plants <i>Biology</i>	 knowing and explaining what conditions are needed for seeds to germinate and mature into plants knowing and explaining how bulbs grow 		
Diology	 knowing and explaining the conditions that plants need to thrive, grow, mature, and reproduce 		





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	Pupils develop an understanding of the concept	Pupils develop an understanding of the concept	Pupils develop an understanding of the concept
	of BIOLOGY through:	of PHYSICS through:	of CHEMISTRY through:
	<u> </u>	I	I
Rocks	 knowing and explaining that animals, including humans, need the right types and amounts of nutrition 	 knowing how objects move on different surfaces using friction and resistance to explain why 	knowing and explaining that rocks can be grouped together on the basis of their appearance and properties
Chemistry	knowing and explaining that animals only get nutrition from the food they eat – they cannot make their own food like plants	 knowing and explaining the difference between contact and non-contact forces 	 knowing and explaining how rocks are formed knowing and explaining what a rock is and what is not a rock
	knowing, identifying and explaining the purpose and	knowing and explaining how magnets attract and repel each other	knowing and explaining what a rock is and what is not a rock knowing and explaining different types of rock, such as
Animals, including	function of the human skeleton, such as supporting the body, protecting the lungs and helping joints move	knowing and explaining how magnets attract some	igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rock
humans	knowing, identifying and explaining the purpose and function of the muscles, such as skeletal, cardiac or	materials and not others using what they know about the properties of materials	knowing and explaining how fossils of animals and plants are formed
Biology	smooth muscles	from KS1 to group everyday materials that are attracted to a magnet	knowing and explaining the different types of fossils, including body and trace fossil
Forces and	 knowing and explaining the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates 	knowing and identifying magnetic materials	knowing and explaining what soil is made from
magnets	<u> </u>	 knowing and explaining that a magnet has two poles, and predicting whether they will attract or repel each 	knowing and explaining the different types of material that make up soil, including rocks and organic matter
Physics	 knowing and identifying the structure of the different parts of flowering plants 	other	
Plants	 knowing and explaining the function of the parts of flowering plants 	 knowing and explaining that light is needed to see things 	
Biology	 knowing and explaining what plants need to live and grow, such as air, light, water, nutrients from soil and 	knowing and explaining that dark is the absence of light	
	space to grow knowing how water is transported within plants and	 knowing and explaining that light is reflected from surfaces and enters our eyes 	
Light	explaining the process of transpiration	knowing that the light of the sun can be dangerous and how to protect their eyes	
Physics	 knowing and explaining the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal 	knowing and explaining that shadows are formed when light from a source is blocked by an opaque object	
		knowing and explaining how shadows change size	





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Living things and their	knowing and explaining that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways, such as vertebrate or invertebrate and flowering and non-flowering plants	knowing and explaining that household appliances run on electricity from mains or batteries	knowing and explaining what matter and state means
habitats	 knowing, using and explaining the classification of vertebrates, such as fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds 	knowing, identifying and explaining what a simple single loop circuit is (also know as a simple series electrical circuit)	being introduced to simple models that explain what particles are
Biology	and mammals	knowing, identifying and explaining the component of a single loop circuit, such as cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers	knowing and explaining the difference between solids, liquids and gases, such as solids hold
States of	 knowing, using and explaining the classification of invertebrates, such as snails and slugs, worms, spiders and insects 	knowing and explaining 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	their shape, liquids form a pool not a pile and gases escape from an unsealed container
matter	knowing and use classification keys to group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local	knowing and explaining that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a single loop circuit	observing and knowing that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, such as water evaporating or butter melting
Chemistry	knowing and explaining the impact on living things if	knowing and identifying that some common conductors and insulators as well as associating metals with being good conductors.	knowing and using Celsius as a measure of temperature
Animals, including	their habitat changes	knowing and explaining that current is the flow of electricity through a circuit	knowing and explaining the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle
humans		knowing and explaining how sounds are made through vibrations and travel as waves	observing, knowing and explaining how the rate
Biology	 knowing and identifying the parts of the human digestive system, such as the mouth, tongue, teeth, oesophagus, stomach, small and large intestine 	knowing and explaining how sounds travel through a medium, such as a solid (wood), a liquid (water) or gas (air)	of evaporation is associated with temperature
Electricity	knowing and explaining the functions of the parts of the human digestive system, such as the mouth,	knowing and explaining how sounds travel through a medium to the ear as vibrations	
Electricity	tongue, teeth, oesophagus, stomach, small and large intestine	knowing and explaining that sound is the transfer of energy	
Physics	knowing and explaining the different teeth that carnivores and herbivores have and why this is	 knowing and explaining what pitch means – frequency of the sound wave knowing and explaining what loudness means – the size of the sound wave 	
	 important for their diet knowing, constructing and explaining food chains 	knowing, identifying and explaining patterns between the pitch of a sound and the features of the object that produced it, such as the length of an elastic band	
Sound	knowing and identifying producers, predators and prey in a food chain	 knowing, identifying and explaining patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it, such as the bang of a drum 	
Physics	in a loca chain	knowing and explaining that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases	





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Properties and changes of materials	 knowing, describing and explaining the changes humans go through to old age knowing and using a timeline to show stages of growth and development of humans, including puberty 	 knowing and explaining that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object knowing, identifying and explaining the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces, such as a parachute or a brake on a bike 	 knowing, identifying and grouping the properties of everyday materials, such as hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal) and response to magnets knowing and explaining how some materials dissolve in
Chemistry	knowing, comparing and explaining the difference in gestation periods of humans to other animals, such as an element or butterfly.	knowing and explaining how significant scientists, such as Isaac Newton or	liquid to form a solution
Animals, including humans	an elephant or butterfly	Galileo Galilei helped develop the theory of gravitation knowing, experiencing and explaining how the effect of friction on movement slows or stops moving objects	 knowing and describing how to recover a substance from a solution knowing and using their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated,
Biology	 knowing, identifying and explaining the differences in the life cycles of a mammal (dog), an amphibian (frog), an insect (ladybird) and a bird (chicken) 	 knowing and explaining that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect known as a force multiplier knowing and experiencing how levers, pulleys and gears multiply a smaller 	 Including through filtering, sieving and evaporating Including through filtering, by giving reasons based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the
Forces	knowing and explaining the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals	force to achieve a greater effect, such as removing a nail using a claw hammer, making simple pulleys and gears on a bike	particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic
Physics	knowing and explaining about a significant scientist, such as Maria Merion who David Attenborough described as one of the most important contributors to entomology	 knowing and identifying the eight planets in our solar system - Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune 	 knowing and explaining how dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes knowing and explaining that some changes result in the formation of new materials that are not usually reversible,
		knowing and identifying Pluto as a dwarf planet	such as burning
Earth in Space		knowing, identifying and explaining the movement of the Earth and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system	
Physics		knowing and explaining the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth	
Living things and their habitats		 knowing and explaining that a moon is a celestial body that orbits a planet, such as the Moon around Earth or the four large moons of Jupiter - Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto first seen by Galileo Galilei knowing and explaining that the Sun, Earth and Moon are approximately spherical bodies 	
Biology		knowing about Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky	





Examples of Cumulative End Goals – By the end of Year 6

	BIOLOGY	PHYSICS	CHEMISTRY
	Pupils develop an understanding of the concept of BIOLOGY through:	Pupils develop an understanding of the concept of PHYSICS through:	Pupils develop an understanding of the concept of CHEMISTRY through:
Electricity Physics Animals including humans Biology Animals including humans (water transport) Biology Light Physics Living things and their habitats	 knowing, identifying and explaining the main parts of the human circulatory system and describe the functions of the heart, aorta, pulmonary vein, left atrium, right atrium, left ventricle, right ventricle, arteries, veins and capillaries, oxygenated and deoxygenated knowing, identifying and explaining the components and function of blood, such as plasma, red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets, nutrients and oxygen knowing and explaining the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function knowing, describing and explaining the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans knowing and explaining how significant scientists helped us understand more about the circulatory system, such as Galen or William Harvey knowing and explaining how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals knowing and identifying the five major kingdoms of living things, including plant, animal, fungi, algae, slime and mould, and bacteria knowing and explaining how significant scientists, such as Aristotle or Carl Linnaeus, helped us understand more about classification knowing and explaining taxonomy knowing and explaining reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics, such as vertebrates or invertebrates knowing and using classification systems and keys to identify some animals and plants in the immediate environment 	 knowing and explaining how a single loop circuit (series circuit) works knowing and explaining how the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer is affected by the number and voltage of cells used in a circuit knowing, using and explaining the reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches knowing and using recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram knowing and explaining how to be safe when working with electricity knowing that light travels in straight lines to explain how objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye knowing and explaining that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes knowing that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them 	
Evolution and inheritance Biology	 knowing how to classify animals and plants they are unfamiliar with using a classification system knowing and explaining that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago, such as body fossils, mould fossils, cast fossils and trace fossils knowing and explaining that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents knowing, identifying and explaining how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution 		
	knowing and explaining about significant scientists who have helped us understand the theory of evolution, such as Alfred Wallace and Charles Darwin		







