BOLD = National Curriculum Objectives

Italics = Concepts

Year 2 expected				
Working scientifically	Chemistry	Biology	Physics	
Planning Investigations	Uses of everyday materials	Living things and their habitats		
·	·	Living things and their habitats Habitats provide living things with what they need Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other Explain how, for a named animal or plant, it gets what it needs from its habitat and other living things that are there Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats Identify a range of living things in habitats of various sizes. Describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food Construct a simple food chain and identify what is eating what.	Pilysics	
		Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy		

Conducting experiments

Pupils can use equipment to take Measurements

Observe closely, using simple equipment

• Examine carefully, e.g. using a hand lens.

Perform simple tests

 Conduct simple tests, e.g. setting up comparative tests to show that plants need water and light.

Recording evidence

Pupils record work with diagrams and label them

Record and communicate their findings in a range of ways and begin to use simple scientific language

 with assistance, draw and label diagrams, e.g. recording plants changing over time, starting from seed or bulb.

Reporting findings

Pupils process findings to develop conclusions and identify causal relationships

Identify and classify

 identify and group key outcomes from enquiry, e.g. describing Explore and identify what plants need to thrive.

<u>Plants</u>

Life exists in a variety of forms and goes through cycles

Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants

• Describe stages of development of a full grown plant.

Animals, including humans

Life exists in a variety of forms and goes through cycles – Animals

Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults

 Describe the relationship between adult animals and their offspring.

Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air)

• Identify human's basic needs.

The human body has a number of systems, each with its own function

Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene



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conditions in different habitats and		Describe the importance of a healthy			
how these affect the numbers and		diet and exercise.			
types of organisms.					
Conclusions and predictions					
Pupils can analyse data					
Gather and record data to help answer					
questions					
Collect data relevant to the					
answering of questions, e.g. seeing					
how the shapes of some materials					
can be changed.					
can be changed.					
Pupils can draw conclusions					
Use their observations and ideas to					
suggest answers to questions					
Answer enquiry questions using data					
and ideas, e.g. to help decide how					
the properties of certain materials					
make them suitable for certain					
applications.					
Year 2 challenging					
Working scientifically	Chemistry	Biology	Physics		
Planning Investigations	Uses of everyday materials	Living things and their habitats			
Pupils can ask questions	Materials have physical properties which	Habitats provide living things with what			
Ask simple questions	can be investigated and compared	they need			
• Develop relevant, testable questions.	Find out how the shapes of solid objects	Identify that most living things live in			
	made from some materials can be	habitats to which they are suited and			
Pupils can plan an enquiry	changed by squashing, bending, twisting	describe how different habitats provide			
Recognise that questions can be	and stretching	for the basic needs of different kinds of			

answered in different ways

Plan enquiry, such as a comparative or fair test.

Conducting experiments

Pupils can use equipment to take Measurements

Observe closely, using simple equipment

 Observe carefully and suggest useful measurements, e.g. examine a leaf and suggest measuring its length.

Perform simple tests

• Conduct a series of simple tests.

 Identify that some changes to shapes are permanent and others are temporary, and that this can influence their uses.

The physical properties of materials determine their uses

Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses

 For particular materials in particular uses, identify limitations as well as suitability.

animals and plants, and how they depend on each other

 Explain why there may be a limit as to how many of a certain living thing can live in a particular area

Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats

 Identify a range of living things and suggest why they may be found in that habitat.

Describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food

 Suggest, within a simple food chain, what might happen if one of the living things becomes scarce.

Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy

 Identify the effects of a shortage of each of the things that plants need to grow and stay healthy

Recording evidence

Pupils record work with diagrams and label them

Record and communicate their findings in a range of ways and begin to use simple scientific language

• Draw and label diagrams.

Reporting findings

Pupils process findings to develop conclusions and identify causal relationships

Identify and classify

• Suggest what an enquiry shows.

Conclusions and predictions

Pupils can analyse data

Gather and record data to help answer
questions

• Recognise patterns that relate to scientific ideas, when prompted.

Pupils can draw conclusions
Use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions

• use evidence to produce simple conclusion.

Plants

Life exists in a variety of forms and goes through cycles.

Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants

 Compare and contrast the growth patterns of different types of plants

Animals, including humans

Life exists in a variety of forms and goes through cycles – Animals

Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults

 Compare and contrast adults and their offspring for different animals.

Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air)

 Suggest how the basic needs of different animals influences their choice of habitat.

The human body has a number of systems, each with its own function

Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene

• Suggest effects of poor diet and hygiene.