



Science Subject Vision

Our **Science** provision provides the foundations for understanding the world through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics. Through building a strong foundation of knowledge in understanding of the world, our children will be able to ask their own questions about the world around them. Curiosity and questioning is developed through hands-on, engaging activities.

Big Ideas

Working scientifically is embedded in each lesson, so that children, sometimes with support, can ask and answer questions within the content of their learning.

Scientific enquiry includes examples of observing over time; pattern seeking; identifying and classifying; comparative and fair testing; and research using secondary sources.

Children develop spoken language through discussion to challenge and remedy misconceptions.

Teaching

The teaching of Science

Is clearly sequenced to build on prior knowledge

Allows children to develop language and questioning to enable scientific enquiry

Uses engagement tasks to encourage questioning

Is clearly scaffolded so all children are able to access learning

Retrieval Practice

Retrieval practice helps children to transfer ideas from working memory into the long-term memory.

Retrieval is spaced over time to support children in memorising knowledge.
Children have regular opportunities to retrieve through, mini quizzes, brain storming, use of technology and making explicit links to prior learning

Content and Sequencing

Our Science curriculum ensures that children have the prerequisite knowledge required in order to access new learning. In order to easily access information about prior knowledge and develop a sequence of lessons, teachers use the individual topic progression documents for each subject.

Making Progress

Using the topic progression documents and pupil asset to plan a sequence of lessons, progress is recorded through ticking off objectives on pupil asset.

Red – Objective taught but not met

Yellow – (WT) Objective understood with support

Green – (Met) Objective understood and links made with other areas of learning

Blue – (GD) Objective understood and can be generalised to a new area

Deepening Concepts

Cross-curricular links are made across a variety of subjects. With a secure knowledge of scientific and spoken language, children are given the opportunity to consider the effects of what they learned on themselves, the school environment and the wider world. Trips and events are used to highlight the importance of scientific enquiry and continue to encourage and promote questioning.

Support for all

Support for children within lessons includes:

Additional members of staff

Scaffolding of tasks

Questioning to support thinking

Practical equipment