

KS3 Science Curriculum Outline 2023-2024

reflection. Describe the basic structure of the eye and how

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6	
	Unit Title:		Unit Title:		Unit Title:		
	B2.1 Tissues and Organs		B2.2 Respiration and Photosynthesis		B2.3 Life Diversity		
	C2.1 Acids and Alkalis		C2.2 Changing Substances		B2.4 Nutrition		
	P2.1 Motion and Pressure		P2.2 Magnetism		C3.1 Periodic Table		
			P2.3 Resistance		P2.4 Light		
	Knowledge:	Knowledge:					
•	 Describe the key components of the muscular-skeletal 		Knowledge:		Knowledge:		
	systems and explain how these result in movement. Describe		• Construct the equation for aerobic respiration and explain		• Define the term variation and explain how this factor is		
	the structure of the respiratory system and apply knowledge			energy release. Describe the	affected by both the environm		
	of pressure to explain how breathing occurs. Explain the			iration and evaluate its effects on	Describe the difference betwe		
•		adaptations of the alveoli to ensure efficient gaseous		r the production of consumables	discontinuous variation inclu		
	exchange. Evaluate the effects of asthma, smoking and drugs		such alcohol and bread. Co		humans. Describe the process		
	on the human body.			gate practically how the rate of		ies. Explain why species become	
	relation to the pH scale. Use a variety of indicators to		photosynthesis can be affected by light intensity.Compare and contrast chemical and physical reactions		extinct and the impact of humanity on this issue. Describe artificial selection and evaluate its uses.		
			 Compare and contrast che through practical experime 		 Define the term balanced diet 		
		identify the pH of common chemicals and household		emical reaction. Interpret chemical	the scientific food groups. Inv		
Year	products. Describe the chemical reactions of acids, including neutralisation and with a variety of metals and metal			ids. State the Law of Conservation	identify proteins, sugars, starc		
	compounds, through practical experimental observation and				Describe the key components		
8	chemical word equations.		of Mass and apply this understanding to balance chemical equations on a variety of practical experiments.		explain their specific function		
	-			ation to being a non-contact force		ain the function of enzymes in	
		apply this understanding to calculate the average speed of an		and repulsion. Draw magnetic		n to digestion. Describe the key	
	object during a journey. Describe the term relative motion		_	their properties. Compare the	mineral ions that plants requi		
		qualitatively and quantitatively. Explain the term		agnets and electromagnets,		of atoms including their basic	
	acceleration in terms of rate of change of speed. Construct			n be controlled using electrical	electronic configurations. Def	ine the term isotope and	
	and interpret distance-time gr	and interpret distance-time graphs for a variety of scenarios. Define the term pressure and calculate its value from		rs that affect the strength of	identify the differences betwee	en given examples of isotopes.	
	Define the term pressure and			e these concepts through practical	Describe the history behind the	he atomic model and the	
	experimental data using the equation. Skills:		experimentation. Explain v	why the Earth has a magnetic field	periodic table with an aim to	explain why scientific theories	
				e different North Poles (magnetic,		hy the periodic table is arranged	
			geographic).			d on the properties of elements	
	Use a range of equipment, analyse	-		l resistance and use Ohm's Law to	and their electronic structures		
e: co	draw conclusions, present data, communicate ideas, construct explanations, critique ideas/opinions, justify ideas/opinions, collect data, devise questions, plan variables, test hypothesis, estimate risks, examine consequences, review theories &			p with current and potential	• Describe light in terms of way		
				resistance of a wire using practical		st investigating their properties	
				g how lengths of wire will affect		ation. Construct ray diagrams to	
			this value. Apply understar	nding resistance to series and	show the how materials affect	_	

parallel circuits studied in year 7.

interrogate sources.

		Skills: Use a range of equipment, analyse patterns, discuss limitations, draw conclusions, present data, communicate ideas, construct explanations, critique ideas/opinions, justify ideas/opinions, collect data, devise questions, plan variables, test hypothesis, estimate risks, examine consequences, review theories & interrogate sources.	 the shape of the lens and cornea affect the focusing of light on the retina. Compare the lens of a camera and the human eye including how they focus light rays to produce an image. Explain the relationship between the primary colours and white light with applications to how our bodies interpret these colours. Skills: Use a range of equipment, analyse patterns, discuss limitations, draw conclusions, present data, communicate ideas, construct explanations, critique ideas/opinions, justify ideas/opinions, collect data, devise questions, plan variables, test hypothesis, estimate risks, examine consequences, review theories & interrogate sources. 	
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Year 7	 Unit Titles: A1.1 Introduction to Science B1.1 Cells C1.1 Particles P1.1 Forces Knowledge: Gain a key understanding core experimental procedures including variables, methods and analysis as well as a key understanding of laboratory safety. Describe the key structure in a variety of plant and animal cell types including specialised cells. Use microscopes to view cells and make appropriate estimations of cellular sizes using micrographs. Describe the properties of different states of matter and be able to explain why changes of state occur. Describe the processes of diffusion, gas pressure and density through practical experimentation relating to real world contexts. Explain what forces are and the effects of resultant force through diagrams. Investigate the forces of elastic potential and friction through practical experiment, analyse patterns, discuss limitations, draw conclusions, present data, communicate ideas, construct explanations, critique ideas/opinions, justify ideas/opinions, collect data, devise questions, plan variables, test hypothesis, estimate risks, examine consequences, review theories & interrogate sources. 	 Unit Titles: B1.2 Reproduction C1.2 Atom, Elements and Compounds P1.2 Space Knowledge: Gain an understanding of how organisms reproduce both sexually and asexually both at the cellular level and in larger organisms. Describe the processes of the menstrual cycle and the key stages in the development of an embryo. Explain how plant cells reproduce and why plants have to use vectors to reproduce. Develop an accurate conceptual understanding of the nature of matter. Explain that the properties of a substance are directly linked to the type and arrangement of particles that make it up. Define atoms, elements, compounds and molecules as well as recognise different types of atom by learning about the periodic table and its structure. Describe the properties of metals and non-metals. Describe the key observations of a chemical reaction through practical experiments. Develop understanding of the force of gravity and explain between mass and weight using their understanding of gravitational field strength through mathematical calculation. Describe how gravity keeps objects in orbit and the composition of the solar system. Describe the difference between natural and artificial satellites. Describe how the Earth's orbit and tilt effects the seasons and the reasoning behind eclipses. Skills: 	 Unit Title: B1.3 Interdependence C1.3 Mixtures P1.3 Energy P1.4 Electrical Circuits Knowledge: Describe using food chains/webs producers, predators and prey in given examples. Describe the levels of organisation within an ecosystem and how to sample this practically. Explain the term interdependence and how competition is vital for the survival of a species within the environment. Describe the difference between mixtures and solutions. Describe practical techniques to separate mixtures through filtration, evaporation, distillation and chromatography. State that energy can be measured in Joules and describe how energy can be stored and carried. Calculate the energy content of different foods using practical experimentation. Explain why energy can be wasted in a system especially with regards to efficiency. Describe how electrical circuits are constructed using components and circuit diagrams. Explain the difference between series and parallel circuits as well as construct these circuits practically using equipment provided. Describe the terms current, charge and potential difference whilst measuring their values using practical equipment. Skills: Use a range of equipment, analyse patterns, discuss limitations, draw conclusions, present data, communicate ideas, construct explanations, critique ideas/opinions, justify ideas/opinions, collect data, devise questions, plan variables, test hypothesis, 	

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Key/Legend/Notes:

- KS3 Unit Codes:
 - o A All
 - o B Biology
 - C Chemistry
 P Physics