





Science Working Scientifically Progression Plan

	Planning		Observing		Recording	Cor	ncluding	Evaluating
Year	Asking questions	Planning detail	Using	Making	Presenting	Drawing	Explaining evidence	Evaluating
Group			equipment	observations	evidence	conclusions		outcomes
Year 3	Asks questions	Recognises when	Selects from a	Makes	Gathers,	Reports on	Provides explanations	Suggests how an
	independently	to answer a	wider range of	relevant	records,	findings from	for simple patterns in	enquiry might be
	and generate own	question by using	equipment	observations	classifies and	enquiries,	results, referring to	improved.
	ideas to explore	a fair test method	what to use in	throughout an	presents data	including oral	everyday experiences	
	through Scientific	and when other	an	investigation.	in a variety of	and written,	when explaining	With support,
	enquiry.	methods might be	investigation.		ways to help	displays or	reasoning.	recognises some
		needed.		Uses standard	in answering	presentations of		of the limitations
			Uses basic	measuring	questions.	results and		and significance of
		In a fair test	equipment	equipment for		conclusions.		evidence.
		identifies what to	correctly,	quantities,	Sometimes			
		keep the same and	safely and	such as	creates own	Makes a general		
		sometimes ant to	with	volume and	tables and bar	statement about		
		change and	increasing	temperature.	charts, using	simple patterns		
		measure.	accuracy.		ICT where	they notice in a		
					appropriate.	set of results.		
					Interprets a			
					line graph with			
					support.			
Year 4	Asks questions	Knows when to	Uses a wide	Chooses to	Selects the	Makes a	Relates explanations	Suggest how much
	and offers ideas	answer a question	range of	make a series	most	comparative	of patterns in results	to trust results,
	for a range of	by using a fair test	equipment for	of	appropriate	statement,	to	identifying some
	scientific enquiry.	method and when	example	observations	way to present	sometimes	scientific knowledge	of the limitations
		better evidence	thermometers	that will add	evidence they	referring to the	and understanding	of evidence.
	With support,	could be	and data	to the	have	factors under	when explaining	
	improves focus of	generated in other	loggers,	evidence they	collected.	investigation.	reasoning.	Suggests new
	question to clarify	ways, e.g. through	correctly,	collect while				questions and

its scientific	a survey, diary/log	safely, and	investigating.	Records	Identifies	predictions for
purpose	or research.	accurately.		findings using	differences,	setting up further
			With support,	drawings,	similarities, or	tests.
	Sets up a fair test	Deals with	takes accurate	labelled	changes related	
	controlling	most	readings on	diagrams, bar	to simple	
	variables, what to	equipment	measuring	charts, tables	scientific ideas	
	keep the same,	difficulties	equipment,	and graphs,	and processes.	
	what to change,	independently	recognising	using ICT		
	measure or	before asking	when to	where	Uses	
	observe.	for help if	repeat them	appropriate.	straightforward	
		necessary.			scientific	
				Uses simple	evidence to	
				scientific	answer questions	
				language	or to support	
				effectively to	their findings	
				communicate		
				outcomes.		

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Year Group	Asking questions	Planning detail	Using equipment	Making observations	Presenting evidence	Drawing conclusions	Explaining evidence	Evaluating outcomes
Year 5	Independently asks questions and offers ideas for scientific enquiry, which have a clear scientific purpose.	Identifies the most appropriate enquiry methods to use to generate evidence needed to solve problems and answer scientific questions. Plan familiar enquiry types in appropriate detail	Selects the most appropriate equipment to use in a range of contexts and enquiries. Takes measurements using a range of science equipment with increasing accuracy and precision.	Chooses to make a series of observations or measurements that will add to the quality of the evidence collected while investigating	Records data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams, classification keys, tables, bar and line graphs and models. Communicates findings in written form, displays and uses other forms of presentation. Uses scientific language to communicate increasingly detailed analysis.	Where appropriate, makes a comparative statement, describing relationships between factors being investigated. Uses simple models to help describe scientific ideas	Relates explanations of evidence gathered to scientific knowledge and understanding. Makes generalisations about what that evidence seems to indicate.	Recognises some of the limitations of their evidence and can suggest why it should not be trusted. Uses test results to set up further comparative tests.
Year 6	Recognises scientific questions that do not yet have	Selects methods to use to solve problems or answer questions, including a full range of enquiry methods, which are planned	Explains why particular pieces of equipment or information	Repeats sets of observations or measurements, where appropriate,	Decides on the most appropriate formats to present sets of	Uses scientific evidence to answer questions or support	Provides explanations for differences repeated observations or	Evaluates the effectiveness of their working methods, making
	definitive answers.	in detail.	sources will provide better	selecting suitable ranges	scientific data, such as using	findings.	measurements, identifying	practical suggestions for

	quality	and intervals,	line graphs for	Draws valid	reasons for any	improving
	evidence.	to give	continuous	conclusions	anomalies	them.
		sufficient	variables.	that utilise	noticed.	
		depth of		more than one		Identifies
		evidence.	Communicates	piece of		scientific
			findings in	supporting		evidence that
			written form,	evidence.		has been used
			across a range			to support or
			of genre, and			refute ideas or
			uses multi-			argument
			media and			
			other forms of			
			presentation			