

Key Stage 3 Curriculum Map: Science

Year 7	Autumn 1		Autumn 2	
	Introduction to Investigative Skills	Topic 1 Particles Q – What is all matter made from?	Topic 2 Cells and Organisation Q – What is the basic unit of life?	Topic 3 Forces Q – Why and how do objects move?
	Students will cover: How to work safely in a Science laboratory, how to identify and draw scientific apparatus, how to safely use a Bunsen Burner, how to carry out an investigation and present the data in tables, bar graphs and line graphs, how to analyse the results of experiments and draw conclusions.	Students will cover: classifying materials, states of matter, changes of state. The difference between Brownian motion and diffusion. Evaporation. Gas pressure. Developing and explaining how a model can be used to explain concepts. Diffusion, and planning experiments, graph skills and introducing how to evaluate methods.	Students will cover: the structure of plant and animal cells. How to use a microscope to view cells. The adaptations of specialised cells to allow them to do their job. Introduction to tissues, organs and organ systems, including the Skeletal and Muscular Systems.	Students will cover: different types of forces. How to measure force. Looking for patterns in data. Introducing graph skills. Working safely in a laboratory. How to represent balanced and unbalanced forces. Air and water resistance.
		Multiple Choice Quiz and key assessment per topic		
	Spring 1		Spring 2	
	Topic 4 Atoms, Elements, Compounds and mixtures Q –How are particles arranged in molecules and compounds and why are they arranged in specific numbers?	Topic 5 Energy Q – How is energy stored and used?	Topic 6 Solutions Q – How do particles mix in solutions, and can these be separated?	Topic 7 Nutrition and Digestion Q - How do organ systems function? How do we keep ourselves healthy?
	Students will cover: the differences between atoms, elements, compounds and mixtures. The properties of metals. What happens when you react 2 elements together and start to use formulae. Using word equations to explain the reactions. Designing and carrying out experiments to determine if a substance is a compound or element. Taking accurate readings to produce a cooling curve.	Students will cover: ways of describing energy. Energy stores and transfers. Energy resources and the problems with fossil fuels. Ways of describing energy. Investigating alternative forms of energy. Investigating the energy stored in food. Units to describe energy. Alternative forms of energy and the energy stored in food.	Students will cover: mixtures and solutions. Temperature and solubility. Dissolving. How to separate mixtures via distillation, evaporation and chromatography. Applying Knowledge and understanding of particle theory to explain the outcomes, practical skills, safety in the workplace. The conservation of matter.	Students will cover: healthy and unhealthy diets, food tests, the digestive system and how enzymes work. Linking back to the energy in food.
	Mid-year assessment : particles, cells and organisation, Forces, atoms, elements compounds and mixtures			
	Summer 1		Summer 2	
	Topic 8 Chemical reactions Q – How can we recognise when a reaction has occurred?	Topic 9 Electricity Q - Can I build and explain a working circuit?		Topic 10 Reproduction Q - How do organs systems function? How do animals reproduce? What happens as we reach adolescence?
	Students will cover: how to light and use a Bunsen, measuring temperature and volume precisely. How to identify when a reaction has occurred. Introducing word equations. Combustion, thermal decomposition and endo and exothermic reactions. Applying knowledge and understanding of particle theory.	Students will cover: how to set up a circuit, fault finding, health and safety, problem solving. Static electricity. Charge and current. Measuring current and potential difference. Developing models.		Students will cover: adolescence and body changes. Self-awareness, Maturity. Reproductive anatomy. Fertilisation, implantation and pregnancy. The menstrual cycle. Making links back to KS2 plant reproduction. Investigating how pollination and seed dispersal occur. The importance of pollinators to our food production. Their effects of drugs on our health including the effects of smoking and alcohol on the unborn child.
End of year assessment : All content taught up to, and including, Chemical reactions.				

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Year 8	Autumn 1			Autumn 2	
	Topic 1 Heating and cooling Q – What happens to the particles in materials when they are heated and cooled?	Topic 2 Acids and Bases Q – are all acids harmful?	Topic 3 Sound and Hearing Q – How do I hear the world around me?	Topic 4 Gas exchange and respiration Q - How do our organ systems function? How can we keep ourselves healthy?	Topic 5 Forces in Action Q – What causes forces to increase or decrease and how can we measure the effects of this?
	Students will cover: the difference between thermal energy and temperature. What is density? Expansion and contraction, Linking back to Yr 7 particle theory to explain these concepts. Heat transfers linking back to energy; conduction, convection and radiation. Applying knowledge and understating of all of this to explain how a vacuum flask works.	Students will cover: risk assessing / how to work safely in a lab, and the steps they can take to be responsible for their own safety during practical work. Names of apparatus. What pH is and how is it measured? Neutralisation, uses of neutralisation. Measuring volume precisely, using simple lab apparatus, planning SC1, research and application to the real world.	Students will cover: how sound energy is transferred, linking this back to Yr 7 energy stores. Pitch and loudness. How hearing loss occurs and discuss ways to prevent this / keeping us safe. Applications of sound e.g. ultrasonic cleaning, microphones, loud-speakers.	Students will cover: Aerobic respiration and the word equation for this. Anaerobic respiration. How the ribs and diaphragm allow humans to do breathe, to allow efficient gas exchange and how the lungs are adapted for this. The size of your lungs and the composition of inhaled and exhaled air. The effects of exercise on breathing rate and how increased breathing and heart rate allow more oxygen to be delivered to respiring cells. The effects of smoking and asthma on breathing and gas exchange.	Students will cover: how to calculate speed and how represent it on graphs. Pressure and how this applies to animals. Hydraulics and pneumatics. Moments.
	Multiple Choice Quiz and key assessment per topic				
	Spring 1			Spring 2	
	Topic 6 DNA Q – What is DNA and how does this cause the diversity of life on the Earth?	Topic 7 Electricity revisited and Topic 8 Magnetism Q - What is magnetism and how does this link to electricity?	Topic 9 The Periodic Table Q – How are elements arranged?	Topic 10 Light Q – How do we see?	
	Students will cover: chromosomes and DNA, linking this back to Yr 7 cells. The role scientists made in the most important discovery of the 20th century. How DNA causes variation and leads to natural selection / adaptation / extinction. The importance of conserving biodiversity.	Students will cover: magnetic fields and how to represent these. What makes a material a magnet and why some materials can be magnetised. Electromagnets and the uses of these. How magnets can be used to make a motor.	Students will cover: the varying physical and chemical properties of elements, how the Periodic Table is arranged and why.	Students will cover: how light is transmitted and the speed of light. The laws of reflection,. Reflection, refraction and the dispersion of light. About colours and how a camera works, linking to the human eye.	
	Mid year assessment :Year 7 content, heating and cooling, atoms elements compounds and mixtures, sound and hearing, gas exchange and respiration, forces in action.				
	Summer 1			Summer 2	
	Topic 11 The Earth Q – How are rocks formed and recycled?	Topic 12 Ecosystems and biodiversity Q – How are humans affecting the planet and why is it important to maintain biodiversity on Earth?		Topic 13 Gravity and Space Q – How do objects in space interact?	
	Students will cover: the composition of the Earth and its atmosphere. You will learn about the rock cycle and the formation / structure of igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rock. How fossils are formed.	Students will cover: The process of photosynthesis and the importance of plants in the composition of the Earth’s atmosphere and as producers in food chains . How the structure of the leaf is adapted for photosynthesis. Why plants need mineral ions and how other organisms obtain their nutrients via chemosynthesis. Food chains and how human influences can disrupt these and damage ecosystems, making links back to Yr 7 energy. How organisms are adapted to their environment and about competition between organisms.		Students will cover: the universe, the solar system, day, night and the seasons. Gravity and the difference between mass and weight. The phases of the moon, eclipses and how we could detect alien life. Size and scale.	
	End of year assessment : All content taught up to, and including, ecosystems.				

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Year 9	Autumn Term			
	Topic B1 Cell structure and Division Q – What is the structure of different types of cells Q -How and why do cells replace themselves?	Topic C1 Metals Q - How do we obtain metals? Q - How do we represent reactions?		Topic P1 Energy Q - How is energy used usefully or wasted?
	Students will cover: cell structure (plant, animal and bacteria), specialised cells and how and why cells divide (mitosis) and specialise. Stem cells and the uses of stem cells in modern medicine. Required practicals: Using a microscope to observe cells	Students will cover: The Properties of metals. Word equations and balancing equations. The periodic table and the Reactivity Series. Explore the factors that cause corrosion.		Students will cover: the development of energy stores and the processes by which energy can be transferred. Work done, energy changes in gravitational, kinetic and elastic potential stores using the relevant mathematical relationships. Conservation of energy through changes in the stores. Dissipation of energy leading to the idea of efficiency. The rate of energy transfer in different systems through the through the concept of power.
	Multiple Choice Quiz and key assessment per topic			Mid Year Assessment – B1, C1 and P1 content
	Spring term			
	Topic B2 Cell Transport Q – How do substances move in and out of cells?	Topic C2 Atomic structure Q - What are Atoms?		Topic P2 Energy Resources and Generating Electricity Q - What are the best ways of using energy to generate electricity, travel or heat our homes?
	Students will cover: how substances enter and exit cells by diffusion, active transport, and osmosis. The factors that affect the rate of diffusion in and out of cells. How cells and exchange surfaces are adapted to maximise the rate of diffusion and active transport. Required Practical to investigate osmosis in potato tissue.	Students will cover: The Structure of atom and the history of the atom. Isotopes. Understanding of Formulae		Students will cover: the different sources of energy that are used to generate electricity, run transport or provide heating for homes. Non renewable and renewable resources such as biofuels, nuclear, fossil fuels, wave power, wind power, geothermal, solar, hydroelectricity and tidal technology and an evaluation of these. Comparing the energy resources and how the different resources could be applied in combination to meet changing energy demands of electricity.
	Summer Term			
	Topic B3 Tissues, organs and organ systems Q – How are our organ systems adapted to their functions?	Topic C3a Separating Mixtures Q - How do we make salts?	Topic C3b Clean Water Q - How does clean water get to our taps?	Topic: P3 Heat Transfer and Molecules and Matter Q -How is a house kept at the right temperature inside? Q - How does heating a substance change its temperature or state?
	Students will cover: How cells tissues, organs and organ systems are organised. How tissues are adapted to their function. How the digestive system anatomy is adapted to ensure efficient digestion and absorption of nutrients. How the human circulatory system and plant transport systems work	Students will cover: Distillation and Chromatography Acids and Bases to make Salts. Linking back to Year 7 work on these topics.	Students will cover: How water of appropriate quality is essential for life. How, for humans, drinking water should have sufficiently low levels of dissolved salts and microbes. How water that is safe to drink is called potable water and how this is not pure water in the chemical sense because it contains dissolved substances. Treating waste water.	Students will cover: Understanding of the heating and cooling processes, which transfers energy within a material or from one object to another. Thermal conductivity and the differences in the processes of thermal conduction . Finally, the reduction of energy transfers to the surroundings by insulation, such as loft or cavity wall insulation will be studied and applied to the context of reducing energy loss in buildings to reduce heating costs including prioritising home improvements in line with payback time.
End of Year Assessment – B1, B2, C1, C2, P1 and P2 content			Students will cover: The different states of matter and kinetic theory. This leads to a discussion of the concept of density by calculating the density of solids and liquids. Finally, changes of state and internal energy of a substance.	