



EYFS curriculum - progression map
Understanding the World: The Natural World



Classes	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
2 year olds	Children will join in with songs about their bodies.	Children will notice that materials will change when mixed together.	Children will operate push pull toys.	Children will make observations of plants.	Children will explore different materials.	Children will spend time outdoors and talk about the natural world.
Nursery	Children will know the names of body parts: heads, arms, hands, legs, feet, neck. Children will make collections of natural materials to talk about. Children will know that this time of year is Autumn.	Children will know how materials can change when cooked.	Children will know how materials change when melting. Children will name the different forces they can feel using toy vehicles and ramps.	Children will know that seeds can turn into plants. Children will understand that fruit and vegetables grow as a plant. Children will plant and grow a fruit/vegetable/herb	Children will select appropriate materials to make a house for the 3 Little Pigs.	Children will begin to recognise the awe and wonder of the natural world by exploring the outdoors. Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.
Reception	Children will know the names of body parts: shoulders, elbows, knees, ankles. Children will explore natural outdoor resources. Children will know that this time of year is Autumn and explore the changes that happen.	Children will know how materials change when cooking, cooling and heating.	Children will know that this time of year is Winter. Children will make observational drawings of the natural world. Children will investigate the different forces they can feel using toy vehicles and ramps to adjust the speed.	Children will explore the origins of different foods. Children will know that different food groups have different effects on their bodies. Children will know how to care for a plant. Children will know that this time of year is Spring.	Children will explore floating and sinking. Children will explore suitable floating aids for the Gingerbread Man. Children will explore the strength of materials to make a house for the 3 Little Pigs.	Children will know the names of the 4 seasons and weather associated with them. Children will know that this time of year is Summer. Children will understand the term 'recycling' and name some materials that they can recycle. Children will understand

						the term pollution and explore its effect on our environment.
Links to Y1	Children will be able to name and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.	Children will be able to identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock.	Children will be able to work scientifically by observing closely the natural world.	Children will be able to identify and describe the basic features of a flower/tree.	Children will describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.	Children will identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.