

TLA ~ Year 4 Science Progression



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Cornerstones Topic	Potions	I am Warrior	Burps, Bottoms and Biles	Blue Abyss	Traders and Raiders	
Unit title	Materials – States of Matter (A,B,C)	Electricity (A,B,C,D,E)	Animals and Humans (A,B,C)	Living Things and their habitats (A,B,C,D)	Plants (A,B,C,D)	Light and Sound (A,B,C,D,E)
Programme of study	Compare and group materials together according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. (A) Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens. (B) Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate the of evaporation with temperature. (C)	Identify common appliances that run on electricity. (A) Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. (B) Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuits, based on whether or not the lamp is a part of a complete loop with a battery. (C) Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit. (D) Recognise some common conductors an insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors. (E)	Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system, in humans. (A) Identify the different types of teeth, in humans, and their simple functions. (B) Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey. (C)	Recognise that animals can be grouped in a variety of ways. (A) Explore and use classification keys to help group identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment (animals). (B) Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things (animals). (C) Construct and interpret a variety of food chains; identifying producers, predators and prey. (D)	Recognise that living things plants can be grouped in a variety of ways. (A) Explore and use classification keys to help group identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment (plants). (B) Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things (plants). (C)	Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating. (A) Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. (B) Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produce it. (C) Find patterns between the volume of a sound the strength of the vibrations that produced it. (D) Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. (E)
Skills	Group and sort materials according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. Observe and explain that some materials change	Compare common household equipment and appliances that are and are not powered by electricity.	Be able to describe the journey of food through the digestive system. Describe what damages teeth and how to look after	Compare, sort and group living things (animals) in a variety of ways, based on observable features and behaviour.	Compare, sort and group living things (plants) in a variety of ways, based on observable features and behaviour.	Be able to explain how sounds are made and heard using diagrams, models, written methods or verbally.
	state when they are heated or cooled and	Describe materials as conductors or insulators.	them.	Construct and interpret a variety of food chains to		Compare and find patterns in the pitch of a sound,

measure or research the temperature in degrees Celsius at which materials change state.	Construct operational simple circuits using a range of components and switches for control.	Describe the four different types of teeth in humans and other animals and describe their functions. Construct and interpret a variety of food chains and webs to show interdependence and how energy is passed on over time.	show interdependence and how energy is passed on over time. Explain how adaptations help living things (animals) survive in their habitat. Explain how unfamiliar habitats, such as an ocean, can change over time and what influences these changes.	Explain how adaptations help living things (plants) survive in their habitat.	using a range of equipment, such as musical instruments. Compare and find patterns in the volume of a sound, using a range of equipment, such as musical instruments. Compare how the volume of a sound changes at different distances from the source.
Know that materials can be grouped according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. Know that solids stay in once place and can be held. Know that some solids can be squashed, bent, twisted and stretched. Know liquids move around (flow) easily and are difficult to hold. They take the shape of the container in which they are held. Gases spread out to fill the available space and cannot be held. Know air is a mixture of gases. Know that heating or cooling materials can bring about a change of state and this change can be reversible or irreversible.	Know that electricity is a type of energy. It is used to power many everyday items such as kettles, computers and televisions. Know electricity can come from batteries and batteries eventually run out of power and need to be recycled or recharged. Batteries power devices which can be carried around e.g. mobile phones and torches. Know that electrical components include cells, wires, lamps, motors, switches and buzzers. Know switches open and close a circuit and provide control. Know that electrical conductors allow electricity to flow through them, whereas insulators do not. Know that common electrical conductors are metals and insulators are wood, glass, plastic and rubber.	Identify and name the parts of the human digestive system. Know the functions of the organs in the human digestive system. Identify and know the different types of human teeth. Know the characteristics of the teeth of herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. Know the functions of different types of human teeth. Know that food chains show what animals eat within a habitat and how energy is passed on over time. Know that changes within a food chain have an impact on the entire food chain	Know how to use classification keys to identify and name living things. Know how changes to an environment could endanger living things. Know how to use and construct food chains to identify producers, predators and prey.	Know how to use classification keys to identify and name living things. Know how changes to an environment could endanger living things.	Know that when an instrument is played, the air around or inside it vibrates. These vibrations travel as a sound wave. Sound waves travel through a medium, such as air, water and metal. Know that pitch is how high or low a sound is. Know that parts of an instrument that are shorter, tighter or thinner produce highpitched sounds and parts of an instrument that are longer, looser or fatter produce low-pitched sounds. Know volume is how loud or quiet a sound is. The harder an instrument is hit, plucked or blown – the stronger the vibrations and the louder the sound. Sounds are louder closer to the sound source and fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.

Progression	 Pre unit assessment and 	1. Pre unit assessment and	1. Pre unit assessment and	 Pre unit assessment and 	1. Pre unit assessment and	1. Pre unit assessment and
	Prior learning/foundational	Prior learning/foundational	Prior learning/foundational	Prior learning/foundational	Prior learning/foundational	Prior learning/foundational
	knowledge	knowledge	knowledge	knowledge	knowledge	knowledge
	2. LO: know the properties	2. LO: know and describe	2. LO: know and describe	2. LO: group animals in	2. LO: group plants in	2. LO: explain and describe
	of solids, liquids and gases.	that electricity is an energy	that food chains show	different ways – giving	different ways – giving	how sounds are made.
	3. LO: compare and group	and which everyday	what animals eat	reasons for groupings	reasons for groupings	3. LO: explain and describe
	solids, liquids and gases	appliances that use it.	3. LO: explore and describe	3. LO: use classification	3. LO: use classification	how sounds travel to the
	based on their properties.	3. LO: know different	the different diets of prey	keys to identify and name	keys to identify and name	ear
	Retrieval point	sources of electricity	and predators.	living things.	plants.	Retrieval point
	4. LO: observe and	including batteries	4. LO: explain how	Retrieval point	Retrieval point	4. LO: investigate and
	describe changes of state	Retrieval point	changes in the food chain	4. LO: explore changes	4. LO: explore changes	observe how the shape of
	– heating – inc evaporating	4. LO: construct and	can impact the entire food	that occur in different	that occur in different	an object effects the
	Investigation	describe different electrical	chain.	habitats and explain the	habitats and explain the	sound it makes.
	5. LO: observe and	circuits	Retrieval point	impact on living things.	impact on living things.	Investigation
	describe changes of state	Retrieval point	5. LO: know and describe	Retrieval point	Investigation	Retrieval point
	- cooling - inc condensing	5. LO: explore and describe	the 4 types of teeth in	5. LO: know that	Retrieval point	5. LO: explore and find
	Retrieval point	conductors and insulators	humans and animals and	adaptations effect living	5. LO: know that	patterns between the
	6. LO: explain and describe	6. LO: Investigation —	their function.	things and explain how it	adaptations effect plants	volume of sound and the
	the water cycle.	conductors and insulators	6. LO: know and describe	helps them survive in	and explain how it helps	strength of vibration
	Retrieval point	Retrieval point	what damages teeth and	different habitats.	them survive in different	6. LO: investigate the
		Kemevai poimi	how to care for them,	6. LO: investigate how	habitats.	impact of distance on
			Investigation	adaptations effect living	6. LO: investigate how	sound. Investigation
			Retrieval point	things in their environment	adaptations effect plants	Retrieval point
			7. LO : know the main	Investigation	in their environment	kemevai poirii
			organs in the digestive	Retrieval point	Retrieval point	
			system.	The second secon		
			8. LO: explain the function			
			and role of the organs in			
			the digestive system.			
			Retrieval point			
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Working Scientifically	Questioning	Measurement	Investigation	Observation
Year 4	Ask relevant scientific questions, independently,	Take accurate measurements in standard	Begin to independently plan, set up and carry out a range	Begin to choose which observations to make and for
	about the world around them and begin to identify how they can answer them.	units, using a range of equipment.	of comparative and fair tests, making predictions and following a method accurately.	