

Understanding the world (Science) Sequencing Document - Year R (2023-2024)

Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Once upon a time	Sparkle and shine	Dangerous Dinosaurs	Puddles and rainbows	Let's explore	Build it up
Enquiry Questions:	What properties to different materials have? (Materials)	What does shiny mean? (Light)	What did dinosaurs eat? What happens when a volcano erupts? (Habitats)	What is weather? (Weather)	What grows in our environment? (Plants)	Which materials are best for building: (Materials)
Understanding the world EYFS framework	-Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.	-Sort and group materials and resources and talk about how they are similar or differentExplore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.	-Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.	-Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.	-Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.	Describe their immediate environmen using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.
Knowledge content	-Living things change over time. This includes growth and decaySome materials are magnetic, which means that they are attracted to (pull towards) a magnet. Some metals are magnetic. Other materials are nonmagnetic, such as wood, dough and glass.	-Shiny materials reflect light. Non-shiny objects do not reflect lightObjects are made from different materials. Everyday materials include, wood, plastic, glass, fabric, metal and stone. Materials have different properties.	-A shadow is the same shape as the object that makes it. Shadows change during the dayCarnivores are animals that eat other animals. Herbivores are animals that eat plantsVolcanos erupt when the magma leaves the ground and becomes lava.	-There are four seasons in the United Kingdom: spring, summer, autumn and winter. Each season has typical weather patternsSpring is one of the four seasons. You can get all types of weather in the springNatural phenomena include weather, shadows, rainbows, clouds, flooding and waves.	-Litter has a harmful effect on the areas where we live, work and play. People need to put their rubbish into the bin and not throw it on the groundPlants need water, soil and sunshine to growHow plants grow.	Objects can be compared and grouped according to their shape, colour, material or use. Objects are made from different materials. Everyday materials include, wood, plastic, glass, fabric, metal and stone. Materials have different properties.
Skills content	-Explore the natural world around them and give simple descriptions, following observation, of changesIdentify that materials have different properties and explore and sort magnetic and non-magnetic materials through play and exploration.	-Name and sort everyday items into groups of the same material. -With support, observe, record and talk about materials and living things.	-Make a shadow bigger or smaller using toys, play equipment and a light sourceRepresent scientific observations by mark making, drawing or creating simple charts and tables. Offer explanations for why things happen, making use of vocabulary, such as, because, then and nextMix ingredients to cause a reaction.	-Record observations about the way the local environment changes throughout each seasonName and describe natural phenomena, such as the size of shadows, the colours of a rainbow, the speed of clouds moving across the sky and the strength of a wave.	-Describe ways to look after the immediate environmentUnderstand the life cycle of a plant.	Compare and group objects and materials according to simple given criteria. Name and sort everyday items into groups of the same material.
Sequence of learning:	1-Exploring apples and change over time. 2-Exploring materials- waterproof, magnetic	1-Sorting materials 2-Exploring light and the effect it has on objects. 3-Is it shiny?	1-Shadow dinosaurs 2-Carnivore or herbivore? 3-Volcano eruption	1-Types of weather 2-It's raining 3-Water cycle	1-How do we care for our environment? 2-Life cycle of a plant 3-Planting seeds 4-Caring for plants	1-Which materials shall we build with 2-Sorting materials
Vocabulary:	Explore Investigate Change Decay magnetic Waterproof Materials fruit observe practical enquiry predict differences similarities question explain predict what might happen	observe practical enquiry predict differences similarities question explain predict what might happen light shiny effect dull metal plastic shine reflect reflection	observe practical enquiry predict differences similarities question explain predict what might happen shadow light light source larger smaller volcano erupt eruption reaction	observe practical enquiry predict differences similarities question explain predict what might happen weather symbols rain snow sunshine storm clouds precipitation water cycle	observe practical enquiry predict differences similarities question explain predict what might happen life cycle plant environment growth soil water sunshine planting litter	observe practical enquiry predict differences similarities question explain predict what might happen materials sorting build waterproof metal plastic fabric suitable strong