Buckfastleigh Science curriculum 2020-21

| | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
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| Year 1 | Seasonal changes Changes across the seasons, weather and length of day. (2019-2020 – will be taught in science week, march 2020) | Everyday materials Identify and compare everyday materials, know some properties. | | Animals inc humans name and label parts of human body and how they relate to senses | Animals, including humans Identify and name common animals (amphibians, birds, reptiles, fish and mammals), identify carnivores, herbivores and omnivores,) | Plants Identify and name some common plants (inc. trees) and describe their basic structure. |
| Year 2 | Living things and their habitats Classification of living, dead has never been alive, habitats, simple food chains. | Uses of everyday materials Identify and compare everyday materials for particular uses according to their properties, how the shape of solids can be changed. | Animals, including humans Animal offspring, what animals (inc. humans) need to survive, the importance of healthy eating, exercise and hygiene. | | | Plants Growth of seeds and bulbs into mature plants, what plants need to grow well (water, light and suitable temperature). |
| Year 3 | Plants The function of parts f a plant, requirements of plant life and how it varies, life cycle (inc. pollination, seed formation and dispersal). | Light Understanding the effect of the presence of light, reflection, protecting our eyes and how shadows are formed. | Animals, including humans Nutrition – food groups and healthy eating, skeletons and muscle. | | Forces and magnets Compare movements of different surfaces (friction), magnetic force, magnetic materials. | Rocks Compare and group, fossils and soils. |
| Year 4 | Living things and their habitats Grouping of living things, classification and effects of environmental change on living things. | Electricity Simple circuits (cells, wires, bulbs, batteries, switches and buzzers), open and closed circuits, common conductors and insulators. | Solids, liquids and gases, changes of state, evaporation an condensation, the water cycle. | Sound How sounds are made (vibrations), patterns in pitch and volume, sound sources. | Animals, including humans The digestive system, teeth and their function, food chains (predators, prey and producers). | |
| Year 5 | Properties and changes of materials Group materials according to their properties, dissolving and recovery of materials from a solution, filtering, sieving, evaporation and condensation, changes in state, reversible and irreversible changes, burning of materials. | | Earth and Space Our solar system, Earth's orbit around the sun, the movement of the moon, day and night. | Forces Gravity, friction, air resistance, water resistance, up thrust, gears and pulleys. | Living things and their habitats Life cycles of mammals, insect, amphibians and birds, reproduction in some plants and animals. | Animals, including humans Human development into old age (inc. Puberty) |
| Year 6 | Electricity How number of cells affects brightness of bulbs and loudness of buzzers, on/off switches and recognise symbols in a simple circuit. | Animals, including humans Circulatory system, function of the heart, blood vessels and blood, impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle, how nutrients and water are transported. | Evolution and inheritance How living things change over time – fossils as evidence, Offspring and how adaptation leads to evolution. | | Living things and their habitats Classification including micro- organism, animals and plants, reasons for classifying based on specific characteristics. | Light How light travels in straight lines, how objects are seen by our eyes, how shadow shape and direction are formed because of how light travels. |