

# Windy Nook Primary School

# Key Learning in Science Y1

Please Note: Much of the learning in Year 1 can be done throughout the year using the school and the local environment. For example plants can be observed to make a linked to seasonal change and weather at various different times. Materials could be linked to a different creative theme throughout the year. Key learning can also be covered as a blocked science unit in its own right to introduce or consolidate learning at other times.

### Plants: Common Names and Basic Structure

### Pupils should be taught to:

Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees.

Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.

### Notes and Guidance (non-statutory):

Pupils should use the local environment throughout the year to explore and answer questions about plants growing in their habitat. Where possible, they should observe the growth of flowers and vegetables that they have planted.

They should become familiar with common names of flowers, examples of deciduous and evergreen trees, and plant structures (including leaves, flowers (blossom), petals, fruit, roots, bulb, seed, trunk, branches, stem).

### Pupils might work scientifically by:

Observing closely, perhaps using magnifying glasses. Comparing and contrasting familiar plants.

Describing how they were able to identify and group them, and Drawing diagrams showing the parts of different plants including trees.

Keeping records of how plants have changed over time, for example the leaves falling off trees and buds opening. Comparing and contrasting what they have found out about different plants.

# Animals - Humans

Pupils should be taught to:

Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. Recognise that humans are animals.

Compare and describe differences in their own features (eye, hair, skin colour, etc.).

Recognise that humans have many similarities.

### Notes and Guidance (non-statutory):

Pupils should have plenty of opportunities to learn the names of the main body parts (including head, neck, arms, elbows, legs, knees, face, ears, eyes, hair, mouth, teeth) through games, actions, songs and rhymes.

Pupils might work scientifically by using their observations to: Compare and contrast animals (humans) at first hand or through videos and photographs.

Using their senses to compare different textures, sounds and smells

# Animals - Other Animals Pupils should be taught to:

Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, and including pets).

Find out and describe how animals look different to one another. Group together animals according to their different features. Recognise similarities between animals:

 Structure: head, body, way of moving, senses, body covering, tail.

Animals have senses to explore the world around them and to help them to survive.

Recognise that animals need to be treated with care and sensitivity to keep them alive and healthy.

Animals are alive; they move, feed, grow, use their senses and reproduce.

# Notes and Guidance (non-statutory):

Pupils should use the local environment throughout the year to explore and answer questions about animals in their habitat. They should understand how to take care of animals taken from their local environment and the need to return them safely after study. Pupils should become familiar with the common names of fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including those that are kept as pets.

Pupils might work scientifically by using their observations to:

Compare and contrast animals at first hand or through videos and photographs.

Describing how they identify and group them.

|  | Grouping animals according to what they eat. Using their senses.                    |  |
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| Material Properties - Everyday Materials   | Light and Astronomy – Seasonal Change   |  |
| Pupils should be taught to:  | Pupils should be taught to:   |  |
| Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made.                                | Observe changes across the four seasons.  |  |
| Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and | Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies. |  |
| rock. Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.                    | , 3   |  |
| Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical     | Notes and Guidance (non-statutory):   |  |

## properties. Notes and Guidance (non-statutory):

Pupils should explore, name, discuss and raise and answer questions about everyday materials so that they become familiar with the names of materials and properties such as: hard/soft; stretchy/stiff; shiny/dull; rough/smooth; bendy/not bendy; waterproof/not waterproof; absorbent/not absorbent; opaque and transparent. Pupils should explore and experiment with a wide variety of materials, not only those listed in the programme of study, but including for example: brick, paper, fabrics, elastic, foil.

## Pupils might work scientifically by:

performing simple tests to explore questions, for example: - 'What is the best material for an umbrella? ...for lining a dog basket? ...for curtains? ...for a bookshelf? ...for a gymnast's leotard?'

#### Notes and Guidance (non-statutory):

Pupils should observe and talk about changes in the weather and the seasons.

Note: Pupils should be warned that it is not safe to look directly at the Sun, even when wearing dark glasses.

## Pupils might work scientifically by:

Making tables and charts about the weather and Making displays of what happens in the world around them, including day length, as the seasons change.

| Sort / group / compare /   | Research  | Modelling                          | Recording of Observation  | Questioning  | Planning  |
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| classify / identify  |   | _                                  |   | _  | _   |
| Name/identify common examples and some common features (Y1/2). With help, decide how to sort and group objects, materials or living things. Say/identify how different things change objects, materials or living things.  Make comparisons between simple observable features/characteristics of objects, materials and living things.  Say how things are similar or different.  Recognise basic features of objects, materials and living things. | Find out about the work of famous scientists (historical & modern day) (Y1/2). Use simple and appropriate secondary sources (such as books, photographs and videos) to find things out / find answers. (Y1/2). Ask people questions (Y1/2). |                                    | Begin to communicate and record their findings using simple scientific language. Begin to use simple scientific language to talk about what they have. Use their own ideas to offer answers to questions. Observe and discuss / talk about / draw/ keep records of changes over different periods of time. Observe closely and discuss / talk about / draw /record the features/properties of things in the real world. | Ask simple questions stimulated by the world around them. Demonstrate curiosity by the questions they ask. | Begin to choose ways to find answers Perform simple tests/comparative tests. Talk about ways of answering their questions. Use different types of scientific enquiry. Experiment with a wide variety of things. |
| Equipment & Measurement  | Communication & Recording   | Describe Results                   | Explain my results  | Trusting my results  | Collaborating   |
| Observe using non-standard units e.g.  | Present their findings in a range of  | Sequence photographs of an         | Read and spell scientific vocabulary  |  |   |
| how many lolly   | ways using templates where  | event/observation. Observe changes | (Y1/2). Suggest how things happen.  |  |   |
| sticks/cubes/handfuls, etc.  | necessary e.g. talk/discuss;  | over different periods of time and | Use their observations and ideas to   |  |   |
| Observe closely, using simple  | write/describe; draw pictures;  | discuss/talk/record about what has | suggest answers to questions. Begin   |  |   |
| equipment (e.g. hand lenses, egg   | annotated photographs; video;   | happened. Talk/ discuss/           | to use simple scientific language to  |  |   |
| timers). Observe closely using their   | make/construct tables, charts and   | describe/record about what they    | talk about what they have found out.  |  |   |

| senses (Y1). | displays. Communicate their ideas to | have seen/ what has happened. | Talk about what they have found out |  |  |  |
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|              | a range of audiences in a variety of |                               |                                     |  |  |  |
|              | ways.                                |                               |                                     |  |  |  |
|              | Begin to use some simple scientific  |                               |                                     |  |  |  |
|              | language.                            |                               |                                     |  |  |  |
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### RRSA Article Links

During this key learning the following articles will be addressed:

Article 12: You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.

Article 13: You have the right to find out things and share what you think with others, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms or offends other people.

Article 24: You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well.

Article 28: You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

Article 29: Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.