

## Progression of skills: Working Scientifically

		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Posing questions	WS1	<p>I can explore the world around me</p> <p>I can raise my own simple questions.</p>	<p>I can recognise there are different ways to answer a question</p> <p>I can respond to suggestions of how to answer questions</p>	<p>I am beginning to raise further questions during the enquiry process.</p> <p>I consider what makes a testable question.</p>	<p>I am beginning to recognise that there are different types of enquiries that are suitable for different questions.</p> <p>I am beginning to make suggestions about how different questions could be answered.</p>	<p>I raise questions throughout the enquiry process.</p> <p>I can identify testable questions.</p>	<p>I can select the most appropriate enquiry method to answer questions and give justification.</p>
	WS2	<p>I am beginning to recognise whether a test is fair.</p>	<p>I can order a simple method.</p> <p>I can decide if suggested observations are suitable.</p>	<p>I am beginning to select from options which variables will be changed, measured, and controlled.</p> <p>I can suggest what observations to make and how long to make them for.</p> <p>I can plan a simple method, verbally and in writing.</p>	<p>I am beginning to write a simple method in numbered steps.</p> <p>I can select and begin to decide what simple equipment might be used to aid observations and measurements.</p>	<p>I can suggest which variables will be changed, measured, and controlled.</p> <p>I can explain their decisions about what observations to make and how long to make them for.</p> <p>I can write a method including detail about how to ensure control variables are kept the same</p>	<p>I can write a method that considers reliability by planning repeated readings.</p> <p>I can suggest the most appropriate equipment to make observations and measurements and justifying their choices.</p>
Predicting	WS3	<p>I make suggestions about what might happen, often justifying with personal experience.</p>		<p>I make predictions using scientific knowledge to explain.</p> <p>I am beginning to consider cause and effect when making predictions</p>	<p>I can predict a trend by considering how the changing variable will affect the measured variable.</p>	<p>I make increasingly scientific predictions informed by my knowledge and evidence.</p>	<p>I can make predictions using scientific language, making links between topics.</p>
Observing Qualitative Data	WS4	<p>I can use my senses to describe, in simple terms, what I notice or what has changed.</p>		<p>I can use my senses to describe, in more detail and with simple scientific vocabulary, what I notice or what has changed.</p>		<p>I can use my senses to describe, in detail and with a broader range of scientific vocabulary, what I notice or what has changed.</p>	

Measuring (quantitative data)	WS5	<p>I can use non-standard units to measure and compare.</p> <p>I am beginning to use standard units to measure and compare.</p> <p>I am beginning to use measuring equipment.</p>	I can read simple numbered scales.	<p>I can use standard units to measure and compare.</p> <p>I can use measuring equipment with increasing accuracy.</p>	I am able to read scales with unmarked intervals between numbers.	I can use standard units to measure and compare with increasing precision (decimals).	I read a wider variety of scales with unmarked intervals between numbers.
Researching	WS6	I can gather specific information from one simplified, specified source.		I can gather specific information from a variety of sources.		I can gather answers to open-ended questions from a variety of sources.	
Recording (diagrams)	WS7	I can draw and label simple diagrams.		I am beginning to draw more scientific diagrams using some standard symbols and scientific vocabulary		<p>I can draw scientific diagrams by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using a wider range of standard symbols.</li> <li>• Drawing with increasing accuracy.</li> <li>• Labelling with a broader range of scientific vocabulary.</li> <li>• Annotating diagrams to explain concepts and convey opinions.</li> </ul>	
Recording (tables)	WS8	<p>I can use a prepared table to record results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers.</li> <li>• Simple observations.</li> <li>• Tally frequency.</li> </ul>		<p>I can use tables with more than two columns.</p> <p>I can identify and add headings to tables.</p> <p>I am beginning to design simple results tables</p>		<p>I can use tables with columns that allow for repeat readings.</p> <p>I can suggest headings to tables, including units.</p> <p>I can design results tables with increasing independence with consideration of variables where applicable.</p>	

Grouping and Classifying	WS9	<p>I can group based on visible characteristics.</p> <p>I can organise questions to create a simple classification key.</p>	<p>I can calculate the mean/average.</p>	<p>I can group based on visible characteristics and measurable properties.</p> <p>I can populate a pre-prepared branching and number key.</p> <p>I can choose appropriate questions for classification keys.</p>		<p>I can group in a broader range of contexts.</p> <p>I can organise the layout of number and branching keys.</p> <p>I can formulate appropriate questions for classification keys.</p>	
Graphing	WS10	<p>I can represent data using pictograms and block charts.</p>		<p>I can represent data using bar charts.</p> <p>I can draw bars with greater accuracy.</p> <p>I can read the value of bars with greater accuracy</p>		<p>I can represent data by using line graphs and scatter graphs.</p> <p>I can plot points with greater accuracy.</p>	<p>I can read the value of plotted points with greater accuracy.</p>
Analysing and drawing conclusions.	WS11	<p>I can use my results to answer simple questions.</p> <p>I am beginning to recognise when results or observations do not match my predictions.</p>		<p>I can write a conclusion to summarise findings using simple scientific vocabulary.</p> <p>I am beginning to suggest how one variable may have affected another.</p> <p>I am beginning to quote results as evidence of relationships.</p>	<p>I can identify data that does not fit a pattern (anomalous data).</p> <p>I can recognise when results or observations do not match my predictions.</p> <p>I am beginning to use identified patterns to predict new values or trends.</p>	<p>I can write a conclusion to summarise findings using increasingly complex scientific vocabulary.</p> <p>I can suggest with increasing independence how one variable may have affected another.</p> <p>I can quote relevant data as evidence of relationships.</p>	<p>I am able to identify anomalies in repeat data and excluding results where appropriate.</p> <p>I am able to compare individual, class and/or model data to the prediction and recognising when they do not match.</p> <p>I am able to use identified patterns to predict new values or trends.</p>
Evaluating	WS12	<p>I am beginning to recognise whether a test is fair or not.</p>		<p>I am beginning to identify steps in the method that need changing and suggest improvements.</p> <p>I am beginning to identify which variables were difficult to control and suggesting how to better control them.</p>		<p>I identify steps in the method that need changing and suggest improvements.</p> <p>I can identify which variables were difficult to control and suggest how to better control them.</p> <p>I can comment on the degree of trust by also reflecting on:</p>	

				<p>I am beginning to identify new questions that would further the enquiry.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accuracy (human error with equipment).</li><li>• Reliability (repeating results).</li><li>• Sources of information (e.g. websites, books).</li></ul> <p>I can pose new questions in response to the data, that would extend the enquiry.</p> <p>I can decide what data to collect to further test direct relationships.</p>	
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