## Aims for Science

The national curriculum for science aims to ensure that all pupils:

•develop scientific knowledge and conceptual understanding through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics

•develop understanding of the nature, processes and methods of science through different types of science enquiries that help them to answer scientific questions about the world around them

•are equipped with the scientific knowledge required to understand the uses and implications of science, today and for the future

Pupils should be taught to:

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| ***Working Scientifically***  •asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways  •observing closely, using simple equipment  •performing simple tests  •identifying and classifying  •using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions  •gathering and recording data to help in answering questions (year 2 only) |
| ***Plants***  •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 |
| ***Animals including humans***  •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 including pets)  •identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense |
| ***Everyday materials***  •distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made  •identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock  •describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials  •compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties |
| ***Seasonal changes***  •observe changes across the 4 seasons  •observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies |