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Class 3: Year C: Summer Term

Science

Focus area in Nat Curriculum	Living things and their habitats (Y4)				
NC objectives - key knowledge to learn	Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things				
Enquiry Types	Pattern seeking, observation over time, identifying, classifying and name.				
Relevant prior learning		Prior learning	Teaching points/notes		
	EYFS	Explore similarities and differences in animals			
	Y1	Some animal classification			
	Y2	Look at life cycles and offspring			
	Y3	Animal skeletons			
Enrichment opportunities	Abington Woods and locality- explore a range of habitats				
Outdoor learning	Create perfect habitats for a range of creatures / animals- mounds / STEAM area.				
Equalities, diversity and inclusion					
Assessment of learning	 Vocabulary - pre and post Unit assessment Initial assessment activities to gauge how much children have retained from previous learning about living things Bath Spa Assessment Low-stakes quizzing and retrieval activities at start of lessons Discussions - highlight misconceptions and clarify Use of vocabulary when writing up investigations and research 				
Vocabulary	Science Vocabulary Document				

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Focus area in Nat Curriculum	Plants (Y3)				
NC objectives - key knowledge to learn	Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers.				
	Explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant				
	Investigate the way in which water is transported within plants				
	Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal				
Enquiry Types	Pattern seeking, observation over time, identifying, classifying and name.				
Bolovent prior		Prior learning	Teaching points/notes		
Relevant prior learning	EYFS	Identify plants in the locality			
	Y1	Name common flowering / non flowering plants			
	Y2	How seeds grow and what plants need to grow			
	Y3	Functions of plants, water transportation through stem, seed / flower life cycle			
Enrichment opportunities	Greenhouse area- plant own flowers / plants and monitor				
Outdoor learning	As above Use of Abington to explore natural seed dispersal				
Equalities, diversity and inclusion	Plants from all over the world				
Assessment of learning	 Vocabulary - pre and post Unit assessment Initial assessment activities to gauge how much children have retained from previous learning about living things Bath Spa Assessment Low-stakes quizzing and retrieval activities at start of lessons Discussions - highlight misconceptions and clarify Use of vocabulary when writing up investigations and research 				
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Focus area in Nat Curriculum	Light				
NC objectives - key knowledge to learn	 recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light notice that light is reflected from surfaces recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change. 				
Enquiry Types	Observing over time, pattern seeking				
Relevant prior learning		Prior learning	Teaching points/notes		
	YR	Children will have identified different light sources.	Children will have been given the chance to explore torches in a		
	Y1	Children will have identified natural and man made light.	darkened room. Children may have created stained glass effect pictures to show how natural light changes the colour.		
	Y2				
	Y3	Children will have investigated how light changes colour through coloured acetate.			
Enrichment opportunities					
Outdoor learning	Class sundial/shadow investigation on the playground.				
Equalities, diversity and inclusion	Talk and research a range of Scientists.				
Assessment of learning	Shadow testing - Bath Spa (Y3/4)				
Vocabulary	Science Vocabulary Document				