Science at St Matthias

Intent: At St Matthias, we want all of our children to become confident and capable scientists who are able to investigate the world around them and clearly communicate their findings in a range of ways. Our aim is to foster a sense of curiosity about the world while providing children with both the scientific skills and knowledge needed to ask and answer questions which emerge from this curiosity. We want our children to see themselves as scientists, both in the present and within their futures and we aim to provide them with aspirations to work in the field of science

EYFS

We have selected the **most relevant** statements from Development Matters age ranges for Three and Four-Year-Olds and Reception as well as highlighting the statements

For more detail about linked subject progression within the EYFS Framework, please refer to EYFS framework.

	Year 1: Science skills, knowledge and understanding								
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 1 Spring 2		Summer 2			
	Everyday Material	Seasonal Changes		uding humans	PI	ants			
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Big Question	Why did the third little pig make his house out of bricks?	Why is it cold in winter?	How are animals different?		What would a plant put on its wish list?				
Skills			losely, using simple en municating: Identify and record data to	equipment to perfori y and classify help in answering qu	m simple tests.				
Knowledge	-Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is madeIdentify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock -Observe changes across the four seasons. - Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.		-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.		-Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen treesIdentify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.				

	-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.		-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.	
Key vocabulary	wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock hard/soft; stretchy/stiff; shiny/dull; rough/ smooth; bendy/not bendy; waterproof/not waterproof; absorbent/ not absorbent; opaque/transparent	Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter, light, dark, sun, rain, fog, sun, hail, snow, sleet, cloud, climate, season, weather, Earth, months, day, night	carnivore, omnivore, herbivore, reptile, mammal, fish, bird, amphibian, body, head, neck, arms, elbows, legs, knees, face, ears, eyes, hair, mouth, teeth	trees, plants, flowers, deciduous, evergreen, flowering, leaves, blossom, petals, fruit, roots, bulb, seed, trunk, branch, stem

Assessment questions	- I can distinguish between an object and the material from which it is madeI can identify and name a variety of everyday materialsI can describe the simple physical properties of everyday materialsI can compare and group together a variety of everyday materials.	-I can observe changes across the four seasonsI can observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies I can talk about the weather.	-I can identify and name a variety of different types of common animalsI can identify and name a variety of common animals based on what they eatI can describe and compare the structure of a variety of animalsI can identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human bodyI can identify which part of the body is associated with each sense.	-I can identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen treesI can identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. * I can use the local environment to explore and answer questions about plants growing in their habitats.
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	Year 2: Science skills, knowledge and understanding										
	Autumn 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2							
Overview	Uses of everyday materials	Animals, including humans	Living things an			ants					

Big Question	Which material would make the best wellies?	How do animals survive?	Who lives where?	What would a plant put on its wish list?
Skills	-			
Knowledge	- Recording: Gather Reflecting: Discuss observations and - Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. - Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. - Reflecting: Discuss observations and - Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. - Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air). - Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.		-Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. -Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. -Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats . -Describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.	-Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. -Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. -Pupils should use the local environment throughout the year to observe how different plants grow. -Pupils should be introduced to the requirements of plants for germination, growth and survival, as well as to the processes of reproduction and growth in plants.
Key vocabulary	opaque, twist, bend, transparent, translucent, reflective, squash, rigid,	offspring, adult, mammal, human, survival, exercise, healthy, heart, balance, diet,	living, dead, never been alive, move, grow, offspring, habitats, pond, meadow, woodland, microhabitat,	seeds, bulb, fully grown, water, light, damp, wet, dry, hot, warm, cool, cold, grow, growth, health, shoot, seedling, wither, die,

	non-reflective	protein, fats, carbohydrates	suitable, food chain, shelter	dry, soil, earth
Assessment questions	* I can identify a range of everyday materials. * I can identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials for particular uses. * I can find out how the shapes of objects can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.	* I can notice that animals, including have offspring which grow into adults. * I can find out about and describe the basic needs of living things. * I can describe the importance of exercise for humans. * I can describe the importance of eating the right amounts of different types of food. * I can understand the importance of hygiene.	*I can compare and explore the difference between things that are living, dead and things that have never been. * I can identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats. * I can describe how different habitats provide living things with the things that they need to survive. * I use simple food chains and identify and name different sources.	*I can observe the growth of plants. * I can describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. * I can find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

	Year 3: Science skills, knowledge and understanding									
	Autumn 1 Autumn 2 Spring 1 Spring 2 Summer 1 Summer 2									
Overview	Forces	Light	Animals, inclu	•	Plants	Rocks				

Big Question	Do all forces involve contact?	Why can we see in the dark?	Why are our bodies special?	How does your garden grow?	Where is best to build a house?			
Skills	 Questioning: Ask relevant questions and use different types of scientific enquiry to answer them. Investigating: Set up simple, practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests; using equipment to measure accurately. Communicating: Make well-explained predictions and create explanations.using models and diagrams. Recording: Gather and record data in a variety of ways; present and interpret results using scientific language. Reflecting: Justify choice of methods to evaluate investigations and draw conclusions; suggesting ideas for improvements. 							
Knowledge	- Reflecting: Justify choice of methodowledge -Compare how things move on different surfaces. -Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance. -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 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 they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light notice that light forces reflected from surfaces -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 they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light notice that light is reflected from surfaces		-Identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. -Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.	- 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	-Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock. -Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.			

	magnet, and identify some magnetic materials. -Describe magnets as having two poles. -Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other,			dispersal.	
	depending on which poles are facing				
Key vocabulary	force, contact, non-contact, push, pull, attract, repel, pole, north, south, surface, friction, magnetic, non-magnets, magnetic field, distance	light, source, object, straight line, eye, reflection, refraction, convex, concave, shadow, angle, opaque, translucent, transparent, direction	nutrients, nutrition, balanced, carbohydrate, protein, vegetables, fruit, fat, dairy, vitamin, minerals, energy, skeleton, protect, muscles, support, movements, organs, bones	function, parts, flowering, non-flowering,, requirements, nutrients, transported, seed dispersal, pollination, life cycle, photosynthesis	rocks, hard, soft, rough, smooth, texture, soil, absorb, fossil, crystals, layers, permeable, non-permeable, clay, chalk, slate, properties

Assessment questions	* I can compare movement on surfaces. * I can observe properties of magnets, described as having two poles and predict whether two magnets will attract or repel. * I can compare and group together materials on basis of magnetism and predict whether two magnets will attract or repel.	* I can know that light is needed to see things *I can recognise sunlight can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect eyes. * I can notice light is reflected from surfaces. * I can recognise how shadows are formed and find patterns in the size of shadows.	* I can identify the right types and amounts of nutrition that animals need. * I know that animals cannot make their own food. * I can identify the purpose of skeletons and muscles for some animals.	* I can identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants. I can investigate water transport in plants. * I can explore the requirements of plants for life and growth and how these vary. * I can explore the role of flowers in the life cycle of flowering plants.	* I can compare and group different types of rock. * I can describe in simple terms how fossils are formed. * I can recognise that soil is made from rocks and organic matter.
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Year 4: Science skills, knowledge and understanding							
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2	

Overview	Animals, including humans	Living things, including their habitats	Electricity	Sound	States of Matter			
		their Habitats	(4)	八 沙	G+0			
Big Question	Do we just need our teeth to eat?	How can we tell the difference between living things?	What do we need in order to create power?	Why do objects make different sounds?	Why do materials change state?			
Skills	 Questioning: Ask relevant questions and use different types of scientific enquiry to answer them. Investigating: Set up simple, practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests; using equipment to measure accurately. Communicating: Make well-explained predictions and create explanations.using models and diagrams. Recording: Gather and record data in a variety of ways; present and interpret results using scientific language. Reflecting: Justify choice of methods to evaluate investigations and draw conclusions; suggesting ideas for improvements. 							

Knowledge	-Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans -Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions -Construct and interpret a variety of food chains. -Identifying producers, predators and prey.	-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.	-Identify common appliances that run on electricity. -Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery. -Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit. -Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.	-Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating. -Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. -Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it. -Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it. -Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.	-Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. -Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C). -Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.
Key vocabulary	digestive system, saliva, intestine, rectum, saliva, nutrients, incisor, canine, molar, food chain, producer, prey,	Classify, classification key, environment, habitat, human impact, hibernate, migrate	component, device, appliance, mains, conductor, insulator, connection, circuit, current, symbol, wire, switch, cell, battery, buzzer, ammeter, volt metre	source , travel, vibration, pitch, volume, vacuum, sound installation, louder, fainter, higher, lower, ear, hear	states of matter, solid, liquid, gas, evaporate, condensation, state change, water cycle, temperate, degrees celsius,

	predator.				
Assessment questions	* I can describe the functions of the basic parts of the human digestive system. * I can identify different human teeth and their functions. * I can construct and interpret food chains (producers, predators, prey).	* I can group living things, using/constructing classification keys. * I can describe how habitats provide for the basic needs of living things. * I can recognise environmental threat	* I can identify electrical appliances. * I can construct simple circuits, identifying the function of cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. * I can recognise common conductors and insulators.	* I know vibrations create sound. *I can explain how vibrations travel from a sound source through a medium to the ear. * I can identify how pitch and volume are created and how they can be changed.	* I can compare and group materials together. * I can observe materials changing state. * I can accurately use a thermometer and record temperature in °C. * I can explain the role of evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.

	Year 5: Science skills, knowledge and understanding								
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2			
Overview	Earth and Space	Living things and their habitats	Properties and changes of materials		Forces	Animals, including humans			
Big Question	What would it be like to live in space?	Do all species start as an egg?	How do materials change?		How could forces keep us safe?	How will we change as we grow older?			
Skills	- Questioning : Can answer questions that have been raised from scientific enquiries.								

	 Investigating: Plan different types of enquiries, recognising and controlling variables. Carry out comparative and fairs tests and using equipment to measure accurately, Communicating: Can make predictions based on test results and use scientific language to communicate findings. Recording: Present findings in a variety of different ways, using diagrams, classification keys, tables and graphs Reflecting: Justify arguments based on scientific evidence, explain the degree of reliability in results, and draw conclusions from enquiries. 								
Knowledge	-Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. -Describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth. -Describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies. -Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.	-Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. -Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.	-Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency,conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets. -Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution. -Use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating. -Give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and	-Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object. -Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces. -Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.	Describe the changes as humans develop to old age.				

			plastic. -Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes. -Explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials, and that this kind of change is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda.		
Key vocabulary	Planet, solar system, Earth, Sun, Moon, movement, spherical, orbit, rotate, stars, atmosphere, gravity, universe,	Life cycle, reproduce, live young, fertilise, metamorphosis, asexual, plantlet, runners, cuttings, bulbs, similarities, differences	materials, properties, thermal, insulator, conductor, electrical, mixture, change of state, dissolve, solution, soluble, insoluble, sieve, filter, reversible, irreversible	force, air resistance, gravity, Earth, friction, surfaces, simple machines, mechanisms, cogs, gears, levers, pulleys	life cycle, life stages, reproduction, frail, elderly, develop, menstruation, puberty, hormones
Assessment questions	* I can describe the movement of the planets, as approximately spherical bodies, relative to the Sun in the solar system. * I can describe the movement of the	I can describe differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. * I can describe reproduction in some plants and animals. * I can study naturalists	* I can compare and group together everyday materials based on their properties. * I know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution. * I can decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and	* I can explain the effects of gravity. *I can identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction. * I can recognise some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears.	* I can describe the changes as humans develop to old age (including changes during puberty).*

Moon relative to the Earth.	and animal behaviourists and raise questions	evaporating. * I can demonstrate that
* I can explain day	about their local	dissolving, mixing and changes
and night and the	environment throughout	of state are reversible changes.
apparent movement	the year.	* I can explain that some
of the sun across the		changes result in the formation
sky.		of new materials and that this
		is not usually reversible.

	Year 6: Science skills, knowledge and understanding								
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2			
Overview	Living things in their habitats	Light - C	Evolution and Inheritance		Animals, including humans	Electricity			
Big Question	How can animals be grouped?	Why can't I see around corners?	Why aren't there any dinosaurs in Hackney?		How does my body transport blood?	How can I fix a circuit?			
Skills	 Questioning: Can answer questions that have been raised from scientific enquiries. Investigating: Plan different types of enquiries, recognising and controlling variables. Carry out comparative and fairs tests and using equipment to measure accurately, 								

	- F	Recording: Present findings	oredictions based on test results and in a variety of different ways, using scientific evidence, explain the deg	g diagrams, classification keys	s, tables and graphs
Knowledge	-Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals. -Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.	-Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines. -Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye. -Explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes. -Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.	-Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. -Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents. -Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.	Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. -Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function. -Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.	-Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit -Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches. -Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.
Key vocabulary	vertebrate, invertebrate, characteristics, categorise,	light, source, object, straight line, eye, reflection, refraction, convex, concave,	offspring, characteristics, suited, adapted, adaptation, fossil, evolution, inheritance, inherited, species, variation,	pulse, heart rate, pulse, organs, function, blood, vessels, nutrients, water, oxygen, carbon dioxide,	circuit, complete circuit, diagram, symbols, cell, battery, bulb, buzzer, switch, motor, voltage, switch, wire, connection,

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questions living t classifi similar differe * I am o reason	able to provide ns for fying plants and	* I can understand that light travels in straight lines. * I know that objects are seen because they give out light or reflect into the eye. * I can explain that shadows have the same shape because light travels in a straight line.	* I can recognise that living things change over time. * I can observe that fossils provide information. * I know that living things produce offspring that are similar but often vary. * I can identify how animals and plants adapt to their environment– which leads to evolution.	* I can identify and name main parts of the circulatory system. * I can describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. * I can describe the ways water and nutrients are transported in animals.	* I can relate the brightness of the lamp/volume of the buzzer to the cell voltage. * I can compare reasons for variation in brightness, volume, for a component. * I can recognise symbols in a simple circuit diagram.