KS2: MEDIUM TERM PLANNER Light Y3

Pupils should be taught to:

- recognise that they need light 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

The principal focus of science teaching in lower key stage 2 is to enable pupils to broaden their scientific view of the world around them. They should do this through exploring, talking about, testing, and developing ideas about everyday phenomena and the relationships between living things and familiar environments, and by beginning to develop their ideas about functions, relationships and interactions. They should ask their own questions about what they observe and make some decisions about which types of scientific enquiry are likely to be the best ways of answering them, including observing changes over time, noticing patterns, grouping, and classifying things, carrying out simple comparative and fair tests and finding things out using secondary sources of information. They should draw simple conclusions and use some scientific language, first, to talk about and, later, to write about what they have found out.

'Working scientifically' is described separately at the beginning of the programme of study but must always be taught through and clearly related to substantive science content in the programme of study. Throughout the notes and guidance, examples show how scientific methods and skills might be linked to specific elements of the content. Pupils should read and spell scientific vocabulary correctly and with confidence, using their growing word-reading and spelling knowledge.



During years 3 and 4, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content:

- asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them
- setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests
- making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers
- gathering, recording, classifying, and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions
- recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables
- reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions
- using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements, and raise further questions
- identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes
- using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.

Prior Learning:

- Explore how things work. (Nursery Light)
- Talk about the differences in materials and changes they notice. (Nursery Light)
- Describe what they see, hear, and feel whilst outside. (Reception Light)
- Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. (Y1 Animals, including humans)
- Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. (Y1 Materials)

Future learning:

- Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines. (Y6 Light)
- 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. (Y6 Light)
- 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. (Y6 Light)
- Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them. (Y6 Light)

Key Questions (show how content and concepts link) Differentiated Learning Objectives	Teaching and learning activities (linked directly to objectives)	Resources (to help pupils reach the learning objectives)	Written and non -written outcomes (assessment including homework's)
1) What is light? SCIENCE CAPITAL: How does	Science reasoning task: explorify: In the shade - Explorify	Activity 1: Shadow book by Robert Stevenson.	Assessment: can pupils identify the various light sources.
this lesson connect with children in my class? Why is light important to you? How does it affect your everyday life? Science Working scientifically Skills: ??? **Description** **Description** Science Enquiry Type**	Activity 1: Read the book, shadow and pupils to come up with questions linked to book and topic light. Activity 2: complete reading comprehension linked to book. Activity 3: identify light sources and use Venn diagram to classify them.	Activity 2: reading comprehensions Activity 3- classify- table for pictures/ objects of light sources to classify	Homework: note down all the light sources they use on a day to day basis.
Classify We see objects because our eyes can sense light. Dark is the absence of light. We cannot see anything in complete darkness. Some objects, for example, the sun, light bulbs and candles are sources of light. Objects are easier to see if there is more light. Some surfaces reflect light. Objects are easier to see when there is less light if they are reflective. The light from the sun can damage our eyes	Misconception: Some children may think: • we can still see even where there is an absence of any light • our eyes 'get used to' the dark • the moon and reflective surfaces are light sources • a transparent object is a light source • shadows contain details of the object, such as facial features on their own shadow • shadows result from objects giving off darkness.		

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3) LO: What happens when light	Science reasoning task: explorify: You had magnets for	Activity 1: talk partiler	a scientific experiment to answer a
is reflected on different surfaces?	fingers? - Explorify	Agtivity 2. minneys and name	question?
		Activity 2: mirrors and paper	question.
SCIENCE CAPITAL: How does	Activity 1: Discuss concept cartoon about reflective off surfaces- who do pupils agree with most and why?		
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in my class? What fabric	Activity 2: write a mirror message and create a mirror maze and	mirror types- concave, plane,	
materials around you use	discuss what they noticed.	convex.	
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4) LO: Why is it important to stay safe in the sun? SCIENCE CAPITAL: How does this lesson connect with children in my class? What do you notice	_Science reasoning task: Reflections On Mars - Explorify Activity 1: PowerPoint go through is the sun a hero or a villain? Activity 2: read about sun safety and complete comprehension	Activity 1: PowerPoint – write why they think the sun is a hero or a villain. Activity 2: sun safety comprehensions	Assessment: Able to come up with enquiry questions and use secondary resources to find the answers to them?
about the sun? Is it a light source? How does the sun affect our lives? Our health? Science Working scientifically Skills:	Activity 3: Using the research to create an information leaflet for year 2 about how to keep safe in the sun.	Activity 3: leaflet template	Homework: write an experience of being at the beach, on holiday and it has been hot- how have you been sun safe?
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5) How do different objects cast shadows? SCIENCE CAPITAL: How does this lesson connect with children in my class? Where do you see shadows? When? What time of day? Why are they useful in our everyday lives? Science Working scientifically Skills:	Science reasoning task: explorify: Sources of light - Explorify Activity 1: Play -guess the object from its shadow. Activity 2: PowerPoint to go over the different shadows and how they are created. Identify, transparent, opaque and translucent objects. Activity 3: Set up an experiment to find out which material is the best to block out light.	Activity 1: guess the shadow worksheet. Activity 2: PowerPoint and to sort and identify transparent, opaque and translucent objects. Activity 3: Planning template.	Assessment: Are pupils able to plan a scientific enquiry and answer their enquiry question?
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