

Science 2025 -26



		Year 7	6 lessons per fortnight		Year 8	6 lessons per fortnight	
	Wk	Topic	Learning Content	Assessment	Topic	Learning Content	Assessment
Autumn	3	Lab Safety	Describe how to safely work in a lab practical Explain how to correctly use a Bunsen burner To describe how to work scientifically Vocabulary: Hazard, risk, equipment, method, analysis, evaluation, hypothesis	Bunsen Burner Licence	The Periodic Table	Know how symbols & atomic numbers are used in the Periodic Table. Describe some properties of metals & non-metals Interpret data to describe properties of Group 1 Use patterns to predict properties of Group 0,1 & 7 Vocabulary: Reactivity series, alkali metals, transition metals. Group, period, reactive	Extended Writing End of Topic Test
	5 6 7	Particles & Properties	Apply the particle model when considering states of matter. Explain diffusion. Connect gas pressure to the particle model. Vocabulary: Particle, element, atom, mixture, compound, periodic table, diffusion, concentration, pressure,	Extended Writing End of Topic Test	Health & Lifestyle	Describe healthy & unhealthy diets. Describe adaptations in the digestive system. Calculate the energy requirements of people Explain why testing food for starch, lipids, sugars & protein is important Describe the dangers associated in drug use & alcohol Vocabulary: Enzyme, protein, lipid, sugar, starch, recreational, alcohol, small intestine, villi	Extended writing End of Topic Test
	9 10 11 12 13 14	Cells and Organisation	Recognise specialised cells under a microscope. Explain how uni-cellular organisms are adapted. Describe how to use a microscope Apply ideas of cells & their adaptations. Explain how the skeleton relates to its function & movement. Explain why some organisms need organ systems. Vocabulary: Skeletal, muscle, tendon, ligament, antagonistic, relax, contract, organism, mitochondria, membrane, nucleus, vacuole, cytoplasm, surface area, nutrients, minerals	Extended Writing End of Topic Test	Electricity & Magnetism	Investigate, voltage, current & resistance in a circuit. Calculate resistance. Investigate the strength of electromagnets. Examine & construct electrical energy transfers diagrams. Vocabulary: Resistance, ohms, electromagnet, core, repeatability, dissipated, transfer. positive charge, negative charge, attract, repel.	Extended Writing End of Topic Test
Spring	1 2 3	Forces	Explain balanced & unbalanced forces Discover the effects of forces Discover how friction & drag affect an object, including factors that affect the size of frictional or drag forces. Vocabulary: aerodynamic, downforce, equilibrium, friction, contact non-contact	Extended Writing	Separation Techniques	Investigate mixtures, solutions, solubility, filtration, evaporation, distillation & chromatography. Vocabulary: solution, solvent, solute, chromatogram, chromatography, dissolve, pure, solubility	End of Topic Test
	6	Elements	Identify substances that are elements Define atom, element & compound Compare properties of atom, element & compounds Link behaviour of atoms to properties of a substance Vocabulary: Atoms, element, compound, formula, mass	End of Topic Test	Energy	Describe how an object's temperature changes over time when heated or cooled. Define the three forms of heat transfer Explain how a method of thermal insulation works. Vocabulary: Increase, decrease, line graph, curve, latent heat, radiation, convection, conduction, insulation, energy transfer	Extended Writing End of Topic Test
	7 8 9 10 11	Human and Plant Reproduction	Know the organs of female & male that are involved. Explain how a foetus develops. Consider changes as a child grows into adulthood. Describe causes of low fertility. Identify parts of the flower & link their structure to their function. Describe plant reproduction. Explain why seed dispersal is important. Vocabulary: Penis, vagina, ovary, testis, adolescence, fertilisation, foetus, contractions, cervix., carpel, anther, stigma, style, stamen, pollen, ovum, ovary, fertilisation, pollination	Extended Writing End of Topic Test	Ecosystem Processes	Describe predator prey cycles Using food webs & chains, explain effects of environmental changes. Describe the process of respiration & photosynthesis Compare anaerobic & aerobic respiration Vocabulary: Energy, respiration, photosynthesis, mitochondrion, food chain, interdependence	Extended Writing End of Topic Test
Summer	3 4	Sound & light	Explain how sound is made, transmitted, absorbed & reflected. Explain how light is made, transmitted, absorbed & reflected. Investigate how light passes through transparent materials: refection & dispersion. Vocabulary: Transmit, absorb, reflect, refract, disperse, opaque, translucent, transparent. *This term includes Space delivered as an Independent Learning Project*	Extended Writing End of Topic Test	Metals & Materials	Describe what happens when metals react with acids Explain the test for hydrogen gas. Compare the reactions of different metals with oxygen List some uses of ceramics Distinguish between polymers, ceramics and composites Vocabulary: ceramic, metal, ore, polymer *This term includes The Earth delivered as an Independent Learning Project*	End of Topic Test
	6 7 8	Chemical Reactions	Litmus & UI as indicators. Identify the best indicator. Explain neutralisation reactions. Investigate exothermic & endothermic reactions Vocabulary: Acid, alkali, neutralisation, acidic, alkaline, sulphuric, hydrochloric, litmus, universal indicator	Extended Writing End of Topic Test	Adaptation & Inheritance	Explain the causes of extinction & natural selection. Consider the theories of survival of the fittest Describe the adaptations of common animals Explain how different adaptations supports the survival of animals in different environments Vocabulary: Inherit, traits, characteristics, genes, deoxyribonucleic acid, fertilisation, adaptations, Darwin, survival of the fittest, natural selection.	Extended Writing End of Topic Test
	10 11 12	Space	Describe the structure and components of the Solar System. Explain how the Earth's rotation and orbit cause day, night, and seasons. Identify and describe the phases of the Moon and how eclipses occur. Vocabulary: Solar System, day and night, seasons, Moon phases, eclipses	End of Topic Test	Eart h and Atmosphere	Describe the composition and structure of the Earth's atmosphere. Explain how human activities contribute to air pollution and climate change. Understand the carbon cycle and its role in maintaining Earth's balance. Vocabulary: atmosphere, air pollution, climate change, carbon cycle, greenhouse gases	End of Year Assessment/ GL



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