









ST. OSWALD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Science Catch Up Curriculum Vision

Despite the restrictions placed on schools at this time, science will retain its essential role as a core subject in our curriculum. As a school, we have re-organised our science curriculum for 2020-21 so that all the objectives that were missed can be covered as soon as possible. The aim is for this process to be completed by autumn half term, so that it will not impede the children's progress through the objectives that they would ordinarily be covering this year.

During the autumn term, the greater focus will be on the knowledge-based objectives in our science curriculum. With Covid safety measures in place across the school, it will not be possible to carry out interactive investigations in the same manner as previously. However, teachers will still be encouraged to teach the Working Scientifically skills through their science lessons as they would do normally. Key enquiry skills such as discussions, making predictions and planning investigations will all still be possible during this time. However, in some cases, what will change is that the teacher will have to take on a role of demonstrator, rather than setting up shared resources for the children to carry out the work in groups.

If and when restrictions change and new guidance is provided, we will be able to resume a greater focus on these activities. Until that point, teachers will lead some investigations themselves and will use online resources more frequently so that children can still be taught about and develop their Working Scientifically skills.