



Science Age Appropriate Vocabulary

	Y1 Topic	Vocabulary
	Y1 Plants	Leaf, flower, blossom, petal, fruit, berry, root, seed, trunk, branch, stem, bark, stalk, bud
		Names of trees in the local area
		Names of garden and wild flowering plants in the local area
	Y1 Animals	Head, body, eyes, ears, mouth, teeth, leg, tail, wing, claw, fin, scales, feathers, fur, beak, paws, hooves
		Names of animals experienced first-hand from each vertebrate group
		N.B. The children need to be able to name and identify a range of animals in each group e.g. name specific birds and fish. They do not need to use the terms mammal, reptiles etc. or know the key characteristics of each, although they will probably be able to identify birds and fish, based on their characteristics.
Year 1		The children also do not need to use the words carnivore, herbivore and omnivore. If they do, ensure that they understand that carnivores eat other animals not just meat.
	Y1 Humans	Parts of the body including those linked to PSHE teaching (see joint document produced by the ASE and PSHE association)
		Senses, touch, see, smell, taste, hear, fingers (skin), eyes, nose, ear and tongue
		NB. Although we often use our fingers and hands to feel objects the children should understand that we can feel with many parts of our body
	Y1 Everyday Materials	Object, material, wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock, brick, paper, fabric, elastic, foil, card/cardboard, rubber, wool, clay, hard, soft, stretchy, stiff, bendy, floppy, waterproof, absorbent, breaks/tears, rough, smooth, shiny, dull, see through, not see through
	Y1 Seasonal Change	Weather (sunny, rainy, windy, snowy etc.), seasons (Winter, Summer, Spring, Autumn), sun, sunrise, sunset, day length

	Y2 Topic	Vocabulary
	Y2 Living things and their habitat	Living, dead, never been alive, suited, suitable, basic needs, food, food chain, shelter, move, feed, names of local habitats e.g. pond, woodland etc., names of micro-habitats e.g. under logs, in bushes etc.
	Y2 Plants	As for year 1 plus - light, shade, sun, warm, cool, water, grow, healthy
Year 2	Y2 Animals, including humans	Offspring, reproduction, growth, child, young/old stages (examples - chick/hen, baby/child/adult, caterpillar/butterfly), exercise, heartbeat, breathing, hygiene, germs, disease, food types (examples – meat, fish, vegetables, bread, rice, pasta)
,	Y2 Uses of everyday materials	Names of materials – increased range from year 1 Properties of materials - as for year 1 plus opaque, transparent and translucent, reflective, non-reflective, flexible, rigid Shape, push/pushing, pull/puling, twist/twisting, squash/squashing. Bend/bending, stretch/stretching

	Y3 Topic	Vocabulary
	Y3 Plants	Photosynthesis, pollen, insect/wind pollination, seed formation, seed dispersal – wind dispersal, animal dispersal, water dispersal
	Y3 Animals, including humans	Nutrition, nutrients, carbohydrates, sugars, protein, vitamins, minerals, fibre, fat, water, skeleton, bones, muscles, support, protect, move, skull, ribs, spine, muscles, joints
Year 3	Y3 Rocks	Rock, stone, pebble, boulder, grain, crystals, layers, hard, soft, texture, absorb water, soil, fossil, marble, chalk, granite, sandstone, slate, soil, peat, sandy/chalk/clay soil
	Y3 Light	Light, light source, dark, absence of light, transparent, translucent, opaque, shiny, matt, surface, shadow, reflect, mirror, sunlight, dangerous
	Y3 Forces and Magnets	Force, push, pull, twist, contact force, non-contact force, magnetic force, magnet, strength, bar magnet, ring magnet, button magnet, horseshoe magnet, attract, repel, magnetic material, metal, iron, steel, poles, north pole, south pole

	Y4 Topic	Vocabulary
	Y4 Living things and their habitats	Classification, classification keys, environment, habitat, human impact, positive, negative, migrate, hibernate
	Y4 Animals, including humans	Digestive system, digestion, mouth, teeth, saliva, oesophagus, stomach, small intestine, nutrients, large intestine, rectum, anus, teeth, incisor, canine, molar, premolars, herbivore, carnivore, omnivore, producer, predator, prey, food chain
Year 4	Y4 States of matter	Solid, liquid, gas, state change, melting, freezing, melting point, boiling point, evaporation, temperature, water cycle
λ	Y4 Sound	Sound, source, vibrate, vibration, travel, pitch (high, low), volume, faint, loud, insulation
	Y4 Electricity	Electricity, electrical appliance/device, mains, plug, electrical circuit, complete circuit, component, cell, battery, positive, negative, connect/connections, loose connection, short circuit, crocodile clip, bulb, switch, buzzer, motor, conductor, insulator, metal, non-metal, symbol
		N.B. Children in year 4 do not need to use standard symbols as this is taught in Year 6

		Y5 Topic	Vocabulary
Year 5		Y5 Living things and their habitats	Life cycle, reproduce, sexual, sperm, fertilises, egg, live young, metamorphosis, asexual, plantlets, runners, bulbs, cuttings
		Y5 Animals, including humans	Puberty: the vocabulary to describe sexual characteristics
	Year 5	Y5 Properties and changes of material	Thermal/electrical insulator/conductor, change of state, mixture, dissolve, solution, soluble, insoluble, filter, sieve reversible/non-reversible change, burning, rusting, new material
		Y5 Earth and Space	Earth, Sun, Moon, (Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn, Venus, Mars, Uranus, Neptune) spherical, solar system, rotates, star, orbit, planets
		Y5 Forces	Force, gravity, Earth, air resistance, water resistance, friction, mechanisms, simple machines, levers, pulleys, gears

	Y6 Topic	Vocabulary
	Y6 Living things and their habitats	Vertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, invertebrates, insects, spiders, snails, worms, flowering and non-flowering
	Y6 Animals, including humans	Heart, pulse, rate, pumps, blood, blood vessels, transported, lungs, oxygen, carbon dioxide, nutrients, water, muscles, cycle, circulatory system, diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle
Year 6	Y6 Evolution and inheritance	Offspring, sexual reproduction, vary, characteristics, suited, adapted, environment, inherited, species, fossils
	Y6 Light	As for year 3 plus straight lines, light rays.
	Y6 Electricity	Circuit, complete circuit, circuit diagram, circuit symbol, cell, battery, bulb, buzzer, motor, switch, voltage
		NB. Children do not need to understand what voltage is but will use volts and voltage to describe different batteries. The words cells and batteries are now used interchangeably