Science Progression of Skills



Science Curriculum Intent

At South Avenue, our curriculum is designed with the intent that each child becomes a caring, confident and curious young person with a passion for learning and achieving.

Through the teaching and learning of science, we encourage children to be inquisitive throughout their time at school and beyond. From EYFS up to KS2 our pupils will build up a body of key foundational knowledge and skills in core science areas. Pupils are encouraged to recognise the power of enquiry, rational explanation and develop a sense of excitement and curiosity while using key skills from Reading, Writing and Mathematics to explore scientific phenomena. We also believe it is important to promote respect for the living and non-living world around us including the importance of a healthy diet and exercise.

We ensure that the Working Scientifically skills are built-on and developed throughout the children's time at school so that they can apply their knowledge of science through asking questions and conducting research, setting up tests, observing, recording data and evaluating their results

Working Scientifically

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E	YFS	Ye	ar 1	Ye	ear 2	Ye	ar 3	Ye	ar 4	Ye	ar 5	Ye	ar 6
•	Learn new vocabulary and use it in everyday conversations Engage in non- fiction books	•	Ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways Observe closely, using simple equipment Perform simple tests Identify and classify Use their observations and ideas to suggest	•	Ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways Observe closely, using simple equipment Perform simple tests Identify and classify Use their observations and ideas to suggest	•	Ask relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests Make systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, take accurate measurements	•	Ask relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them Set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests Make systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, take accurate measurements	•	Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, take	•	Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, take



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	answers to	answers to		using standard		using standard		repeat		repeat
	questions	questions		units, using a		units, using a		readings when		readings when
•	Gather and •	Gather and		range of		range of		appropriate		appropriate
	record data to	record data to		equipment,		equipment,	•	Recording data	•	Recording data
	help answer	help answer		including		including		and results of		and results of
	questions	questions		thermometers		thermometers		increasing		increasing
				and data		and data		complexity		complexity
				loggers		loggers		using scientific		using scientific
			•	Gather record,	•	Gather record,		diagrams and		diagrams and
				classify and		classify and		labels,		labels,
				present data in		present data in		classification		classification
				a variety of		a variety of		keys, tables,		keys, tables,
				ways to help in		ways to help in		scatter graphs,		scatter graphs,
				answering		answering		bar and line		bar and line
				questions		questions		graphs		graphs
			•	Record findings	•	Record findings	•	Using test	•	Using test
				using simple		using simple		results to make		results to make
				scientific		scientific		predictions to		predictions to
				language,		language,		set up further		set up further
				drawings,		drawings,		comparative		comparative
				labelled		labelled		and fair tests		and fair tests
				diagrams, keys,		diagrams, keys,	•	Report and	•	Report and
				bar charts, and		bar charts, and		present		present
				tables		tables		findings from		findings from
			•	Report on	•	Report on		enquiries,		enquiries,
				findings from		findings from		including		including
				enquiries,		enquiries,		conclusions,		conclusions,
				including oral		including oral		causal		causal
				and written		and written		relationships		relationships
				explanations,		explanations,		and		and
				displays or		displays or		explanations of		explanations of



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Plant seeds and care for growing plants.

- Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.
- Begin to
 understand
 the need to
 respect
 and care for
 the natural
 environment
 and all living
 things.
- Explore the natural world around them
- Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside
- Recognise some environments

Animals including humans

- Know about their senses and how they use them to describe the world.
- Identify and name the basic external parts of the human body.
- Recognise the functions of some body parts, including the sense organs.
- Describe and compare common animals Recognise and
- name a
 variety of
 animals and
 their body
 parts
- Construct and label a map of

Animals including humans

- notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults: How humans change as they grow, Life cycles of a frog and butterfly.
- find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air)
- Sort animals in different ways
- Identify what our pets need to stay happy

Animals including humans

- 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
- Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

Plants

 identify and describe the functions of different parts

Animals including humans

- describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans- for example, mouth, tongue, teeth, oesophagus, stomach and small and large intestine and explore questions that help them to understand their special functions.
- identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple

functions

Animals including humans

- describe the changes as humans develop to old age.
- draw a timeline to indicate stages in the growth and development of humans.
 They should
- They should learn about the changes experienced in puberty.

Living things and their habitats

- describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird
- describe the life process of

Animals including humans

- Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. Atria, ventricles, aorta, valves, arteries, veins. Explain how the circulatory system enables the body to function.
- recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.
 Effect on heart rate.
- describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans. Mouth, salivary glands, tongue, teeth, oesophagus, stomach, pancreas,

Biology

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different
from the one
in which the
live
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 Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.

- the human body
- Draw comparisons between human and animal body parts
 - Consider how I treat other people and living things with care and respect.
- Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians. reptiles, birds and mammals. Sharks, frogs, lizards, penguins and polar bears. Describe and compare the

structure of a

- and healthy:
 Food, water,
 fresh air
 describe the
 - for humans of exercise. eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene: Handwashing, hygiene, germs, positives about exercise, types • of sport, effects of exercise on the body, healthy meals, balanced diet, foods we should eat often. sometimes

and rarely.

importance

of flowering plants: roots, thei

- stem/trunk,
 leaves and
 flowers

 explore the
 requirements
 of plants for
 life and
 growth (air,
 - growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant investigate the way in
- transported
 within plants

 explore the
 part that
 flowers play in
 the life cycle
 of flowering
 plants,
 including
 pollination,

seed

which water is

Living things and their habitats

- Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways
- ways

 Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment.

 Pupils begin to
- Pupils begin to put vertebrate animals into groups such as amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals; and invertebrates into snails and

slugs, worms,

reproduction in some plants and animals.

liver, gall bladder, duodenum, small intestine, large intestine, anus, rectus.

Living things and their habitats

- 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. Classify animals into commonly found invertebrates (such as insects, spiders, snails, worms) and vertebrates (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals).
- give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific



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variety of	Living things and	formation and		spiders, and		characteristics. Find
common	their habitats	seed		insects.		out about the
animals (fish,	 explore and 	dispersal.	•	Recognise		significance of the
amphibians,	compare the			that		work of scientists
reptiles, birds	differences			environments		such as Carl
and	between			can change		Linnaeus, a pioneer
mammals,	things that are			and that this		of classification.
including	living, dead,			can		
pets). E.g. fins	and things			sometimes	Evo	olution and
for a fish,	that have			pose dangers	inh	eritance
wings for a	never been			to living things	•	recognise that living
bird.	alive		•	Construct and		things have changed
• can name and	 identify that 			interpret a		over time and that
identify	most living			variety of food		fossils provide
animals that	things live in			chains,		information about
are herbivore,	habitats to			identifying		living things that
carnivore or	which they			producers,		inhabited the Earth
omnivore.	are suited and			predators and		millions of years ago.
• can identify a	describe how			prey.		Discover how
variety of	different			1 /		Charles Darwin
common	habitats					developed the idea
animals.	provide for					of evolution.
	the basic				•	recognise that living
Plants	needs of					things produce
identify and	different kinds					offspring of the
name a	of animals and					same kind, but
variety of	plants, and					normally offspring
common wild	how they					vary and are not
(Dandelion,	depend on					identical to their
daisy,	each other					parents.
buttercup,						Characteristics are
battereup,						Characteristics are



	nettles, ivy,	identify and		passed from pare	nts
	dog rose,	name a		to their offspring,	, for
	clover,	variety of		instance consider	
	brambles) and	plants and		different breeds o	of
	garden plants	animals in		dogs, and what	
	(fuchsia,	their habitats,		happens when, fo	r
	pansy, sweet	including		example, Labrado	ors
	pea,	micro-habitats		are crossed with	
	sunflower,	 mini-beast, 		poodles.	
	rose, lavender	survey,		 identify how anim 	nals
	and iris),	pictogram,		and plants are	
	including	habitat		adapted to suit th	neir
	deciduous	describe how		environment in	
	and	animals obtain		different ways an	d
	evergreen	their food		that adaptation m	
	trees.	from plants		lead to evolution.	
	 identify and 	and other		Variation in offsp	ring
	describe the	animals, using		over time can ma	ke
	basic	the idea of a		animals more or I	ess
	structure of a	simple food		able to survive in	
	variety of	chain, and		particular	
	common	identify and		environments, for	r
	flowering	name		example, by	
	plants,	different		exploring how	
	including	sources of		giraffes' necks go	t
	trees. Roots,	food.		longer, or the	
	stem, leaves,			development of	
	flowers,	Plants		insulating fur on t	the
	petals, fruit,	observe and		arctic fox.	
	seed, bulb.	describe how			
		seeds and			
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Use all their	bulbs growinto mature plants Indicate plants Indicate plants and a suitate to grow and stay healt Everyday Uses of everyore into mature plants and a suitate plants and a sui	re nd ow d t nble re nd	States of matter	Materials	
senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials • Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties • Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice	 Materials Describe the physical properties of a variety of everyday materials Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials according to their properties Describe the properties of different materials identify are compare to suitability variety of everyday materials, including wood, me plastic, gla brick, rock paper and cardboard particular their properties Describe the properties of different 	 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 	 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 	 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 	



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materials e.g.	materials can	trapped	at which this	materials will	
wood, metal,	be changed by	within rock	happens in	dissolve in	
and plastic,	squashing,	 recognise that 	degrees	liquid to form	
rubber, fur,	bending,	soils are made	Celsius (°C)	a solution, and	
towelling,	twisting and	from rocks	 identify the 	describe how	
nylon, wool,	stretching	and organic	part played by	to recover a	
sponge,		matter.	evaporation	substance	
cotton wool,			and	from a	
paper, card,			condensation	solution	
brick,			in the water	• use	
ceramics and			cycle and	knowledge of	
rock.			associate the	solids, liquids	
TOOK.			rate of	and gases to	
			evaporation	decide how	
			with	mixtures	
			temperature	might be	
			temperature	_	
				separated,	
				including	
				through	
				filtering,	
				sieving and	
				evaporating	
				• give reasons,	
				based on	
				evidence from	
				comparative	
				and fair tests,	
				for the	
				particular uses	
				of everyday	
				materials,	
				iliateriais,	



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					including	
					metals, wood	
					and 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.	
	Children engage in	Seasonal Changes	Forces and	Electricity	Forces	Electricity
← = >	a topic about		magnets			,
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Space learning	• observe	• compare how • identify	explain that associate the
about	changes	things move common	unsupported brightness of a lamp
• planets	across the	on different appliances	objects fall or the volume of a
and the	four seasons.	surfaces that run on	towards the buzzer with the
solar	observe and	• notice that electricity	Earth because number and voltage
system	describe	some forces • construct a	of the force of of cells used in the
transport	weather	need contact simple series	gravity acting circuit. Observing
into Space	associated	between two electrical	between the and explaining the
astronauts	with the	objects, but circuit,	Earth and the effect of different
and how	seasons and	magnetic identifying	falling object voltages in a circuit.
they live in	how day	forces can act and naming its	identify the compare and give
Space.	length varies.	at a distance basic parts,	effects of air reasons for
•		• observe how including cells,	resistance, variations in how
		magnets wires, bulbs,	water components
		attract or switches and	resistance and function, including
		repel each buzzers	friction, that the brightness of
		other and • identify	act between bulbs, the loudness
		attract some whether or	moving of buzzers and the
		materials and not a lamp will	surfaces on/off position of
		not others light in a	 recognise that switches.
		• compare and simple series	some • investigating the
		group circuit, based	mechanisms relationship
		together a on whether or	including between wire length
		variety of not the lamp	levers, pulleys and the brightness
		everyday is part of a	and gears of bulbs or the
		materials on complete loop	allow a loudness of buzzers.
		the basis of with a battery	smaller force • children to create
		whether they • recognise that	to have a their own
		are attracted a switch	greater effect investigations.
		to a magnet, opens and	 use recognised
		and identify closes a circuit	Earth and space symbols when



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		some		and associate	•	describe the		representing a
		magnetic		this with		movement of		simple circuit in a
		materials		whether or		the Earth, and		diagram.
		 describe 		not a lamp		other planets,		
		magnets as		lights in a		relative to the	Lig	ht
		having two		simple series		Sun in the	•	recognise that light
		poles		circuit		solar system		appears to travel in
		 predict 	•	recognise	•	describe the		straight lines.
		whether two		some		movement of		Refraction.
		magnets will		common		the Moon	•	use the idea that
		attract or		conductors		relative to the		light travels in
		repel each		and		Earth		straight lines to
		other,		insulators,	•	describe the		explain that objects
		depending on		and associate		Sun, Earth and		are seen because
		which poles		metals with		Moon as		they give out or
		are facing.		being good		approximately		reflect light into the
				conductors.		spherical		eye.
		Light				bodies		travelling/investigate
		 recognise that 	Soi	und	•	use the idea of		how we see colour.
		they need	•	identify how		the Earth's	•	explain that we see
		light in order		sounds are		rotation to		things because light
		to see things		made,		explain day		travels from light
		and that dark		associating		and night, and		sources to our eyes
		is the absence		some of them		the apparent		or from light sources
		of light		with		movement of		to objects and then
		 notice that 		something		the sun across		to our eyes.
		light is		vibrating		the sky.	•	use the idea that
		reflected from	•	recognise that	•	learn that the		light travels in
		surfaces		vibrations		sun is a star at		straight lines to
	,	 recognise that 		from sounds		the centre of		explain why shadows
	 	light from the		travel through		our solar		have the same shape



	sun can be		a medium to		system and	as the objects that
	dangerous		the ear		that it has 8	cast them.
	and that there	•	find patterns		planets:	
	are ways to		between the		Mercury,	
	protect their		pitch of a		Venus, Earth,	
	eyes		sound and		Mars, Jupiter,	
•	recognise that		features of		Saturn,	
	shadows are		the object		Uranus and	
	formed when		that produced		Neptune	
	the light from		it		(Pluto was	
	a light source	•	find patterns		reclassified as	
	is blocked		between the		a 'dwarf	
	byan opaque		volume of a		planet' in	
	object		sound and the		2006) and	
•	find patterns		strength of		Neptune	
	in the way		the vibrations		(Pluto was	
	that the size		that produced		reclassified as	
	of shadows		it		a 'dwarf	
	change.	•	recognise that		planet' in	
			sounds get		2006).	
			fainter as the	•	understand	
			distance from		that a moon is	
			the sound		a celestial	
			source		body that	
			increases.		orbits a planet	
					(Earth has 1	
					moon; Jupiter	
					has 4 large	
					moons and	
					numerous smaller ones).	
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