



# Key stage 1 programme of study - years 1 and 2

## Working scientifically

During years 1 and 2, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content:

- asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways
- observing closely, using simple equipment
- performing simple tests
- identifying and classifying
- using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions
- gathering and recording data to help in answering questions

### Notes and guidance (non-statutory)

Pupils in years 1 and 2 should explore the world around them and raise their own questions. They should experience different types of scientific enquiries, including practical activities, and begin to recognise ways in which they might answer scientific questions.

They should use simple features to compare objects, materials and living things and, with help, decide how to sort and group them, observe changes over time, and, with guidance, they should begin to notice patterns and relationships.

They should ask people questions and use simple secondary sources to find answers.

They should use simple measurements and equipment (for example, hand lenses, egg timers) to gather data, carry out simple tests, record simple data, and talk about what they have found out and how they found it out. With help, they should record and communicate their findings in a range of ways and begin to use simple scientific language.

These opportunities for working scientifically should be provided across years 1 and 2 so that the expectations in the programme of study can be met by the end of year 2. Pupils are not expected to cover each aspect for every area of study.

# Enquiry skills

Asking Questions	Observing and measuring
Planning and setting up different types of enquiries	Identifying and classifying
Performing tests	Gathering and recording data
Using equipment	Reporting, presenting and communicating data/findings

Explore the world around them and raise their own simple questions	I ask simple questions
Ask people questions and use simple secondary sources to find answers	I use simple scientific vocabulary
Use simple measurements and equipment (e.g. hand lenses, egg timers) to gather data	I use simple equipment to make measurements
Observe closely using simple equipment with help, observe changes over time	I observe closely
Experience different types of science enquiries, including practical activities	I perform simple tests
Carry out simple tests	I perform simple tests
Use simple features to compare objects, materials and living things and, with help, decide how to sort and group them (identifying and classifying)	I can compare things, I sort and group them
With help, they should record and communicate their findings in a range of ways and begin to use simple scientific language	I gather and record simple data in different ways
Record simple data	I gather and record simple data in different ways
Begin to recognise different ways in which they might answer scientific questions	I recognise that questions can be answered in different ways
Use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions	I talk about what I have found out
With guidance, they should begin to notice patterns and relationships	I talk about what I have found out
Talk about what they have found out and how they found it out	I talk about what I have found out