

Curriculum Subject Overview

Subject: Science

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Intent:

At Elements Primary School, we believe that science is an important part of every child's development throughout school, right from the very beginning. We recognise the importance of Science in every aspect of daily life and as one of the core subjects taught throughout Primary School, we give the teaching and learning of Science the prominence that it requires. At Elements, children are taught Science throughout school linked to exciting and purposeful topics, which provide context and application for their knowledge and skills. We as a school endeavour to ensure that the Science Curriculum we provide encourages children to be inquisitive throughout their time at the school and beyond.

It is our intention that our Science curriculum fosters a healthy curiosity in children about our universe and promotes respect for the living and nonliving. We believe Science encompasses the acquisition of knowledge, concepts, skills and positive attitudes. Throughout the programmes of study, the children will acquire and develop the key knowledge that has been identified within each unit and across each year group, as well as the application of scientific skills. We ensure that the Working Scientifically skills are built-on and developed throughout children's time at the school so that they can apply their knowledge of science when using equipment, conducting experiments, building arguments and explaining concepts confidently and continue to ask questions and be curious about their surroundings.

Implementation:

Our new and engaging approach to the curriculum is designed to develop children's knowledge and understanding of all areas of the National Curriculum from the Early Years through to the end of Year 6.

Teachers are encouraged to create a positive attitude to science learning within their classrooms and reinforce an expectation that all children are capable of achieving high standards in science. Learning builds upon current understanding and with a drive for explorative learning in practical contexts.

Teachers should use skillful questioning to embed and develop skills of scientific enquiry. Teachers should model high level scientific language to support and deepen pupils' knowledge. Children are encouraged throughout topics to use this language to generate their own further lines of enquiry and learning.

Planning of Science Lessons:

- Science will be taught standalone once a week as well as throughout planned and arranged topic blocks where suitable. This is a strategy to enable the achievement of a greater depth of knowledge.
- Through our planning, we involve problem solving opportunities that allow children to apply their knowledge, and find out answers for themselves. Children are encouraged to ask their own questions and be given opportunities to use their scientific skills and research to discover the answers. This curiosity is celebrated within the classroom.
- Planning involves teachers creating engaging lessons, often involving high-quality resources to aid understanding of conceptual knowledge. Teachers use precise questioning in class to test conceptual knowledge and skills, and assess pupils regularly to identify those children with gaps in learning, so that all pupils keep up.
- We build upon the knowledge and skill development of the previous years. As the children's knowledge and understanding increases, and they become more proficient
- Knowledge organisers are used consistently and effectively within science lessons ensuring children have exposure to age appropriate scientific language and have opportunity to recall scientific knowledge learnt previously.
- Teachers demonstrate how to use scientific equipment, and the various Working Scientific skills in order to embed scientific understanding. Teachers find opportunities to develop children's understanding of their surroundings by accessing outdoor learning and workshops with experts.

Impact:

By implementing this particular curriculum it should result in a fun, engaging, high-quality science education, that provides children with the foundations and knowledge for understanding the world. Our engagement with the local environment ensures that children learn through varied and first hand experiences of the world around them. Frequent, continuous and progressive learning outside the classroom is embedded throughout the science curriculum. Through various workshops, trips and interactions with experts and local charities, children have the understanding that science has changed our lives and that it is vital to the world's future prosperity. Children should learn the possibilities for careers in science, and learn from and work with professionals, ensuring that children have access to positive role models within the field of science from the immediate and wider local community. From this exposure to a range of different scientists from various backgrounds, all children feel they are scientists and capable of achieving. Children at Elements will overwhelmingly enjoy science and result in a school of motivated learners with sound scientific understanding.

