Science at Meadows First School (Vision and Ethos)

The 5 principles of our curriculum are: **Unique Child, Positive Relationships, Key Knowledge & Skills, Love of Learning, Global Citizens** We embed these 5 principles within our <u>Science Curriculum</u> as follows:

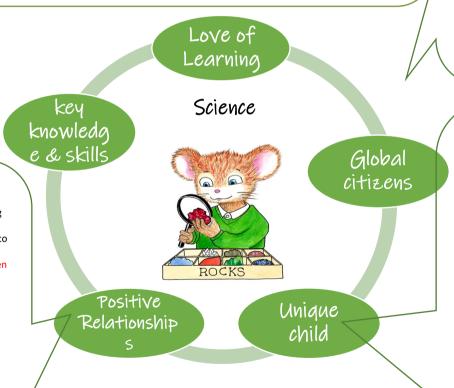
We equip children with the Science skills, vocabulary and knowledge necessary for the next stage of their learning journey. Knowledge and skills are sequential and built upon to develop progress in Science across the school. Vocabulary development plays a vital role in this. We want children to be able to use Science as a means for communication and to use language skilfully. For example, children can form predictions and explain their reasoning using scientific vocabulary. Similarly, children will also be able to analyse and draw conclusions from experiments and investigations clearly and precisely.

The Science curriculum at Meadows supports the development of positive, respectful relationships. We encourage children to work together in Science, supporting and encouraging each other, as well as reflecting on and critically evaluating each other's work. We enable parents to support their children by involving them in their education and inviting them into school: eg during STEM week children will be given projects to work on at home alongside their parents.

Life in 21st Century Britain can be busy and stressful and by allowing children time to be immersed in Science and explore the richness of the world around them can aid wellbeing and reduce stress

We know how to keep ourselves safe in Science, using equipment carefully and safely. We are proud of what we can achieve!

Our **theme- based**, **literature rich** curriculum embeds deep learning, ignites curiosity and broadens our children's awareness of cultural capital in Science, and raises their Science capital. Our children's interest in their local habitats are enhanced in various ways, such as collecting natural objects in the Forest school in Nursery, visiting farms in Reception and sensory walks throughout the seasons in year 1. Year 3 learn about working scientifically as they investigate rocks and soils, supported by the Lapworth Museum at the University of Birmingham. Throughout the year the school will have many visitors to help children think scientifically including local sustainable partners in Reception, the animal man in Year 1, and the dentist in year 3. We want children to develop a thirst for learning by using memorable and purposeful learning experiences. For example, every year the entire school will take part in STEM week. This week helps children to understand the real-life links between all the STEM subjects, raises their Science capital through making science relevant to their lives in the present, as well as inspiring children to become scientists by making science visible in their futures.



We want our children to use the vibrancy of our great country, to learn from other cultures, respect diversity, and appreciate what they have. We achieve this by providing a strong SMSC curriculum, with British Values and our core values placed at the heart of everything we do. This feeds into the Science curriculum

We want children to feel empowered to make a difference and affect changes as **global citizens** to their community and the world in which they live. Children will learn about the harmful effects of global warming throughout their time at Meadows. They will learn how local and global habitats are under threat and how this affects the animals that live there. In every year group, children will undertake a community action project, following a sequence of learning, which enables the children to raise awareness of a real-life issue and see themselves making a positive impact to help.

At Meadows First School we can all become Scientists! We develop the holistic child, acknowledging their unique needs and ensuring all children are able to access the Science curriculum. We support all of our children, with a range of equipment that caters for all needs. All of our children will have their Science work proudly displayed around the school and each year the whole school comes together to work on a single project during STEM week, at the end of which children will present their findings and investigations to the rest of the school.

Children use Meadows Mouse to develop lifelong learning habits to be:

Enthusiastic: Asking questions about the world around them and coming up with ways of investigating their ideas. Determined: We encourage a growth mindset, with high expectations, so children are capable of understanding why an experiment may have gone wrong and knowing that this is a natural part of the scientific process.

Focused: We want them to have no ceiling to their achievements and to grow up wanting to be climatologists, geologists, astronauts and botanists.

Organised: We aim for our children to be independent and confident to use equipment safely, as well as selecting the right equipment for the right piece of work.

YN		Marvellous Me	Let's Celebrate	Machines!	Wonderful World - Nature	wonderful World- People	Fantasy Fun
	knowledge	Animals including Humans Understand key features of the life cycle of an animal. Begin to understand their own life story and family history. Make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and toothbrushing.	Everyday materials Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary. Explore how things work. Talk about different forces they can feel.	Everyday materials Explore collections of materials similar and/or different properties. Talk about differences between materials, changes they notice.	Plants Plant seeds, care for growing plants. Understand key features of the life cycle of a plant.	Living things & their habitats Begin to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. Talk about their environment. Understand 'why' questions, like: "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?"	Seasonal Changes Describe what they see, hear, feel whilst outside Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.
		Marvellous Me	Heroes	Around the world & beyond	Around the world & beyond	All creatures great & small	Once upon a tale
YR	knowledge	Plants Describe what they see, hear, feel outside. key features of the life cycle of a plant	Seasons Forest School - changing states of matter (ice, frost, water). Describe what they see, hear, feel whilst outside.	Everyday Materials Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including changing states of matter (EG ICE). Name and sort materials and describe their properties and uses.	Explore the natural world around the of animals &plants. Growing plants Recognise some environments that ai Animals Understand key features of the life c	ctors that support their overall health and	Seasonal Changes changing seasons. Describe what they see, hear, feel outside. Processes and changes in the natural world. Observe changes in plants' life cycle.
Y1		Making SENSE of our world	Memory box	Our Town, Bromsgrove	Animal Allsorts	Let's Explore Africa	Intrepid Explorers
	knowledge	Animals inc Humans label human body /senses identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense Seasonal changes observe changes across the 4 seasons observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies	Everyday Materials Identify/ name/ compare materials & properties distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock Seasonal changes observe changes across the 4 seasons observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies	Seasonal changes observe changes across the 4 seasons observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies	Animals inc Humans identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds mammals identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals including pets)	Plants identify and name a variety of common wild a and evergreen trees identify & describe the basic structure of a va including trees Seasonal ch observe changes across the 4 seasons observe and describe weather associated varies	and garden plants, including deciduous wriety of common flowering plants,
Y2		Seaside	FamousQueens	Around the world seas and continents	Castles	Hot and cold countries	Great Fire of London
	knowledge	describe the importance for humans of different types of food, and hygie animals, including humans, have find out about & describe the basic	nc Humans of exercise, eating the right amounts ne notice that e offspring which grow into adults c needs of animals, incl humans, for r, food and air)	Everyday identify and compare the suitability of a va wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, pap find out how the shapes of solid objects m by squashing, bending, twisting and stretch	er and cardboard for particular uses ade from some materials can be changed	Living Things & their Habitats compare the differences between things living, dead, never been alive? Identify different Habitats/ identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food	Plants observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy
Y3	Theme	Stone Age to Iron Age	Village Settlers	Egyptians	Our local area	Plants and Roman Britain	European neighbours
	knowledge	Light recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light; notice that light is reflected from surfaces; recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there	Animals inc 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 humans and some	Forces & Magnets magnets attract or repel, poles compare how things move on different surfaces notice that some forces need contact between 2 objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance observe how	Rocks and Soil compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties; describe in simple terms how	Plants identify and describe the functions or roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nu and how they vary from plant to plant way in which water is transported within plar explore the part that flowers play in the life or pollination, seed formation and seed disperse	explore the requirements of itrients from soil, and room to grow) investigate the its ycle of flowering plants, including

		are ways to protect their eyes; recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object; find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change	muscles for support, protection and movement even whe and desu prec or m	tract some ompare and veryday ma hether the nd identify escribe mag redict whet	e materials and not others d group together a variety of tetrials on the basis of y are attracted to a magnet, some magnetic materials gnets as having 2 poles ther 2 magnets will attract n other, depending on which	apped re mad	when things that have within rock; recognise le from rocks and				
Y4	Theme	Anglo Saxons Living Things & their Habitats recognise that living things can be	From Source to Sea States of matter/ Materials compare and group materials together compare according to whether						Crime and Punishment Moving on Electricity identify common appliances that run on electricity; construct a simple series		
	explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things		they are solids, liquids or gases observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C) identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with	describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey				electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulb switches and buzzers identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate th with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors Sound identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibratin recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it produced it recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound			
Worki Scient	ing ifically	EYFS	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	source increases		Year 4	
1. Que and El 2.Inve record report	estioning nquiring estigating, ding and ting gs, drawin	 3-4 Use all their senses in hands-on exploration Explore collections Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary Explore and talk Talk about the differences reception will: Name/ describe. Compare. Recognise some similarities and differences Explore the natural world around them. Describe what they see, hear, feel. ELG Explore making observations, drawing pictures Know some similarities and differences, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Understand some important processe and changes 	 a) Carry out simple tests with support. b) Begin to say what might happen in an investigation. c) Begin to say what happened in an investigation. d) Gather and record data with adult supple? e) Begin to record simple data. f) Begin to talk about what they have fou out and how they found it out. g) Begin to say what happened in their investigation and whether they were surprised at the results or not. 	n be k ind C n k upport C ound e	 Account of the second of the second	a) b) c) a) b) c) d) e) f) g) h)	Ask some relevant question types of scientific enquiries Begin to make decisions ab enquiry will be the best wa questions (observing over t grouping and classifying, fa sources). Begin to decide when and f sources and carry out own Set up some simple, practic comparative and fair tests. Begin to recognise when a 1 and help decide how to set Make predictions with reas Gather, record and begin to variety of ways. Begin to record findings usi language, drawings, labelle and tables. Begin to use results to draw make predictions, suggest i further questions. With help, I can look for ch- similarities and differences Begin to suggest how I coul investigation	to answer them. but which types of y of answering ime, noticing patterns, r tests, secondary esearch. al enquiries, air test is necessary it up. ons. classify data in a ng simple scientific d diagrams, bar charts r simple conclusions, mprovements and raise anges, patterns, in data.	a) b) c) a) b) c) d) e) f) g) h) i)	 Recognise when a fair test is necessary and decide how to set it up. Make predictions drawing on previous experience and knowledge. Gather, record and classify data in a variety of ways. Record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, bar charts, keys and tables. Record on findings using oral and written explanations, displays or presentations. Use results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions, suggest improvements and raise further questions. 	

3. Observing, measuring and pattern seeking	 a) Talk about what that can see. b) Use simple equipment with support. 	a) b) c) d)	Observe closely using simple equipment. To observe changes over time with guidance and begin to notice patterns and relationships. To know how to use simple equipment safely. Use simple measurements and equipment (hand lenses, egg timers etc.) Begin to progress from non-standard units to mm cm ml l etc.	a) b) c)	Begin to make systematic and careful observations and where appropriate, take accurate measurements using standard units using a range if equipment- e.g. thermometers, data loggers. Learn to use some new equipment- e.g. data loggers. Begin to measure accurately using standard units including time in mins and secs	a) b) c)	Make systematic and careful observations and where appropriate, take accurate measurements using standard units using a range if equipment e.g. thermometers, data loggers. Help make decisions about what observations to make, how long to make them for and the type of equipment that might be used. Can choose from a selection of equipment.
4. Identifying, grouping and classifying	 a) Identify and classify with some support. b) Begin to observe and identify, compare and describe. c) With support, decide how to group objects and materials. 	a)	Identify and classify. Decide how to sort and group objects, materials and living things.	a) b) c)	Begin to identify differences, similarities, or changes related to simple scientific ideas or processes. Begin to talk about criteria for grouping, sorting and classifying. Begin to compare and group according to behaviour or properties.	a) b) c)	Identify similarities, differences or changes related to simple scientific ideas or processes. Talk about criteria for grouping, sorting and classifying and use simple keys. Compare and group according to behaviour or properties.

Our knowledge organisers show the key knowledge, prior learning and possible misconceptions for each unit. They have been carefully matched to our sequences of learning for each term. Here are some examples of our KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS in SCIENCE: (see also class pages on the website for each term's overview)

			James First St	Gen and a second se	
Meadows First School Knowledge Organiser				Meadows First School Knowledge Organiser SCIENCE Year 1 Summer	Focus: Let's Explore (Plants).
Science (Understanding the World)	Nursery Autumn 1	<u>×</u>		Key Knowledge Key Vocabulary	
	Theme: Marvellous I	1e: Animals		I can label the main parts of a plant.	
Key knowledge	Key Vocabulary:		- 💰	Buib A root that grows into a	
	' · · · · · ·		- 🌌	brightly coloured.	wes in the Autumn every year.
Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.			ROCKS	sten Leaf The parts of a plant that are flat,	
Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.	Word/ term	definition			s in the earth and has a stem , leaves and roots .
environment and an inving unings.	hatch	To come out of an egg		underground.	m which a new plant will grow.
Key questions:				Leaf X tall plant that has a half the thin upright part of the plant.	ard trunk, branches and leaves.
Where do baby ducks/caterpillars come from?	chrysalls	The hard, outer case of a pupa		Roots -Can you show me the petal/root/stem/leaf?	
What is a baby duck/butterfly called?	duckling	A young duck		Can you name a flower I might find in the Working Scientifically	
what is a baby duck/butterjig called?		Life Cycle of & Butterfly		school grounds? We will ask questions about plant: questions.	ts and think about how we can answer our
	Duck Life	Cycle		I can label the main parts of a tree	Ve will create a tally chart to show how many
	hatching duckin				d then use the information to answer
	0 8	butterfu		Fruit Something that grows on a tree that contains seeds. • We will plant seeds and observe of	changes as they begin to grow.
	egg hatch	het Chrysels		Leaf The part of a plant that are flat, think and usually green. • We will label the parts of a plant petals, fruit, roots, bulb, seed, tr	t showing where the leaves, flowers (blossom), rrunk, branches, and stems are.
Key skills (working scientifically)	Future learning:				ommon names. (tulips, daffodils, roses, blue-
		nents that are different to the one in which they live.		underground. Tree A tall plant that has a hard trunk; bells and daisies.)	
Observing over time		name a variety of common animals including fish, s and mammals. (Y1 – Animals, including humans) •		Prior learning	
How does the change over time?	Identify and name a varie	ty of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores a	d	Trunk The large main stem of a tree from which the branches arow. Children know about similarities and differ	erences in relation to places, objects, materials and
Researching using secondary sources		, including humans) • Describe and compare the mmon animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and		living things. They talk about the features	s of their own immediate environment and how envi
Find out more about the life cycles of the animals observed.		. (Y1 – Animals, including humans)		Lawing Leaving Liknow that some common trees are norse ronments might vary from one another. The explain why some things occur and talk ab	They make observations of animals and plants and
Classification		a server a base server distantes		Common misconceptions: Some children i	
Match animals and their young.		- some chn may think: e young animal is fully formed inside an egg and just		can you show the the to anthesist anthesis	ts with coloured petals and leaves and a stem • trees
	waiting to hatch . animals	are assembled from body parts within the egg • all			stems are green • a trunk is not a stem • blossom is
		all versions of the adult and get bigger nd hens "make" milk and lay eggs for us [humans]		what do we mean by evergreen/deciduous trees/ not a flower.	
	humans are not animals				

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ey Knowled	ge			Key Vocabulary				
E can compare	which materials would	d be best suite	d for particular uses.	materials What objects are made from.				
Material	Properties	Uses	Retrieval questions:	properties This is what a material is like and how it behaves.				
	1.1		Why is glass a good	suitability This means having the properties which are right for a certain job.				
Wood	Hard, stiff,	Furniture,	choice for making win-	opaque Something you can't see through.				
1.00	strong, opaque, can be carved into	doors, sheds and floors.	dows? (transparent,	transparent Something you can see through,				
	any shape.		wate rproof, hard)	fragile A material that will break easily.				
Metal	Strong, hard,	Coins, cans,	Which material would be a good choice for a	flexible A material that can be bent and stretched,				
	opaque, easy to wash , easy to	cars and cutlery.	wall? Why? (brick-	absorbent A material that absorbs water and other liquids.				
Glass	polish, heavy Waterproof,	Windows,	stron g, hard, opaque, wate rproof)	Working Scientifically				
T.	transparent, hard, smooth, fragile.	glass es; bot- tles and jars.	How could you change the shape of playdoh? (sauash, stretch, bend,	 We will design and carry out an investigation into the strength of differen materials. We will record our findings using simple equipment. 				
Fabric	Soft, flexible, hard-wearing,	Clothes, curtains,	twist)	 We will compare and group different materials by looking at their proper- ties. 				
	stretchy, warm, absorbent	blankets and bags.	Who was John Mac- adam? (invented tar- mac making roads	 We will carry out an experiment on flexibility and discuss what we think will happen. 				
			cheaper and more dura-	• With our investigations we will talk about whether our results surprised us.				
	ow solid objects can ling, twisting and str		ble)	Prior learning and misconceptions:				
aash an object by pushing the da together.	And an object by grabbing be ends of the object and bring the ends insurds together.			Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made; identify and name a range of materials including wood, plastic, metal, glass, nock; describe the simple properties of these everyday materials; compare and group these on the basis of their physical properties (Y1— Everyday Materials) Misconceptions—some chn may think—only binks are material'soly building mate- nals are materials the word rock describes an object rather than a material' fold is another				

	t School Knowled	e organiser	SCIENCE	Year 4	Focus: Teeth and Digestion (animals including humans)			
y Knowledge	e			Key Vocab	ulary			
I know the fund	ctions of basic parts	f the digestive s	ystem.	digest	Break down food so it can be used by the body for energy.			
-	ceacephy	A muscular tube that moves food from the mouth to the stomach.		organ	A part of the body with a specific job.			
-	store		re food is broken down	predator	An animal that hunts and eats other animals.			
	STOR		acid and movement.	prey	An animal that gets hunted and eaten by another animal,			
			re nutrients are ab- food,	producer	A plant that produces its own food,			
100	Lorge		ne water is absorbed ood.	Working S	cientifically			
rectum The organ where stools are store before leaving the body through anus.				 We will use everyday objects and materials to demonstrate the hu- 				
A	Why of tee	o humans need to e		man digestive system. We will record our findings with written explanations and presentations.				
	different types of te		cions_ why	Prior learning				
Canine	Tears and rips food.	Premilan T			ame a variety of common animals that are carnivores,			
Incisor	Bites and cuts food.			herbivores and omrivores. (Yt - Arimats, including humans) • Find out about and describe the basic needs of arimats, including humans, for survival (water, food and air). (Y2 - Animats, including humans) • Describe the importance for humans of exercise, easing the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene. (Y2 - Animats, including humans) • kleriffy that animats, including humans. need the right types and amount				
Molar	Grinds food,		Hun					
Pre-molar	Holds and crushes for	f. Incason						
I can construct and interpret a variety of different food chains. Which of these is the producer in this food chain?				 Identify that affind as including inflamation, need the right types and afform of nutrison, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrison from what they eat. (Y3 - Animals, including humans) 				
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				'ests' • the death of one of the parts of a food chain or web has no, or limited, consequences on the rest of the chain • there is always plenty of food for wild animals • you stomach is where your bely button is • food is digested only in the stomach • when				
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you have a meal, your food goes down one tube and your drink down another • the

food you eat becomes "poo" and the drink becomes "wee".

Science

Our Science curriculum provides the foundation for the understanding of the physical and biological aspects of the world. We use it as a bridge between many subjects, so that it contributes to a broad and balanced, rigorous, relevant and enjoyable curriculum.





We aim to encourage all of our children to build their Science Capital, so they see themselves as scientists and understand the relevance of Science. We provide them with opportunities to work scientifically, introduce them to famous historical and current scientists, and explicitly show how Science impacts on our world, to develop a sense of excitement and curiosity.



During lessons they will carry out a range of scientific enquiries that will help them to answer the questions they have about the world around them. In doing this, they will develop their skills of prediction, observing over time, pattern seeking, identifying, classifying, grouping, fair testing and drawing inference from evidence.

The Programmes of Study laid down in the National Curriculum, along with close liaison with schools in our pyramid and ongoing assessment, allow us to maintain continuity and progression across phases.