



Morland Area C. of E. Primary School PSQM Portfolio

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Science Leadership A - Vision

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Key:

During PSQM Impact

SL used criterion activity, used with all staff during staff meeting to discuss visions and principles in science. Staff input to vision



Key Need:- Develop a clear vision for Science teaching and learning

Visions and Principles

Children, staff and governors contributed to developing our Science School Vision. Children believe our science is an exciting and dynamic subject and this is a strength. We now use these as a reflection during our activities to link our topics and link previous learning.



<https://www.morlandarea.cumbria.sch.uk/page/?title=Science&pid=40>

Science Policy and Science Curriculum page on School website was updated with our vision, updated.



SL Ai Principles and vision for science teaching and learning

Science Policy and Visions and Principles document are on our school website <https://www.morlandarea.cumbria.sch.uk/>

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Centralised display to raise the profile of science, promote vision and principles and celebrate outstanding work.

Our Vision
Science is an exciting and dynamic subject that engages the children's curiosity about the world around them. Our children at Morland become knowledgeable about science through a practical, reliable and investigate approach to teaching and learning, from Nursery to Year 6. Enabling them to take this enthusiasm about the scientific world with them when they move on from Morland.

Morland Area C of E Primary School & Mini Morlanders' Pre-School
"A small school for all, making a big difference"

- Children become curious and excited about the world because of the investigations they do.
- I like going outside to do Science and fun activities like investigations!
- We use science in other subjects like Maths, English, Geography, History and DT
- They can recall and build on prior learning.
- Allows for an interesting and diverse curriculum.
- We enjoy watching the world change around us through the seasons.
- Children use high quality technical Scientific vocabulary.
- Children are encouraged to make connections with the real world and actual things that are happening in it.
- They understand how to articulate concepts using technical vocabulary.
- A scientist is a creative person who makes medicine like the flu jab.
- Everything you do is science, like cooking. A scientist is someone who makes mistakes to learn from them.
- A scientist makes predictions, does experiments, creates and tests things like the corona virus vaccine.
- I love rocks! And finding out about fossils. Learning about volcanoes and crystals.
- Inspire children through investigation and play to discover and answer their own questions.

Science learning is effective at our school when children are curious and excited to explore the world around us.

A good balance of practical and written science.

Impact: With a clear vision for science at Morland teachers use it to provide exciting lessons that encourage the curiosity of the children to explore science (Monitoring and student voice)

Impact: From the staff and pupil voice we created our updated visions and principles document. This is shared in many places (School website/policy documents/ whole school and classroom displays) to enable all visitors/parents/staff the opportunity to see what we value most about our teaching and learning of science.



Next Steps: - Embed the vision so it continues to be cascaded through school and our wider community.

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The Science policy is updated every 2 years. The teaching and learning in science was rated as good during the deep dive during our last OFSTED inspection - 21.1.20

"The scheme of work for science reflects the national curriculum intentions. Leaders have considered the knowledge and investigative skills they want pupils to acquire. Pupils remember their science learning well. They recall previous learning about earth and space. They know that different materials have different melting points. The subject leader has not checked if the planned progression of knowledge and development of investigative skills are having the intended impact." Ofsted 2020

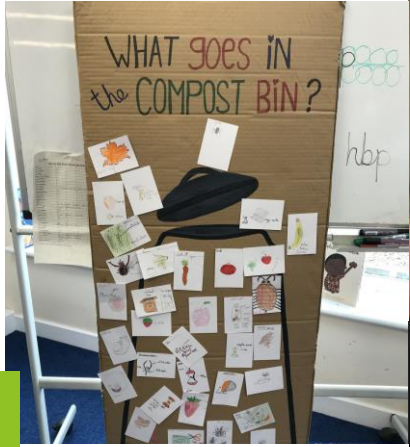
To check planned progression Science is monitored by the Subject leader/Governors as part of a 3 year monitoring cycle. Monitoring extract below (13.10.23) shows the impact of improvements since the last Ofsted

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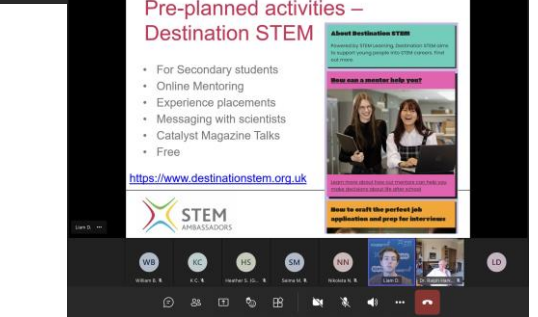
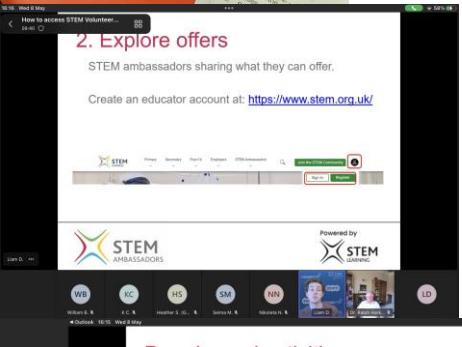
(comparative/fair testing, research, observing over time, pattern seeking, identifying/grouping and classifying, and problem solving)
 Assessment should now be a focus in all year groups – explore TAPS
 Introduction of the new scheme CUSP embed for planning
 Evaluation of CUSP after 12 months of using it with Teachers

Ensuring a dynamic subject :
 Quality first teaching, Stem ambassador engagement, science investigation club and outside involvement of experts e.g CDEC and Frankie Kennett from Garden Organic to add expertise.

The monitoring cycle has led to an evolving subject that aspires to be alive, exciting, current, has impact, and provides a rich knowledge base for future scientists



www.gardenorganic.org.uk



Morland Area CE Primary
 Monitoring timetable

Year	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
subjects	Reading English GPS PE D.T. Geography Art	Reading Maths Science History Computing EYFS	Reading English (Write) Music French	Reading Maths PE DT Geography Art	Reading English GPS Science History Computing EYFS

Science Leadership B - Strategic support - allowing improvement to take place

Key Need: - develop and consolidate our strategic support for Science.



Science was recognised as an equally important core subject alongside Maths and English. Science targets are part of the SIP. SL has always been given time to engage with quality CPD.

Time to promote Science becomes a priority as part of the PSQM and as part of monitoring cycle by SL and Governors monitoring cycle. Release time to support SL to enable improvement and change to take place. See SIP below

Enable SL release time to allow improvement to take place within Science over the next 3 years and beyond as new monitoring cycle becomes established.

Subject Leader has re-developed Long Term Planning for whole school. This is on School website.

Subject Leader CPD

Subject Leader has focused CPD - watched various spotlight videos on PSQM website including introducing science capital and leading change

Subject Leader - science development log of CPD

17.10.23 **PSQM Training session 2**
Watched spotlight video leading change/introducing science capital

SIP identified a need to include EYFS in LTP - SL developed and updated LTP to include this.

have open discussions of these concerning issues.
B. Developments:

- Particularly following periods of home tuition during Covid, Becky intends to ensure that Science has a high profile in school and is regarded as exciting by the pupils and of equal importance to core subjects, for example by carrying out as much practical science as possible.
- Data handling is being mapped in Science and Maths to ensure that teaching of skills can be coordinated in both subjects.
- Becky plans to extend children's vocabulary both in Science and English throughout the school with display.

 All of the above show that Science delivery is thoroughly planned, continually evaluated and developed, and is likely to promote interest, enjoyment and achievement. (SA)

18.11.21 – previous monitoring progress from SIP shows science has always been a priority

Action Points	Check a range of engaging and fun activities are available in class 1 Check that MTP is on the GP to show progression and ideas for the term.	Big focus on behaviour and quality of work to ensure all children can make good progress. Develop quizzes to gain a greater idea of progression of all children Use assessment sheet to check who achieves targets to help aid assessment of children progress.	Focus on quality of work and implementing CUSP planning. Develop TABs and unit quizzes for assessment to have a greater idea of progression of all children.	Continue high quality of work and implementing CUSP planning Develop TABs for assessment to have a greater idea of progression of all children. Is there more opportunity for children to learn outside sometimes and use the school grounds to aid learning in certain topics?
What do we need to do next?				
Visitors?				
Staff training?				
Action Plan Points 2023-24 To refine assessments to ensure Science assessment has impact – Children to be given feedback on how to improve to ensure progression.				

Review schemes, amend and add to resources in line with New Agreed Syllabus to support child centred approach and creativity.
Access training opportunities for staff.
Science club?
Science focus day or Science week to increase profile of Science as a core subject in school?
PSQM – Subject Coordinator to undertake Primary Science Quality Mark award 2023-2024 focusing on raising the profile of Science in school to that of core subject.

Trips – time? (some science is covered in cross – topic trips e.g. York – Vikings/rocks/ archaeology at dig, Cat Bells – Environmental Science.) Exploring Science opportunities in the school grounds to aid learning – this is already done to good effect – continue to develop this area – especially for class 1 + 2. Pond dipping?

10.11.23 – current monitoring extract

Impact: LTP enables Subject Leader and teachers of science to use approaches that are consistent across school and raises standards. This is evident during subject monitoring - in lesson observations and walk throughs/science monitoring/ Governor monitoring.



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	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
EYFS	People and Communities Understanding the World	Working Scientifically	The World
Y1	Animals and Humans Seasonal Changes	Materials	
Y2	Living things and Humans Every Day Materials	Earth and Space	Forces
Y3	Animals and Humans Evolution and Extinction	Light	Electricity
Y4	Living things and Humans Every Day Materials	Earth and Space	Forces
Y5	Animals and Humans Evolution and Extinction	Light	Electricity
Y6	Living things and Humans Every Day Materials	Earth and Space	Forces

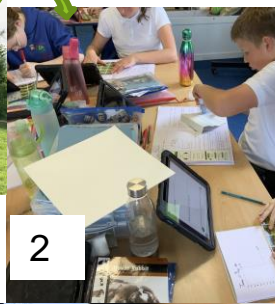
	Plants	Animals and Humans	Living things and Habitats	Everyday Materials	Seasonal Changes
EYFS: Natural World (People and Communities & The World)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the natural world, make observations and draw pictures of animals and plants. Know some similarities and differences between our own environment and others – draw on experiences and information read in class. Understand effects of changing seasons on world around us. 				
Working Scientifically Taught through the topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask questions Talk about what is being done in order to answer their questions Make observations Talk about why things happen Talk about changes 				
EYFS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore plants and seeds and discuss their similarities and differences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make observations of animals. Explain why something occur and talk about the change. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about their own environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore a variety of materials and discuss their properties. Collect various objects from the outdoor environment and allow children to explore and play with them (stones, wood, bricks) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss how days changes to night.
Nursery					
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the different parts of a plant To discuss where some foods come 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify some common animals and categorise. E.g. pets, farm, under the sea, jungle etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore plants from local environment and their features. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify some common materials and compare and describe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about changes in the different seasons

Strategic goals	Evaluation/evidence this is needed	Action needed	Timescale and resources	Leader/ Governor committee	Evaluation
2:2 Create opportunity for staff to develop second key co-ordinator role	Monitoring whole school curriculum and breadth of study for foundation subjects. Subject leads developing subject through performance management route	Staff meeting to review monitoring of planning and implementation of action plans. Staff to report on their subjects as part of performance management. Subject leaders to track subject coverage in individual classes – CUSP resources (Alex Bedford)	Release time for teachers to scrutinise books and planning. Do this a cycle in conjunction with performance management so all subjects being reviewed in depth. July 24	All staff with foundation subject coordination. BJ – Science (Read) AT – Computing JB – History SH – RE (Cont) EW – EYFS LDS - Maths	

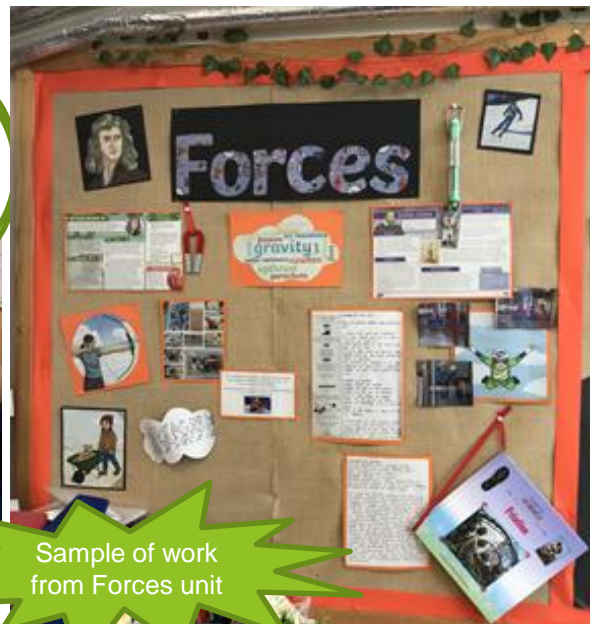
Next Steps: - continue to prioritise science SL and ensure have release time in order to maintain progress made and ensure quality of Science remains high.

Science Leadership C - Monitoring

Key Need:- Continue focus on Science monitoring, specifically on integrating investigations more thoroughly into lessons/planning.



Children are accessing well planned CUSP resources that have sequenced progressive lessons adapted by teachers.



Y1/2 materials



Monitoring template for science used by SL and Governor

Subject Monitoring pro forma - Autumn 2023

Subject	Science
Date	13.10.23
Evaluator	Becky Johnson
What is your focus? Intent - what do we want it to look like?	To evaluate Understanding Science throughout the school To look at end of unit assessments being used Evaluate investigation work as well as topics studied
Key Questions	What is working well with the schemes? What may we need to change/adapt? What assessments are being used in class to support children's progress?
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2. What's the effect of air resistance?

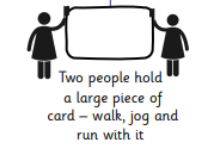
air resistance
a type of friction that opposes the movement of an object through the air

factors that affect air resistance

- surface area
- speed

WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY
FIRST TEST - EXPERIENCE IT

What does air resistance feel like?



Describe what you notice
Describe what you feel?

How does increasing the speed affect air resistance?

What happens if you reduce the surface area?

SECOND TEST - COMPARE IT

control variables (keep the same)

- drop height
- paper size

independent variable (we change)

- scrunched up paper
- flat A4 paper

dependent variable (we measure)

- time paper took to reach the ground

pupils should be taught to:

explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object
identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces
recognise that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect

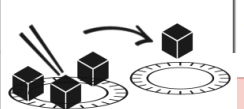
Plan enquiries, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary	Use appropriate techniques, apparatus, and materials during fieldwork and laboratory work	Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision	Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, bar and line graphs, and models	Report findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations of results, explanations involving causal relationships, and conclusions	Present findings in written form, displays and other presentations	Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests	Use simple models to describe scientific ideas, identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments

Prior learning and investigative skills are overt in all units, subject knowledge videos available.

Working scientifically

TEST IT

using chopsticks, move cubes of jelly from one board to another



Now cover the jelly cubes in cooking oil and repeat the test

How has the oil changed the effect of friction?



Predicting Measuring IPROF

Set up the equipment as shown in the diagram below. Place a 1kg weight at one end of the metre ruler and position the fulcrum 20cm away from that end / load. Predict how far a second 1kg weight must be placed from the fulcrum to make the rod balance before estimating and then measuring the distance. Repeat using, e.g. 800g, 600g, 400g etc. Encourage pupils to record their results clearly in a table so they can compare their predictions with the actual results and describe the relationship between the size of the weight added and the distance it is placed from the fulcrum.

Support pupils by providing a sentence frame to complete:
As the size of the weight ... , its distance from the fulcrum ...

Challenge: Sketch a graph to indicate the relationship identified.

Next Steps:
Maintain the use of CUSP as a planning tool and progress in to 2nd year of the science long term plan, light touch monitoring correlating planning/national curriculum and book work. Monitor impact through assessment and pupil/teacher feedback.

Impact:
Children have excellent knowledge and understanding of investigative science, they are confident to transfer skills learned and as a result previous learning builds and sustains the learning of new concepts. Children are skilled in identifying variables and analysing data.

Science Teaching A - Engagement with CPD

Key Need:- Strengthen and develop teaching through engagement with professional development.



Signposting of relevant CPD in science to aid science knowledge of National curriculum and EYFS statutory framework - especially ECT/RQT. We also use our experienced staff and those with science degrees/background to mentor new staff. Creating a collegiate approach to support others and for all staff engagement with good quality CPD.

Impact: Teachers and practitioners have relevant and up to date subject knowledge that follows the ethos of the school with practical and highly engaging lessons that peak the curiosity of our children and plant the seeds for STEM pathways in the future.



Understanding the World
Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community. The frequency and range of children's personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them – from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of society such as police officers, nurses and firefighters. In addition, listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains. Enriching and widening children's vocabulary will support later reading comprehension.



Science Seasonal Snippets

Course Outline: Are you, a primary school teacher, looking for creative ideas of how to link the changing seasons and celebrations to the science national curriculum to develop substantive and disciplinary knowledge? Led by experienced science education consultant, join us throughout the year for online 30-minute sessions packed full of inspiration. The three seasons will cover the following:

November: **Get the Insect Out** – Christmas & Winter Science
 February: **Spring into Science** – Easter & Spring science
 June 2024: **Summer sizzle** – Summer & Olympic science

Target Audience: Primary Science Subject Leaders, Primary Science Class teachers, HLTAs

Course Provider: Heather Singh – STEM Senior Facilitator, PSQM Hub Leader, York University Resource Developer - Education Guru

Outcomes:

- To increase science capital
- To make links between seasonal events and primary substantive & disciplinary science knowledge
- To increase engagement in the classroom

Date and Time:
 Course A: **Get the Insect Out** – Christmas and Winter Science Thursday 23 November 2023
 Course B: **Spring into Science** – Easter and Spring Science Thursday 29 February 2024
 Course C: **Summer sizzle** – Summer and Olympic Science Tuesday 19 June 2024

All sessions will run from 2.30pm – 4.00pm



We have strong links with external providers to support science teaching. We have refocused CPD on development of high quality training, impact ECO –schools and other providers to ensure science capital



https://youtu.be/Sp8N_B0Bn50

Slide from CUSP training on cognitive load theory. All staff attended this bespoke in house training over 3 twilights.

Recommendations

- Make the most of prior learning**
Give new learning a place to connect and settle with existing knowledge
Use worked examples to teach new content and skill
My turn, our turn, your turn...
- Gradually increase independence, so pupils move from Teacher led to Guided to Independent**
- Remove unnecessary information**
Consider the redundancy effect to improve clarity
- Present and keep essential information together**
Consider the split-attention effect
- Simplify complex information**
Sequence learning into cumulative steps
- Retrieve learnt concepts**
Strengthen cognitive connections

REVIEW review content daily improves automatic recall, freeing up working memory	CHECK IN WITH PUPILS regularly and systematically avoid assumptions by questioning and quizzing all pupils to check they understand the content
SEQUENCE NEW MATERIAL present new content in small steps be precise – the working memory can only handle and process a few pieces of new information at once	GENERATE SUCCESS small steps with lots of practice this eases the load on the working memory and supports transfer to the long-term memory
ASK RELEVANT QUESTIONS that engage all pupils, not just a few use techniques that allow everyone to participate, such as show what you know or think-pair-share	Scaffold difficult tasks temporary support to help with new or complex tasks structured templates, modelling, teacher explanation, checklists
ONE WORKED EXAMPLE model teacher thinking and expectations think aloud and explain how to present or solve problems My turn, Our turn, Your turn	OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDEPENDENT PRACTICE practice what you know teacher led guided independent
CHOOSE PUPIL PRACTICE plan time for pupils to rehearse, rephrase and elaborate learning acquiring meaning through deliberate practice with varying instructional input from the teacher	REVIEW WEEKLY AND MONTHLY spaced learning activates retrieval practice revisiting recently learned content strengthens the cognitive connections within the long-term memory

Next Steps: To develop a data bank of CPD providers to support teaching and learning. To link science units of work to specific providers e.g. habitats and Eden Rivers Trust on a rolling programme.

Science Teaching B - Use effective teaching and learning strategies

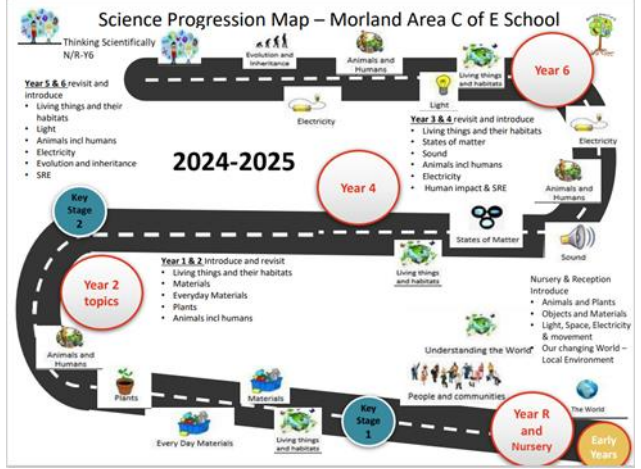
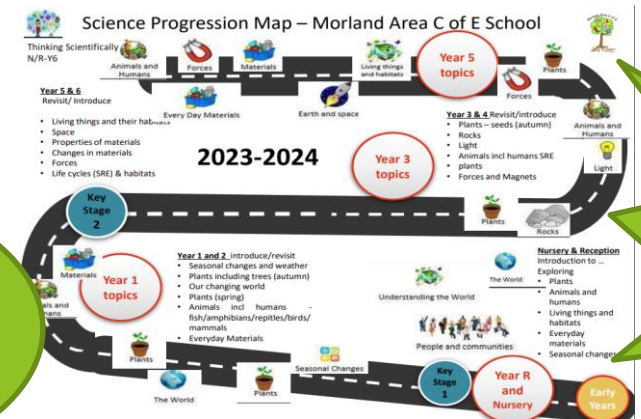
Key Need:- Use range of effective teaching and learning strategies



Handwritten student work on rocks and fossils, including diagrams and text notes. The work is organized into sections with headings like 'Science study', 'Rocks', and 'Fossils'. It includes diagrams of rock layers, fossils, and various types of rocks.

Use of CUSP by all teachers to enable planning is consistent through school and enables reflection on learning from previous teaching.

Teachers are supported to use a range of effective strategies for teaching science which challenge and support the learning needs of the children.



ECT Teacher- the knowledge organisers have helped immensely with children's understanding and sequencing rich planning that gives depth. BA

The science SL has developed bespoke road maps to map the curriculum making it clear where key learning takes place.



Handwritten notes on plant types and diagrams of plants. The notes are organized into sections for different plant types: Horse Chestnut, Oak, Beech, Scots pine, and Spruce. Each section includes a drawing of the plant and a list of its characteristics.

Knowledge Organiser for Forces and Gravity. A structured grid of information including: Gravity and weight (measured in Newtons), Simple contact (push and pull, friction), Magnetism (magnetic force field, attract and repel), Air resistance (air pushes against object), Water resistance (push occurs when object moves through water), Upthrust (force acts upwards on objects in liquid or gas), and Levers (see-saw, scissors, wheelbarrow, fixed or moveable, driver and follower gears).

Working scientifically activity: TEST IT using chopsticks, move cubes of jelly from one board to another. Now cover the jelly cubes in cooking oil and repeat the test. How has the oil changed the effect of friction?

From lesson observations and book looks when monitoring it is evident that the use of KO and KN are being used through school to good effect, aiding children's learning and understanding of the topic.

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Next Steps: Evaluation of the scheme, what is going well and what needs improved.

Science Teaching C - Resources

Key Need:- Regular and safe use of up-to-date quality resources.

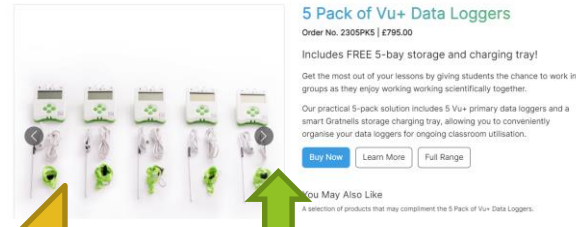


Physical resources are stored in each classroom or main science cupboard. There is regular use of resources in our lessons across school – we also use interactive physical displays and EYFS have access to continuous provision to explore science.



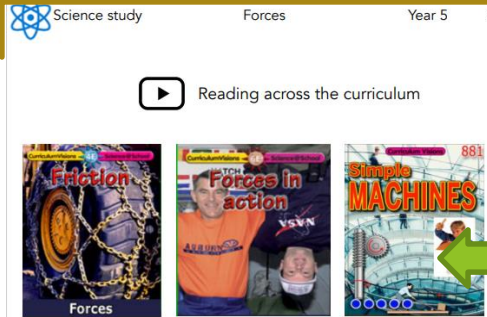
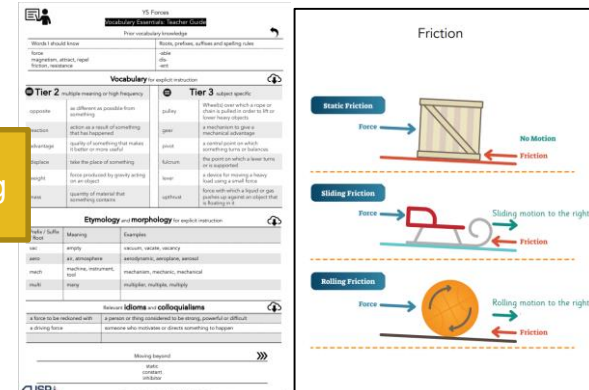
[Year 4 Data logging lesson plan](https://teachcomputing.org/curriculum/key-stage-2/data-and-information-data-logging/logging)
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Resources are audited annually - well organised and accessible, so the children can regularly and safely use appropriate practical and digital resources, information texts and outdoor environment.

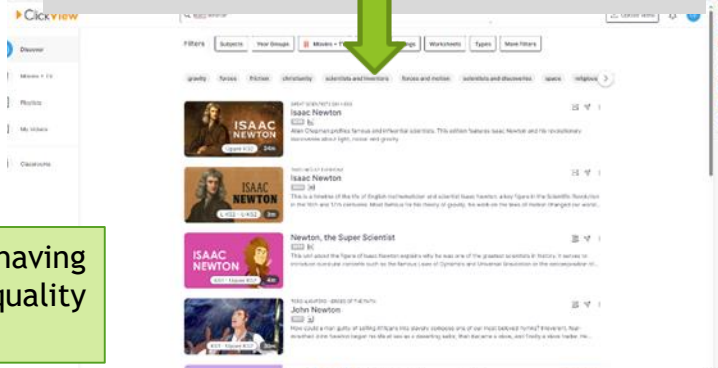


Data logging CPD from NCCE – engaging with external support for training and loaning of additional resources.

Vocabulary is taught explicitly through CUSP and has excellent visual resources linked to units of work



Click view and curriculum visions are linked to concepts being taught e.g Y5 Sum 1 Gravity between Earth and falling object. Isaac Newton



Impact: Learning is facilitated with having the appropriate tools that allow for quality teaching

Next Steps: Further training for teachers on the use of microbits (lower KS2) and Vu+ data loggers.

We learned about plants and labelled them. We learned about photosynthesis JN Y4



Evidence of how we use the schools grounds to good effect as a scientific environment

Gardening club



Farming club keep chickens.



Science Learning A - Enquiry types/skills/investigation



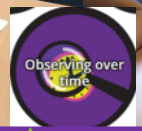
Key Need:- Science learning is strengthened and developed - purpose and process of science enquiry.

Research enquiries are a great opportunity to use science lessons to practise reading and listening skills developed in English; children get to use a range of secondary sources to help them find the answers to their 'big questions'. Alternatively, children could plan research tools, such as questionnaires and interviews, to collect their own data. They are also an ideal type of enquiry to encourage collaborative learning in children, both in the researching and sharing of information, but also in presenting their findings to a variety of audiences. Research enquiries help to develop children's scientific literacy, as children learn to compare and evaluate information from different sources. As children learn to recognise the differences between fact and opinion, and consider the concept of bias, they develop life skills that will support them in being citizens of the twenty-first century.

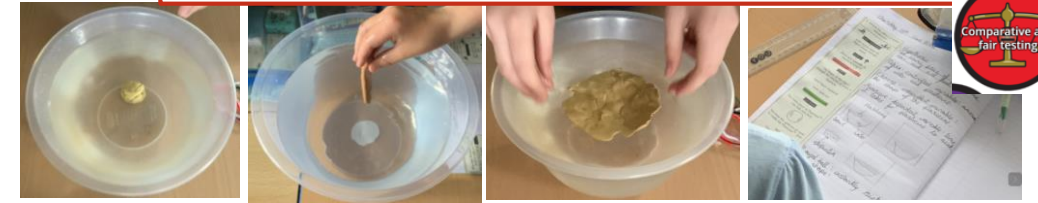


Pupil GMcK Y3- I can't wait for Mondays to do experiments - we tested rocks like chalk and slate with water and vinegar.

Primary science enquiries that are comparative tests have many similar features to fair tests in that one variable is changed, another variable is measured, and any other variables are controlled. The difference is that in a comparative test the variable that is changed is discrete rather than continuous, so children are comparing different cases/situations. Children regularly ask questions that lead to a comparative test, and these types of enquiries provide lots of opportunities to measure and collect data.



Observing over time enquiries are a fantastic way for children to be curious about the world around them. These types of enquiries lend themselves to observing the natural world, but can also be used when comparing materials and observing physical processes.



Class 4 were investigating the effect of shape on water resistance today and how this affects the speed of an item sinking. We tested different shapes, researched those with the least resistance and timed our results to prove our hypothesis.

Children are taught to use different enquiry types to answer scientific questions about the world around them, through the use of different enquiry skills.

Impact : Scientific enquiry increases children's capacity to:

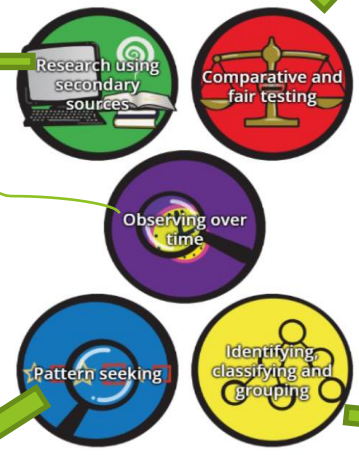
- Problem-solve and answer questions. Children explore their own ideas, develop and deepen conceptual understanding.
- Work with independence. Thinking and reasoning is nurtured alongside a host of qualities, including resilience, determination and confidence.
- 'Be a scientist'. A necessary toolkit of practical skills is developed and added to over time.
- Communicate effectively. Technical and scientific vocabulary is learned, practised and used, as children communicate evidence in a variety of ways, often with different audiences in mind.



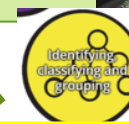
Year 3 Science Provision Map - Working Scientifically

	Ask relevant questions	Set up simple practical enquiries using safe equipment for fair tests	Make accurate observations using appropriate tools, using a range of representations for data recording	Collect, record, analyse and present data in a variety of ways, using appropriate scientific language	Report findings using appropriate scientific language, including explanations, predictions and conclusions	Report on findings using appropriate scientific language, including explanations, predictions and conclusions	Identify differences, similarities and changes relative to other enquiries, data and processes
Plants							
Animals, including humans							
Rocks							
Light							
Forces and magnets							

CUSP resources have provision maps for the different units to support teachers in, for example, Pattern seeking to identify where children 'use results to draw simple conclusions and suggest improvements. New questions and predictions for the setting up of further tests in each of the units (Plants, animals, rocks, light, forces and magnets (Y3))



Pattern-seeking enquiries involve children making measurements or observations to explore situations where there are variables that they can't easily control. In these enquiries, children are trying to answer 'big questions' by identifying patterns in the measurements and observations they record. These types of enquiries may be preliminary tests that lead on to more systematic enquiries, such as fair tests or comparative tests.



Children begin identifying and classifying objects in the world around them from a very young age; this type of enquiry comes very naturally as young learners try to make sense of the world around them. In this type of enquiry, children make observations and measurements to help them look for similarities and differences. This will help them to organise things into groups and make connections.



Science Learning B - Assessment

Key Need:- The purpose of science assessment and current best practice



OWN-it	Analyse
Tick the root word that means <i>shape</i> .	
<input type="checkbox"/> poly	
<input type="checkbox"/> form	
Explain the meaning of the underlined root in the word <i>soluble</i> .	
Which part of the word <i>irreversible</i> means <i>not</i> ?	

A Focus on vocabulary – analysis, definition, connection, and context

A range of strategies and processes for formative, summative and statutory assessment. Reflect shared understanding of the purpose of assessment in science and uses current best practice.



Teachers are using a range of strategies to inform assessment and although this works for progress across the 2 year groups in each class the transfer of clear information is less clear so need to be a school improvement focus.

LINK-it	Connect
Circle the word closest in meaning to <i>combine</i> .	
join	add
Write a word meaning the opposite of <i>irreversible</i> .	
Write two words associated with <i>molecule</i> .	
1.	
2.	

Explorify makes science accessible for all – discussion-based and open-ended activities are great for enabling ALL pupils, including those with SEND, to participate in science lessons without a fear of failure and increasing their independence. With proven impact for teachers and pupils, Explorify increases teacher confidence and teaching time, which improves pupils' science knowledge, use of scientific vocabulary and reasoning skills. Using Inspiring ideas to develop scientific enquiry skills, add a twist to your science lessons with activities that inspire questioning, deepen thinking and extend reasoning skills. Try challenges that develop scientific enquiry skills and tackle confidence-building group tasks.



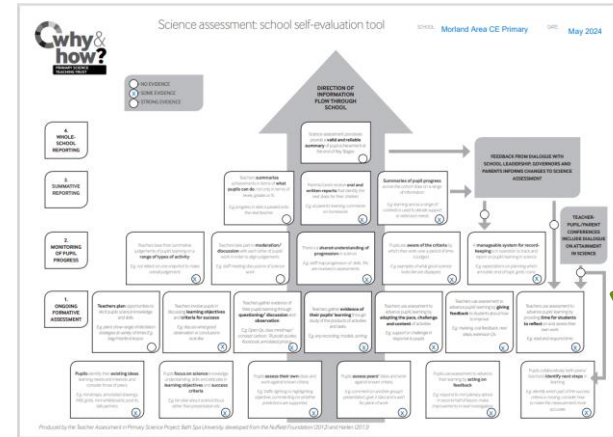
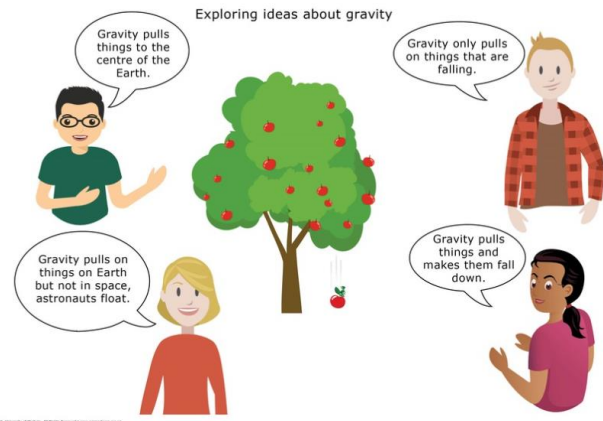
Y5 Properties and changes of materials 2023

Quizzes form part of the CUSP curriculum allowing for mini recaps on learning.

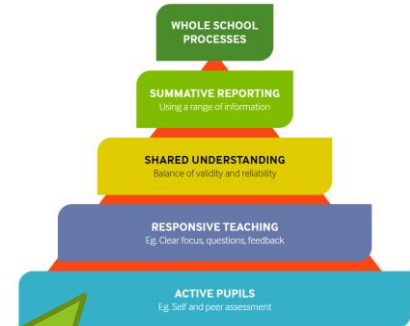
...that is a conductor...
 ...electricity and heat to travel through it.
 ...allow electricity and heat through it.
 ...the toughness of a material.
 ...well a substance mixes into a liquid.
 ...well you can see through a material.
 ...material is attracted by the force of
 ...y and heat to travel through it.
 ...electricity and heat through it.
 ...toughness of a material.
 ...describes how well a substance mixes into a liquid.
 ...describes how well you can see through a material.
 ...is attracted by the force of magnetism.



Concept cartoons are a visual representation of science ideas. The simple cartoon style drawings put forward a range of viewpoints about science ideas in situations that are designed to motivate and engage students and stimulate discussion of their ideas.



Register your interest for Focus4TAPS professional development



Whole school overview of where we are with assessment linked to curriculum (See road map slide 7) – explore through TAPS/CUSP

Next steps: Streamline assessment process (SIP 2024-25)– next steps in using CUSP is to review assessment in science to provide valid and reliable summary of childrens progress in science that can be used by next teacher

Impact: Children's assessment shows achievement in topics covered so children's knowledge of science topics is deepened as this information is passed through the school.

Science Learning C - science capital

Key Need:- *The importance of strategies for developing all childrens' science capital.*



Developing science capital by introducing magazines that each week/month explore a new theme through science, art and general knowledge. Topics range from Robotics and Solar Science, Ancient Egypt and Time Travel – something for every interest

Initiatives that encourage all children to think that science is relevant and important to their lives, now and in the future, are supported and promoted. We have a farming club and many farming families that give us a wealth of practicing scientists and 'live' resources to work with.



Morland Area C of E Primary School & Mini Morlanders' Pre-School
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 Red Squirrels
 We had the most fantastic assembly with Rachel from Fenwith and District Red Squirrel Group this morning. We learned all about how there are 305 different types of squirrel (including a sample squirrel), how red squirrels don't hibernate, and how grey squirrels have taken over the United Kingdom!
 It was so informative and useful, and the children have taken a leaflet home to show their families! Such an important cause, and we are looking forward to putting up our tree brand new squirrel stoves at school!
<https://www.penrithred.org.uk/>
 #PenrithRedSquirrels #RedSquirrelConservation #RedSquirrel



All children have 'statutory' science lessons every week, as part of their timetable. This is supplemented with theme weeks, science/farm/eco club, magazines, access to curriculum visions (digital book bank), enrichment events. There is a strong scientific educational background with staff to A-level and degree standard.

External speakers to deliver workshops on e.g. biodiversity – the decline of red squirrels and how we can help protect the 25000 left n England.



We run an enrichment programme for local primary schools that give children access to STEM specialists such as events with ben Martynoga author and scientist and drone workshop.



Cross curricular units of cooking in DT link with science



We have a strong link with a village in Ghana called Ankoma – during a theme week around chocolate in March we were able to link directly to our headteacher at a cocoa farm and see the cocoa beans being picked.



Impact: Science capital builds relationships between children and science by broadening the ways in which science is represented, by valuing what all children bring with them and by connecting science with children's identities, experiences and what matters to them and their communities.



Be an Engineer

Pupils get hands-on experience of learning how to learn, code a drone to take a mission to Mars, to survey an unknown planet and to dock with the space station. All this in their classroom of hall! Learn how autonomous vehicles are used now, and in the future, encouraging a lifelong interest in STEM.

Suitable for: Y3-16
 Place to Face:

Space Exploration

Working as part of a small team, pupils code a drone to take a mission to Mars, to survey an unknown planet and to dock with the space station. All this in their classroom of hall! Learn how autonomous vehicles are used now, and in the future, encouraging a lifelong interest in STEM.

Suitable for: Y3-16
 Place to Face:

Science Wider Opportunities A - Science - contextualised in other subjects - cross-curricular planning links science with other subjects.

Key Need: cross-curricular planning that links science to other areas of learning



Engage with STEM to provide expertise in specific area and CPD to staff

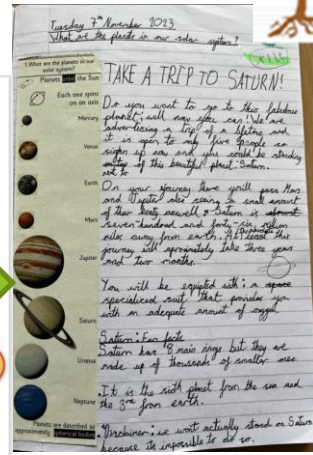
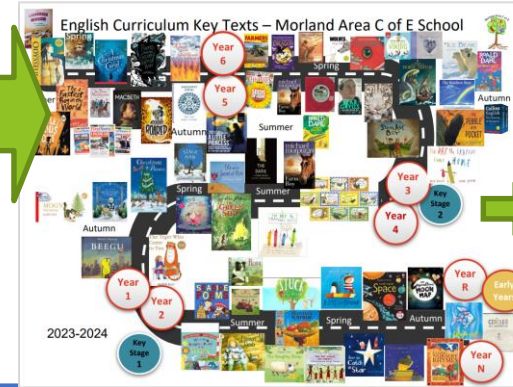


Get involved in Electricity North West new exciting electricity workshops for KS2

Staff training with Cumbria development Education Centre

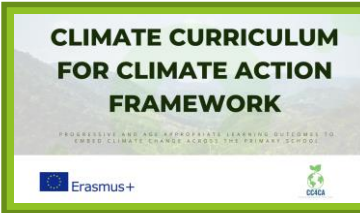


We have mapped the books the children read as part of their English curriculum many of which have science as part of their content. Children also use English writing styles in recording their work.



CDEC
Cumbria as a Beacon of Global Citizenship

Welcome to CDEC - Cumbria Development Education Centre



By the end of Year 2:	By the end of Year 4:	By the end of Year 6:
Weather and climate	Climate change Atmosphere Greenhouse effect Greenhouse Gas emissions Carbon emissions Carbon dioxide Fossil fuels Renewable energy	Carbon footprint Climate emergency Tipping points Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Ecosystems Climate justice Carbon sinks Biodiversity Permaculture

Curriculum planning links science to other areas of learning. Eden Rivers trust 2 day CPD in the field linking Geography and Science



<https://www.facebook.com/morlandarea/videos/1561618431044653>
Children learned about Cacao and biodiversity in writing week about 'Chocolate', tie dying t-shirts in art and making animations.



Impact: Cross-curricular teaching promotes deeper learning and engages pupils holistically and encourages them to explore connections between science and other subjects, leading to a more comprehensive understanding of concepts

Jamie from Hotel Chocolate came to talk to the children



<https://www.edenriverstrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Name-That-Minibeast.pdf>
Links to mini beast identification grid and primary resources from training.

Outcomes:

- Knowledge of the Eden Catchment: What makes it such a special river system and the species that depend upon it being healthy; the impacts of land-use, pollution and climate change; and how people are working together to make it a better place for people and wildlife.
- An understanding of risk management at Water Margins (e.g. walking along a riverbank and working in shallow water)
- Developed Fieldwork Skills – geography (beside and in-river) and science (invertebrate sampling and identification).
- Knowledge of how to use Eden Rivers Trust's creative and varied online resources to support learning in the classroom. Including: in-class science investigations; fun films made with local schools; illustrated stories and challenges to 'Act for Eden's Rivers'.
- Inspired and confident to use and map 'Eden's Rivers' in your school curriculum - including knowledge progression and core skills.

Science Wider Opportunities B - variety of opportunities to deepen and extend learning

Key Need:-provision of a variety of opportunities that deepen and extend learning

There is participation in external initiatives, topical science events and family learning.



Hatching chicks



Farm visits



WHITE SCAR CAVE
Yorkshire Dales National Park

Catbells



Gymnastics at the leisure centre

Children have hands on practical experiences in the field to support their learning.

Packed lunches

Pick

a sandwich, a wrap, or 1/2 a baguette
(ham, cheese or tuna)

Include

Carrot pepper or cucumber sticks
A piece of fruit or a fruit pot
A cake, cookie or muffin
Tube yogurt or yogurt pot

Healthy snack is quavers harvest crunch or proper or metalls corn.

Thank you to school council for revamping our packed lunch menu with healthy options 😊 We can't wait to try them when we go on our school trips!



Children are enthused by their learning they spend time researching and making posters

Impact:As above (Slide 12)

Next Steps: Make established links for learning outside the classroom and record on planning related to each unit

Science club: S and J have been running science club for Y3 – Chromatography , the science of bubbles, slime.



working alongside A level Computing students from Kirkby Stephen Grammar School and their lead teacher Mrs Park and our IT support and Governor Marti Barker who provided us with a superb session using Lego Spike robot kits.



Ingrédients				
Flip each card for English version				
250 g de farine	50 cl de lait	3 œufs	1 pincée de sel	Un peu de beurre
Recette				
1 Verser la farine et le sel dans le saladier.	2 Casser les œufs dans le saladier, mélanger avec la cuillère en bois et ajouter le lait progressivement sans cesser de mélanger.	3 Laisser reposer la pâte pendant 1 heure.		
4 Faire chauffer la poêle avec du beurre, verser une louche de pâte, bien répartir au...	5 Laisser cuire et retourner la crepe.	6 Bon appétit!		



Making Crepes on residential Science through cooking – and in French!