



Science Curriculum Map: KS3

Year 7 - Building the foundations for scientific investigation.

Autumn Half Term 1	Autumn Half Term 2	Spring Half Term 1	Spring Half Term 2	Summer Half Term 1	Summer Half Term 2
<p>The Scientific Method: Working safely, research skills, planning and doing experiments.</p> <p>Chemistry Matter: Particle model, changes in state, diffusion and conservation of mass, atoms.</p>	<p>Biology: Cells, tissues and organs: Using microscopes, animal and plant cell structures and adaptations. Specialised cells, unicellular versus multicellular organisms, hierarchical organisation, and organ transplants.</p>	<p>Physics Forces: Forces in newtons, and force diagrams, changes in motion. Representing journeys on distance-time graphs. Elasticity, force-extension and Hooke's Law. Contact and non-contact forces.</p>	<p>Chemistry Chemical and physical change: Physical changes and chemical reactions, the Earth's composition, the structure of the Earth, the rock cycle, physical, biological and chemical weathering, and word equations.</p>	<p>Biology Reproduction: Asexual and sexual reproduction in plants, reproduction in animals, internal and external fertilisation, puberty and adolescence in humans, human reproductive systems, pregnancy and birth.</p>	<p>Chemistry Acids and bases: Acids, bases and neutralisation, indicators, the pH scale, reactions of acids and bases.</p> <p>Physics Space: Gravity, our solar system and galaxy, satellites, the seasons and day length, and the speed of light.</p>

Year 8 - Changes within systems.

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<p>Biology Food and nutrition: A healthy diet, imbalances in the diet, the digestive system.</p> <p>Physics Electrical circuits: Charge, current, potential difference, circuits in series and parallel, resistance.</p>	<p>Chemistry Elements and compounds: Atomic structure, elements and compounds. Chemical symbol and word equations. Pure and impure substances and simple separation techniques. Mendeleev's periodic table. Metals and non-metals.</p>	<p>Biology Circulation and breathing: Breathing, adaptations of the lungs, gas exchange, leaf stomata in plants, the impact of exercise, asthma and smoking, aerobic respiration versus anaerobic respiration.</p>	<p>Physics Energy: Energy stores, work done, heat, conduction, convection and radiation and insulators. Energy costs. Energy changes within systems.</p> <p>Chemistry Energy transfers during reactions: Endothermic and exothermic reactions, measuring temperature changes, using catalysts.</p>	<p>Biology Disease: Communicable and non-communicable diseases. Viruses, bacteria and fungi. Antibiotics and antibiotic resistance.</p> <p>Physics Light and sound: Wave properties, transverse and longitudinal waves. Reflection, absorption, and transmission. Wave speed and the auditory frequency range.</p>	<p>Biology Feeding relationships and ecosystems: Organism interdependence, food webs, pollinators, energy transfer within a food web, photosynthesis, how organisms are affected by their environment, bioaccumulation.</p>

Year 9 - A more detailed look at the extent of change.

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<p>Physics Measuring: Pressure in solids and fluids, hydraulic systems, floating and sinking, accuracy, precision, repeatability and sampling techniques. Observing patterns, using observations and representing data. Understanding systematic and random sources of error.</p>	<p>Biology Genetics and variation; Inheritance, chromosomes, DNA and genes, the structure of DNA, continuous versus discontinuous variation, natural selection and its role in evolution.</p>	<p>Chemistry Patterns of reactivity: Balancing symbol equations. Combustion, oxidation and decomposition. Metal reactivity series. Reactions of acids and bases.</p> <p>Physics Satellites: Electromagnetic spectrum and the inverse law. Natural and artificial satellites and observing Earth from Space.</p>	<p>Biology Adaptations, cell specialisation and microscopes: Life processes and the adaptations needed to fulfil these in extreme conditions. Microscope work and calculating magnification, object size and image size. Transport in/out of cells through diffusion and osmosis.</p>	<p>Chemistry Atomic structure and periodicity: Atomic structure in elements and their isotopes, sub-atomic particles, periodicity and trends within Group 1 alkali metals.</p>	<p>Physics Magnetism and electromagnets: Non-contact forces: gravity, the forces between magnets and electrostatic forces. Static electricity and electric fields. Using plotting compasses to represent magnetic fields, Earth's magnetism. The magnetic effect of a current, electromagnets and DC motors.</p>