Being a Scientist at Escomb Primary School

	A Reception Scientist	A Year 1 Scientist	A Year 2 Scientist	A Year 3 Scientist	A Year 4 Scientist	A Year 5 Scientist	A Year 6 Scientist
Working Scientifically		I can ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways. I can observe carefully, using simple equipment. I can identify and classify a number of plants and animals. I can use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to their questions. I can gather and record data to help in answering questions.	I can ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different way. I can observe carefully, using simple equipment. I can identify and classify different aspects of plants and animals. I can perform simple tests. I can use my observations and ideas to suggest answers to my questions. I can they gather and record data to help in answering questions.	can make and record predictions before testing. I can explain why I need to collect information to answer a scientific question. I can make accurate measurements using standard units. I can explain what I have found out and use my measurements to say whether it helps to answer my questions.	I can ask relevant questions and use different types of scientific enquiries to answer them. I can use straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support my findings. I can make systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, take accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers. I can set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests. I can identify differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes. I can use results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions. I can record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables. I can gather, record, classify and present data in a variety of ways to help answer questions. I can report on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions.	I can know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution. I can use their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating. I can give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic. I can demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes. I can explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials, and that this kind of change is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda.	I can plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary. I can take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate. I can record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs. I can use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests. I can report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written form such as displays and other presentations. I can identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments.

Plants		I can identify and name a variety of common, wild and green plants. I can identify and name a variety of deciduous and evergreen trees. I can identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.	I can observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. I can find out and describe how plants need water, light and suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.	I can identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants (roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers). I can explore the requirement of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant. I can investigate the way in which water is transported within plants. I can explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. I can set up a simple test to explore the differences between materials. I can describe what it means to reverse a change and describe which changes can and cannot be reversed.			
Animals, including humans		I can identify and name a variety of common animals, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. I can identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. I can describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets). I can identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the human body is associated with each sense.	I can notice that animals, including humans, have offspring, which grow into adults. I can find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans for survival (water, food and air). I can describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amount of different types of food, and hygiene.	I can identify animals, including humans, need the right types of nutrition, and they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. I can identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.	I can construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey. I can describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans. I can identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions.		I can describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans. I can identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. I can recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way my body's function.
Materials		I can distinguish between an object and the materials	I can identify and compare the suitability of a variety of	I can compare and group together different rocks on	I can compare and group materials together,		

		from which it is made. I can identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock. I can describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. I can compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.	everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, rock, brick, paper and cardboard for particular uses. I can find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.	the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. I can recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.	according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. I can describe what it means to reverse a change and describe which changes can and cannot be reversed. I can set up a simple test to explore the differences between materials. I can 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). I can identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.		
Seasonal change		I can observe changes across the four seasons. I can observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.					
Living things and their habitats			I can explore and compare differences between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive. I can identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend of each other. I can identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats. I can describe how animals obtain their food from		I can recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. I can explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. I can recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.		I can describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals. I can give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

			plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.				
Light				I can recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. I have noticed that light is reflected from surfaces. I can recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect my eyes. I recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid object. I can find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.			I can recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines. I can use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye. I can explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes. I can use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.
Sound					I can identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating. I can recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. I can find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it. I can find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it. I can recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.		
Forces and Magnets				I can compare how things move on different surfaces. I notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces		I can explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the	

				can act at a distance. I can observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others. I can compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials. I can describe magnets as having two poles. I can predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing. I can suggest improvements and predictions for further test. I can explain how the muscular and skeletal systems work together to create movement. I can explain different ways that I can sort the same group of materials and explain my reasons. I can explain why my shadow changes when the light source is moved closer or further from the object.		falling object. I can identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces. I can recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.	
Electricity					I can identify common appliances that run on electricity. I can construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. I can 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. I can recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit		I can associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit. I can compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches. I can use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.

					and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit. I can recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.		
Earth and Space						I can describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. I can describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth. I can describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies. I can use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky. I know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution.	
Evolution and inheritance							I can recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. I can recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents. I can identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.