

YEAR 8 CURRICULUM PLAN FOR SCIENCE



TOPIC	KEY LEARNING	ASSESSMENT
Half-term 1 Waves	To know how light travels and how we see things. To know what happens to light when it hits different materials. To be able to draw ray diagrams of reflected and refracted light. To know why light disperses through a glass prism and why different objects appear different colours. To know effect of filters and convex lenses on light and why some materials appear shiny yet others dull. To know how sounds are produced and travel, to recognise sound traces on an oscilloscope and to know details of how the ear enables us to hear and what our audible range is. To be able to make Scientific predictions and how draw a straight line of best fit.	End of unit test: Waves
Half-term 2 Body Systems	To be familiar with the roles and locations of the major organs of the body. To know how each of the 7 food groups form part of a balanced diet and some the tests for some food groups. To know the roles of enzymes and the parts of the digestive system. To know how the body regulates its temperature, and the structure of the nervous system. To carry out an investigation to determine the sensitivity of different parts of the body. To know how the lungs work and the structure of the heart, the circulatory system and the effect of exercise on the body. Be able to create a suitable scale for a graph.	End of unit test: Body Systems
Half-term 3 Heat and Space	To know how the temperature of substance can be accurately measured using thermometer. To know how heat can travel as conduction, convection and radiation. To have some knowledge of the planets in our solar system. To be able to explain why we have day/night and seasons. To know why the moon does not always look the same and what eclipses are. To know the difference between accurate and precise results and be able to identify a pattern on the data from a graph.	End of unit test: Heat & Space
Half-term 4 Electricity & Magnetism	To be able to draw simple circuit diagrams using the correct symbols. To have an understanding what electric current is and how it can be measured. To know how current behaves differently in series and parallel circuits and be able to predict ammeter readings. To know how electricity can be dangerous. To know the magnetic materials and the interaction between magnetic poles. To know how a magnetic field can be observed and conduct an experiment to make a magnet. To know how electric current can produce a magnetic field and some uses of Electromagnets. To be able to make predictions before carrying out an investigation and be able to identify a linear relationship.	End of unit test: Electricity & Magnetism
Half-term 5 Ecology	To know how plants and animal depend on each other. To know how a plant is adapted for photosynthesis and to be able to carry out an experiment to test a leaf for starch. To be able to draw food chains, food webs and Pyramids of numbers for some habitats. To know the effects of Bioaccumulation. To know how animals can be adapted as predators or prey and to harsh/changing environments. Be able to use a dichotomous key to identify an organism and be familiar with different types of sampling techniques. To understand the importance of peer review.	End of unit test: Ecology
Half-term 6 Earth Chemistry	To identify features of rocks that can be different. To know Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic rocks are made and how they can be identified. To be familiar with the Physical, Chemical and Biological weathering of rocks. To know methods rock can be eroded and what the Rock cycle is. Know how the internal structure of the earth is responsible for many geographical features. To be able to estimate values of data between known quantities.	End of unit test: Earth Chemistry

NB: The order of topics may be different for some classes in order to reduce the demand for scientific apparatus at any one time.