



Primary Stage 3 Science for Year 3

Scientific enquiry

Ideas and evidence

- Collect evidence in a variety of contexts to answer questions or test ideas.

Plan investigative work

- Suggest ideas, make predictions and communicate these.
- With help, think about collecting evidence and planning fair tests.

Obtain and present evidence

- Observe and compare objects, living things and events.
- Measure using simple equipment and record observations in a variety of ways.
- Present results in drawings, bar charts and tables.

Consider evidence and approach

- Draw conclusions from results and begin to use scientific knowledge to suggest explanations.
- Make generalisations and begin to identify simple patterns in results.

Biology

Plants

- Know that plants have roots, leaves, stems and flowers.
- Explain observations that plants need water and light to grow.
- Know that water is taken in through the roots and transported through the stem.
- Know that plants need healthy roots, leaves and stems to grow well.
- Know that plant growth is affected by temperature.

Humans and animals

- Know life processes common to humans and animals include nutrition (water and food), movement, growth and reproduction.
- Describe differences between living and non-living things using knowledge of life processes.
- Explore and research exercise and the adequate, varied diet needed to keep healthy.
- Know that some foods can be damaging to health, e.g. very sweet and fatty foods.
- Explore human senses and the ways we use them to learn about our world.
- Sort living things into groups, using simple features and describe rationale for groupings.

Chemistry

Material properties

- Know that every material has specific properties, e.g. hard, soft, shiny.
- Sort materials according to their properties.
- Explore how some materials are magnetic but many are not.
- Discuss why materials are chosen for specific purposes on the basis of their properties.

Physics

Forces and motion

- Know that pushes and pulls are examples of forces and that they can be measured with force meters.
- Explore how forces can make objects start or stop moving.
- Explore how forces can change the shape of objects.
- Explore how forces, including friction, can make objects move faster or slower or change direction.