

Progression of Skills in Science

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Asking Questions	Year 1 * to ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in differ- ent ways * to use secondary sources to research	Year 2 * to ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in dif- ferent ways * to use secondary sources to research and find answers	Year 3 * to ask relevant ques- tions and use different types of scientific enquir- ies to answer them * to set up simple practi- cal enquiries, comparative and fair tests	Year 4 * to ask relevant questions and select and use differ- ent types of scientific enquiries to answer them * to set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests	Year 5 * to plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer different types of questions, including recog- nising and controlling vari- ables where necessary * to recognise which sec- ondary sources will be most useful to their re- search	Year 6 * to plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, includ- ing recognising and con- trolling variables where necessary * to recognise which sec- ondary sources will be most useful to their re- search



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Measuring and Recording	 * to observe carefully and closely using simple equipment * to take simple measurements with equipment * to perform simple tests * to gather and record data to help in answering questions * to record data simply e.g. in a table, Venn diagram, or chart, 	 * to observe carefully and closely, using simple equipment * to use simple measurements to gather data * to perform simple tests * to gather and record data to help in answering questions (to record data simply e.g. in a table, Venn diagram, tally chart, bar chart or flow diagram 	* to make systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, take accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment * to record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled dia- grams, keys, tables, bar charts, scatter graphs and tables * to gather, record, clas- sify and present data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions	* to make systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, take accurate measurements using standard units, us- ing a range of equipment * to record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled dia- grams, keys, tables, bar charts, scatter graphs and tables * to gather, record, clas- sify and present data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions	* to take measurements using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate * to record data and re- sults of increasing com- plexity using scientific diagrams and labels, clas- sification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs	* to take measurements using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate * to record data and re- sults of increasing com- plexity using scientific diagrams and labels, clas- sification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs
Concluding	 * to identify, sort, group and classify (with some help) * to use their observations and ideas to suggest an- swers to questions 	 * to identify, sort, group and classify * to use their observa- tions and ideas to suggest answers to questions * to be able to (with help) notice relationships * to be able to talk about what they have found out and how they found it out 	 * to identify differences, similarities or changes related to simple scien- tific ideas and processes * to report on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explana- tions, displays or presen- tations of results and con- clusions * to use straightforward scientific evidence to an- swer questions or to sup- port their findings 	 to identify differences, similarities or changes related to simple scien- tific ideas and processes to report on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explana- tions, displays or presen- tations of results and conclusions to use straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings 	 to identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments to report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and de- gree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations 	 to identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments to report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and de- gree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations



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Evaluating			* to use results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new val- ues, suggest improve- ments and raise further questions	* to use results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new val- ues, suggest improve- ments and raise further questions	* to use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests	* to use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests