

## St Peter's Elwick CofE Primary School

## Science Substantive Knowledge Strand Progression Document

|   | EYFS  | Y1/2   | <b>Y3/4</b>  | Y5/6   |
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| Plants<br>Blue objectives are not concept-specific but<br>show how concepts inter-relate. | <ul> <li>-Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects.</li> <li>-Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time</li> <li>-Shows care and concern for living things and the environment.</li> <li>-Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change.</li> <li>-Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things.</li> <li>-They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>-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</li> <li>-Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.</li> <li>-Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants</li> <li>-Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy</li> <li>- Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>-Describe the functions of different flowering<br/>plants: roots, stem, leaves and flowers</li> <li>-Describe the functions of different flowering<br/>plants: roots – capillary roots and trunk roots, stem,<br/>leaves, bud and sepal and flowers</li> <li>-Investigate the way in which water is transported<br/>within plants.</li> <li>-Explore the part that flowers play in the life<br/>cycle of flowering plants, including pollination,<br/>seed formation and seed dispersal.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>-Describe the process of reproduction in some<br/>plants and animals<br/>(including self-pollination and selective pollination<br/>for more able learners)</li> <li>-Give reasons for classifying plants and animals<br/>based on specific characteristics</li> <li>-Describe how living things are classified into broad<br/>groups according to common observable<br/>characteristics and based on similarities and<br/>differences, including plants and animals.</li> <li>-To be able to identify the impact the declining bee<br/>population has on the environment and agriculture.</li> <li>-Identify how animals and plants are adapted to<br/>suit their environment in different ways and that<br/>adaptation may lead to evolution.</li> </ul> |

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| Animals including humans<br>Blue objectives are not concept-specific but<br>show how concepts inter-relate. | -Shows interest in the lives of people who are<br>familiar to them.<br>-Developing an understanding of growth, decay<br>and changes over time<br>-Shows care and concern for living things and<br>the environment<br>-Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns<br>and change.<br>-Children know about similarities and differences<br>in relation to places, objects, materials and living<br>things.<br>-They make observations of animals and plants<br>and explain why some things occur and talk<br>about changes. | <ul> <li>-Identify and name a variety of common animals<br/>including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and<br/>mammals</li> <li>-Identify and name a variety of common animals<br/>that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores</li> <li>-Describe and compare the structure of a variety of<br/>common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds<br/>and mammals, including pets)</li> <li>-Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the<br/>human body and say which part of the body is<br/>associated with each sense</li> <li>-Notice that animals, including humans, have<br/>offspring which grow into adults</li> <li>-Find out about and describe the basic needs of<br/>animals, including humans, for survival (water, food<br/>and air)</li> <li>-Describe the importance for humans of exercise,<br/>eating the right amounts of different types of food,<br/>and hygiene</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>-Identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat</li> <li>-Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.</li> <li>-Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions</li> <li>-Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey</li> </ul> |

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| e  | -Describe the changes as humans develop to old age  |
| om | -Identify and name the main parts of the human<br>circulatory system, and describe the functions of the<br>heart, blood vessels and blood |
| of | -Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function   |
| IU | -Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans  |
|    | -To know the impact of exercise on heart rate.  |
|    | -To begin to identify biological and behavioural differences.   |
|    | -Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird  |
|    | -Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals   |
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| Living things and their habitats Blue objectives are not concept-specific but show how concepts inter-relate. | <ul> <li>Shows interest in the lives of people who are familiar to them.</li> <li>Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time</li> <li>Shows care and concern for living things and the environment</li> <li>Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change.</li> <li>Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things.</li> <li>They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur and talk about changes.</li> </ul> | Identify and name a variety of common wild and<br>garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen<br>trees. (Plants)<br>-Identify and describe the basic structure of a<br>variety of common flowering plants, including<br>trees. (Plants)<br>-Identify and name a variety of common animals<br>including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and<br>mammals. (Animals including humans)<br>-Identify and name a variety of common animals<br>that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.<br>(Animals including humans)<br>-Describe and compare the structure of a variety<br>of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles,<br>birds and mammals, including pets). (Animals,<br>including humans)<br>-Observe changes across the four seasons.<br>(Seasonal change)<br>-Explore and compare the differences between<br>things that are living, dead, and things that have<br>never been alive.<br>-Describe how animals obtain their food from<br>plants and other animals, using the idea of a<br>simple food chain, and identify and name<br>different sources of food.<br>Notice that animals, including humans, have<br>offspring which grown into adults (Animals | <ul> <li>Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. (Plants)</li> <li>Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways</li> <li>Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment</li> <li>Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.</li> <li>Construct a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey (Animals, including humans)</li> </ul> | - Describe the differe<br>mammal, an amphibi<br>-Describe the life pro-<br>plants and animals.<br>-Describe how living<br>broad groups accordi<br>characteristics and be<br>differences, including<br>animals<br>-Give reasons for class<br>based on specific cha |

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| Seasonal Change                              | <ul> <li>-Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants and animals.</li> <li>-Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time</li> <li>-Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change.</li> <li>-Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things.</li> </ul> | -Observe changes across the four seasons      | -Recognise that light from the sun can be    |
| Blue objectives are not concept-specific but |   | -Observe and describe weather associated with | dangerous and that there are ways to protect |
| show how concepts inter-relate.              |   | the seasons and how day length varies         | their eyes. (Light)                          |

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| t flowers play in the life<br>ints, including pollination,<br>eed dispersal. (Plants)<br>things can be grouped in a<br>sification keys to help<br>ame a variety of living<br>and wider environment<br>onments can change and<br>thes pose dangers to living<br>of food chains, identifying<br>and prey (Animals, | <ul> <li>Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird</li> <li>Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.</li> <li>Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals</li> <li>Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.</li> </ul> |
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| -Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain<br>day and night and the apparent movement of<br>the Sun across the sky. (Y5 Earth and space)<br>-To be able to identify the impact the declining bee<br>population has on the environment and agriculture<br>(Plants) |

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| Evolution and Inheritance   | <ul> <li>-Recognises and describes special times or events<br/>for family or friends.</li> <li>-Children talk about past and present events in<br/>their own lives and in the lives of family<br/>members.</li> </ul>  | -Identify that most living things live in habitats<br>to which they are suited and describe how<br>different habitats provide for the basic needs of<br>different kinds of animals and plants, and how | -Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed<br>when things that have lived are trapped within<br>rock. (Rocks)<br>-Recognise that environments can change and<br>that this can sometimes pose dangers to living | -Recognise that living things have changed over<br>time and that fossils provide information about<br>living things that inhabited the Earth millions of<br>years ago<br>-Recognise that living things produce offspring of       |
| Blue objectives are not concept-specific but<br>show how concepts inter-relate. | <ul> <li>-They know about similarities and differences<br/>between themselves and others, and among<br/>families, communities and traditions.</li> <li>-Developing an understanding of growth, decay<br/>and changes over time</li> <li>-Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns<br/>and change.</li> </ul> | they depend on each other. (Living things and their habitats)  | things. (Living things and their habitats)   | the same kind, but normally offspring vary and<br>are not identical to their parents<br>-Identify how animals and plants are adapted to<br>suit their environment in different ways and that<br>adaptation may lead to evolution. |

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| Materials<br>Blue objectives are not concept-specific but<br>show how concepts inter-relate. | <ul> <li>-Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things.</li> <li>-Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change.</li> <li>-Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time</li> <li>-Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as natural and found objects.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>-Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made</li> <li>-Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock</li> <li>-Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials</li> <li>-Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.</li> <li>-Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses</li> <li>-Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>-Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. (Rocks)</li> <li>-Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock. (Rocks)</li> <li>-Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance. (Forces and magnets)</li> <li>-Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases</li> <li>-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)</li> <li>-Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.</li> </ul> | -Compare and group together everyday materials<br>on the basis of their properties, including their<br>hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity<br>(electrical and thermal), and response to magnets<br>-Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid<br>to form a solution, and describe how to recover a<br>substance from a solution<br>-Use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to<br>decide how mixtures might be separated,<br>including through filtering, sieving and<br>evaporating<br>-Give reasons, based on evidence from<br>comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses<br>of everyday materials, including metals, wood<br>and plastic<br>-Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and<br>changes of state are reversible changes<br>-Explain that some changes result in the<br>formation of new materials, and that this kind of<br>change is not usually reversible, including<br>changes associated with burning and the action |

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|  | -Can talk about some of the things they have          | -Distinguish between an object and the material    | -Compare and group together different kinds of   |
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| Rocks  | observed such as natural and found objects.           | from which it is made. (Everyday materials)        | rocks on the basis of their appearance and simp  |
|  | -Developing an understanding of growth, decay         | -Identify and name a variety of everyday           | physical properties                              |
|  | and changes over time                                 | materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal,  | -Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed |
|  | -Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns | water, and rock. (Everyday materials)              | when things that have lived are trapped within   |
| Blue objectives are not concept-specific but | and change.   | -Describe the simple physical properties of a      | rock   |
| show how concepts inter-relate.              |   | variety of everyday materials. (Everyday           | -Recognise that soils are made from rocks and    |
|  |   | materials)   | organic matter.                                  |
|  |   | -Compare and group together a variety of           |  |
|  |   | everyday materials on the basis of their simple    |  |
|  |   | physical properties. (Everyday materials)          |  |
|  |   | -Identify and compare the suitability of a variety |  |
|  |   | of everyday materials, including wood, metal,      |  |
|  |   | plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard   |  |
|  |   | for particular uses. (Uses of everyday materials)  |  |

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| Light  | -Talks about why things happen and how things<br>work<br>-Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns | Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of<br>the human body and say which part of the body<br>is associated with each sense. (Animals, including | -Recognise that they need light in order to see<br>things and that dark is the absence of light<br>-Notice that light is reflected from surfaces  | -Recognise that light appears to travel in straight<br>lines<br>-Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to  |
| Blue objectives are not concept-specific but show how concepts inter-relate. | and change.  | humans)  | <ul> <li>-Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes</li> <li>-Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object</li> <li>-Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.</li> </ul> | explain that objects are seen because they give<br>out or reflect light into the eye<br>-Explain that we see things because light travels<br>from light sources to our eyes or from light<br>sources to objects and then to our eyes<br>-Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to<br>explain why shadows have the same shape as<br>the objects that cast them. |

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| Forces  | -Talks about why things happen and how things work. | - Find out how the shapes of solid objects made<br>from some materials can be changed by<br>squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. | -Compare how things move on different surfaces<br>-Notice that some forces need contact between<br>two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a   | -Explain that unsupported objects fall towards<br>the Earth because of the force of gravity acting<br>between the Earth and the falling object  |
| Blue objectives are not concept-specific but<br>show how concepts inter-relate. |   | (Uses of everyday materials)   | distance<br>-Observe how magnets attract or repel each<br>other and attract some materials and not others<br>-Compare and group together a variety of<br>everyday materials on the basis of whether they<br>are attracted to a magnet, and identify some<br>magnetic materials<br>-Describe magnets as having two poles<br>predict whether two magnets will attract or repel<br>each other, depending on which poles are facing. | -Identify the effects of air resistance, water<br>resistance and friction, that act between moving<br>surfaces<br>-Recognise that some mechanisms, including<br>levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to<br>have a greater effect. |

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| of<br>Iple<br>ed<br>1 | -Recognise that living things have changed over<br>time and that fossils provide information about<br>living things that inhabited the Earth millions of<br>years ago. (Evolution and inheritance) |
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|  | -Talks about why things happen and how things | -Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of | -Identify how sounds are made, associating some    |  |
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| Sound  | work  | the human body and say which part of the body      | of them with something vibrating                   |  |
|  |   | is associated with each sense. (Animals, including | -Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel      |  |
|  |   | humans)  | through a medium to the ear                        |  |
|  |   |  | -Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and    |  |
| Blue objectives are not concept-specific but |   |  | features of the object that produced it            |  |
| show how concepts inter-relate.              |   |  | -Find patterns between the volume of a sound       |  |
| show now concepts inter relater              |   |  | and the strength of the vibrations that produced   |  |
|  |   |  | it   |  |
|  |   |  | -Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance |  |
|  |   |  | from the sound source increases.                   |  |

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| <u>Electricity</u>  | -Talks about why things happen and how things work. |      | -Identify common appliances that run on<br>electricity<br>-Construct a simple series electrical circuit,<br>identifying and naming its basic parts, including<br>cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers   |
| Blue objectives are not concept-specific but<br>show how concepts inter-relate. |   |      | -Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a<br>simple series circuit, based on whether or not the<br>lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery<br>-Recognise that a switch opens and closes a<br>circuit and associate this with whether or not a<br>lamp lights in a simple series circuit<br>-Recognise some common conductors and<br>insulators, and associate metals with being good<br>conductors. |

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| Earth and Space  | the environment.  | -Observe changes across the four seasons.<br>(Seasonal changes)<br>-Observe and describe weather associated with<br>the seasons and how day length varies.<br>(Seasonal changes) |      | -Describe the movement of the Earth, and other<br>planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system<br>-Describe the movement of the Moon relative to<br>the Earth<br>-Describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as |
| Blue objectives are not concept-specific but show how concepts inter-relate. | -Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns<br>and change.<br>-Comments and asks questions about aspects of<br>their familiar world such as the place where they<br>live or the natural world |  |      | approximately spherical bodies<br>-Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain<br>day and night and the apparent movement of<br>the sun across the sky.   |

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|    | -Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume<br>of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells<br>used in the circuit                         |
| g  | -Compare and give reasons for variations in how<br>components function, including the brightness of<br>bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off |
| he | position of switches<br>-Use recognised symbols when representing a<br>simple circuit in a diagram.  |
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| -Talks about why things happen and how things<br>work<br>-Developing an understanding of growth, decay<br>and changes over time<br>-They talk about the features of their own<br>immediate environment and how environments<br>might vary from |  |
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