

Science in EYFS

Overview

Science

-In Science, we look at the world around us. Scientists try to find out how and why things happen.

- Scientists learn about their subject by observing (looking at things) and experimenting (testing things).

Early Science learning is found in the following EYFS areas of learning:

- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design
- Physical Development



Understanding the World (cont.)

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	Living Things - Animals Sub-Area: The Natural World	- <u>Animals</u> are living things. Animals get their food by eating plants or other animals. We are animals! Some animals you may see around you Cats Dogs Rabbits Lizards Bees Flies Cows Horses Sheep Pigs Goats Chickens Pigeons Worms Badgers
	Living Things - Plants Sub-Area: The Natural World	- <u>Plants</u> are also living things. -Most plants do not eat other plants or animals for food. Plants can be big like trees, or small like weeds. Some plants that you may see around you: Grass Weeds Trees Bushes Flowers Stinging Nettles Dandelions
	Environments Sub-Area: The Natural World	- <u>Environments</u> are our surroundings. -Some examples of natural environments are: garden, forest, beach, desert, rainforest, polar or mountain.
		Scientist Experiment Earth Natural/Man-Made Season Animal Plant Environment Healthy Texture

Understanding the World

	The Earth Sub-Area: The Natural World	-Our world is a planet called <u>Earth</u> . It is one of a number of planets that go around the <u>Sun</u> . -This system of the Sun and planets is called the <u>Solar System</u> . There are many solar systems. -On Earth, there are many different <u>countries</u> . In each country, there are <u>cities, towns and villages</u> . -Which country do you live in? Which town/city?
	Natural and Man-Made Sub-Area: The Natural World	-Humans share the planet with lots of other things, including <u>plants and animals, mountains, rivers, and oceans</u> . None of these things are made by people. They are a part of nature – they are natural. -There are also things that people have made in the world (<u>man-made</u>), e.g. buildings, cars, TVs and toys!
	The Seasons - Sub-Area: The Natural World	-There are <u>12 months</u> in a year. (January-December). -The weather changes at different times in the year. -The four seasons are <u>winter, spring, summer and autumn</u> . It is <u>coldest</u> in the <u>winter</u> and <u>warm</u> in <u>summer</u> . -Many things are <u>born</u> in <u>spring</u> . We can see different plants and animals in the different seasons.

Physical Development

	Using Simple Tools Sub-Area: Fine Motor Skills	Tools are objects that help us to <u>make changes to things</u> . Some examples of science tools we can use are: Pencil Ruler Measuring Jug Test Tube Dropper Tongs Thermometer Tape Magnifying Glass
	Healthy Living Sub-Area: Managing Self	-One way to stay <u>fit and healthy</u> is to eat <u>healthy foods</u> , for example fruit (e.g. apples, grapes, strawberries) and vegetables (e.g. carrots, lettuce, sweetcorn) -Another way to stay fit and healthy is to <u>exercise</u> , e.g. running, playing sports, cycling or swimming.

Expressive Arts and Design

	Textures Sub-Area: Creating with Materials	Texture is how something feels to touch. We can use adjectives to describe different textures: Bumpy - Lego Rough - Sandpaper Hard - Wall Fuzzy - Teddy Bear Smooth - Plastic Soft - Pillow Lumpy - Bean Bag Prickly - Thorns Shiny - Car
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