Beginning in the Early Years, children use their senses to explore and investigate the world around them to develop their knowledge and skills, using cause and effect. Children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas and develop strategies for doing things. The principal focus of science teaching in **Key Stage 1** is to enable pupils to experience and observe phenomena, looking more closely at the natural and humanly-constructed world around them. They should be encouraged to be curious and ask questions about what they notice. They should be helped to develop their understanding of scientific ideas by using different types of scientific enguiry to answer their own questions, including observing changes over a period of time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, carrying out simple comparative tests, and finding things out using secondary sources of information. They should begin to use simple scientific language to talk about what they have found out and communicate their ideas to a range of audiences in a variety of ways. Most of the learning about science should be done through the use of first-hand practical experiences, but our curriculum ensures use of appropriate secondary sources, such as books, photographs and videos. The lower key stage 2 science curriculum should enable pupils to broaden their scientific view of the world around them. Our curriculum enables this through exploring, talking about, testing and developing ideas about everyday phenomena and the relationships between living things and familiar environments, and by beginning to develop their ideas about functions, relationships and interactions. They should ask their own questions about what they observe and make some decisions about which types of scientific enquiry are likely to be the best ways of answering them, including observing changes over time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, carrying out simple comparative and fair tests and finding things out using secondary sources of information. They should draw simple conclusions and use some scientific language, first, to talk about and, later, to write about what they have found out. In Upper Key Stage Two, the principal focus of our science teaching is to enable pupils to develop a deeper understanding of a wide range of scientific ideas. Our curriculum enables this through exploring and talking about their ideas; asking their own questions about scientific phenomena; and analysing functions, relationships and interactions more systematically. At upper key stage 2, they should encounter more abstract ideas and begin to recognise how these ideas help them to understand and predict how the world operates. Our curriculum supports pupils' ability to recognise that scientific ideas change and develop over time. They should select the most appropriate ways to answer science questions using different types of scientific enquiry, including observing changes over different periods of time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, carrying out comparative and fair tests and finding things out using a wide range of secondary sources of information. Pupils should draw conclusions based on their data and observations, use evidence to justify their ideas, and use their scientific knowledge and understanding to explain their findings.

Science Strands	End of Nurserv	ELG E	
		End of Reception	
Work scientifically	 * Explore materials (with different properties) *Use all their senses in hands on exploration of natural materials - collect, find natural materials, including twigs, sticks, pebbles, rocks, mud, dirt and contrasting leaf/plants shapes and textures. *Notice water in the environment – puddles, dew, frost, snow and ice. * Explore natural materials, indoors and outside. * Explore a wider range of materials with similar and/or different properties * To begin to use words to describe what they see, using simple descriptive vocabulary. 	*To describe what they see, hear and feel outside, such as plants/animals * To identify and name common native, woodland, countryside creatures. * To use accurate/scientific language to describe features of weather *Explore through their senses and increasing range of materials and describe their characteristics *Record daily weather patterns and notice daily changes *Children notice how some materials/food change when cooked	 Ask simple questions. Observe closely, using simple equipment. Perform simple tests. Identify and classify. Use observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions Gather and record data to help in answering questions.

	* To talk about and name common fruits and	*Ask and answer questions to help understand	
	vegetables	that vegetables grow, fruit comes from trees and	
	noticing where they live.	* To describe and explore 'properties' of food	
	* Suggest the differences between materials and	*Observe beans sprouting roots, find examples of	
	changes they notice	roots and stems outside	
		common features	
		*Explore the natural world around them, making	
		observations and drawing pictures of animals and	
		plants *I lse their senses outside to explore shadows	
		light and dark, bright and dull	
Biology			
5.	Understand plants		
	This concept involves becoming familiar with different types of plants, their structure and reproduction		
	* Evaluation and well markenials, indexed and evaluation		
	This will include trees, conkers, acorns, leaves,	plants/animals	, identify and name a variate of asymptotic villed
	grass, stones, common fruits and vegetables	* To talk about the natural world around me (buds, new	• Identity and name a variety of common wild
	linked to harvest and autumn.	growth, puddles	and garden plants, including deciduous and
	vegetables	buttercups.	• identify and describe the basic structure of a
	* To plant seeds and care for growing plants and	*Ask and answer questions to help understand that	variety of common flowering plants including
	talk about how plants grow from seeds.	vegetables grow, fruit comes from trees and other plants,	trees.
	a plant and animal	* To name and investigate using my senses an increasing	• Find out and describe how plants need water.
		range of plants that give us food.	light and a suitable temperature to grow and
		* To explain that seeds grow into plants.	stay healthy
		stems outside	 observe and describe how seeds and bulbs
			grow into mature plants
			 find out and describe how plants need water,
			light and a suitable temperature to grow and
			stay healthy

Understand animals and humans

This concept involves becoming familiar with different types of animals, humans and the life processes they share.

	Investigate living things	
 This concept involves becoming familiar with	a wider range of living things, including insects and under	standing life processes.
*To understand the key features of a lifecycle of a lifecycle of a plant and animal	 f * To identify and name common native, woodland, countryside creatures. Talking about where they live, what they might eat. * To tell you about some creatures that are active at night and that some go to sleep in the winter. * I understand very simple features of the life cycle of creatures hatching from eggs (birds – chicken, frogs). * To talk about the features of animals that live in similar places and suggest reasons why. * I understand very simple features of the life cycle of creatures hatching from eggs (reptiles – dinosaurs) 	 identify living, dead, and things that have never been alive Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other.

Chemistry	This concept involves becoming fam * Explore materials (with different properties) Provision to include experiences with dough	Investigate materials niliar with a range of materials, their properties, us *Explore through their senses and increasing range of materials and describe their characteristics	es and how they may be altered or changed. • distinguish between an object and the
	 water/foam and sand, boxes of 'junk', jelly/foods. Toys, including wooden blocks, plastic cars *Use all their senses in hands on exploration of natural materials - collect, find natural materials, including twigs, sticks, pebbles, rocks, mud, dirt and contrasting leaf/plants shapes and textures. * Explore a wider range of materials with similar and/or different properties including sponges, pine cones, metals, bottles (plastic, glass), fabrics, wool and string. * To begin to use words to describe what they see, using simple descriptive vocabulary. For example, soft, hard, see through, bendy, rough, smooth, wet and dry. * Suggest the differences between materials and changes they notice, including, melting in the sun and 'drying up', growing up, squashing and squeezing to change a materials form. 	*Children notice how some materials/food change when cooked (soften – veg, harden – cake mix, set – jelly) * To describe and explore 'properties' of food (runny, wobbly, fizzy, hot, cold, simple tastes; sweet, salty) Mashing, squashing, sloppy, liquid, stretch	 material from which it is made identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.
Understand movement, forces and magnets This concept involves understanding what causes motion.			
Physics	* To explore and explain different forces using toys and equipment and common experiences. Children to use words push, pull, floating/sinking, dropping, bounce, throwing/flying		 compare how things move on different surfaces notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance.

		 observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials describe magnets as having two poles predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing
Seasonal Change This concept involves understanding what causes seasonal changes, day and night.		
*Experience seasonal weather and introduce the term Autumn and Winter *Notice water in the environment – puddles, dew, frost, snow and ice. * Seasonal weather - Winter into spring, notice differences and changes. *Children to notice how spring changes into Summer and name a variety of different weather and seasons	 * To recall common weather patterns and notice patterns/clusters in weekly weather. *Through stories and first hand experiences notice the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around me (frosty grass, bare trees) * To use accurate/scientific language to describe features of weather (mostly cloudy, heavy rain, hot sunshine, light breeze, stormy winds) * To talk about how Summer changes into Autumn. *Record daily weather patterns and notice daily changes * To talk about how Winter changes into Spring. 	 observe changes across the four seasons observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies