## St. Mary's Scientific skills to be taught (progression by Year group)

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Practical	Carry out	Design as a class	Children to	Begin to make	Independently	Using previous	Plan an
investigations	investigations in	-whole class	suggest and	decisions about	follow written	science	experiment to
A. TEST YOUR	a whole lesson	discussion.	select	where and what	instructions for	understanding	answer own
HYPOTHESIS	following the	Options around	equipment for	to test.	conducting fair	to solve	questions –
V = 🔍 🐸	simple	apparatus- give	investigations-		test	scientific	continuing and
	investigation	opportunities for	carry out simple			problems.	building on
	format-	children to	investigations by		Choose how to	Selecting the	experiments.
	Question	select the right	themselves with		test a given	right equipment	
	What do you	apparatus from	provided		question and	to solve the	
	think might	selections	equipment.		what equipment	problem/comple	
	happen?	including red			to use.	te the	
	Test	herrings.				experiment.	
	What						
	happened?					Planning	
						independent	
						investigations to	
						answer a	
						question.	
Observations	Describe	Teacher-led	Independent	Note taking from	Note taking	Independent	Select and
over time	processes	Verbal	observations	real	independently	recording	choose the
orvino	verbally	discussion	and drawings	events/experime	Technical	Selecting the	correct
Observing Over	Building	Labelling	Stem sentence	nts is modelled	language used to	correct	equipment to
	descriptions of	photographs	to support	Using sentence	record	equipment for	make scientific
	the world		writing	signposts to	Independent	the job of	observations
	around the			order events	written	observing	over a prolonged
	children				observations	Make decisions	investigation
	Building					about which	Use of accurate
	vocabulary					observations are	scientific
						needed.	language.

						Consider variables. Collect observations in own way from possible suggestions.	Including specific measurements taken.
Fair testing/comparing	Concept of fairness is introduced through play and social times. Fairness- introduction through other elements of the curriculum RHE, Maths Continuous provision- cars on race track if one nearer bottom Why isn't this okay?	Choral response- It isn't fair! Teacher demonstrates silly ways of completing the test- Why can't I stand this close/ throw from here? Because it isn't fair	Teacher asks Is it fair? each time we complete investigation in year 2 introduce the ideas- what will we keep the same and what are we changing?	Continue with asking how we will make it fair. What will we change and what will stay the same? Discuss with teacher Reflecting afterwards about results- did anything effect the results. Was it a fair test?	Children to include how the test will be fair when they write predictions. Teacher to introduce the word variables when discussing what needs to change and stay the same. When writing conclusions. Children to answer for themselves what will stay the same and what will change?	Children to use the word variables what variables will stay the same and which variables will change?	Selecting the variables that must stay the same and using the word variables.

Classifying and sorting	Sort concrete objects by different criteria	4+ categories Identify and sort materials by their properties using concrete objects. Record based on practical experience of sorting	Beginning to write ideas under two headings	Introduce the term classification as a scientific skill Choose own ways to sort with more than one category Order more than 2 samples from most to least	Generate own examples to match given criteria-eg: solid, liquid, gas Revisit the term classification.	Applying previous scientific skills to test objects before classifying.	Choose the best way to sort and classify information and data
Using secondary sources/ research 2. DO YOUR RESEARCH	Use storybooks to support children's understanding Sally and the limpet Jaspers Beanstalk	Use information/ima ges provided by teacher to help find information	Plant Identification mats in pictures Google maps for distances	Sorting/branchin g identification key for soil	Ear diagrams	Research a specific question: Eg: Which plants are Jovian and terrestrial and present findings independently. Pick a planet to research and present to parents.	Select and choose the best secondary resources to research and back up thinking
Questioning - A the West - A the West - A the West - A SK A QUESTION	Asking questions as a class based on the environment around them.	Sharing a scientific question as a class	Finding answers to questions provided by teachers	Asking questions based on findings	Asking scientific questions	Generate own questions based on research of secondary sources.	Creating and testing hypotheses based on previous science knowledge

						Recognise the type of questions being asked and sort into those that can be tested and those that might need to be researched.	Asking questions based on results- what are the next steps? Where can the science go next?
Predicting • the second • merric • merric • Make a prediction 3. FORM A HYPOTHESIS	What might happen? Discussion as a part of play and in science style lessons. Discussion and introduction to the word (summer 2)	Whole class discussion and recorded together	Stem sentence in book because introduced	Simple written prediction after discussion	Because I know that Adding extra layers of detail- linking to science knowledge from previous learning.	A prediction comes after an experiment making further predictions about other similar investigations which could be completed. Choosing experiments to test and making predictions	Considering the variables and make independent predictions. Making predictions based on what they have found out for future similar investigations. Make predictions about what would happen if a different variable was changed.
Evaluating/Concl uding	What did happen? Children to answer the	Introduction of word conclusion Whole class discussion and	Stem sentence in book with word because introduced	A more detailed stem sentence Our investigation	No stem sentence- some modelling but then pupils must	Conclusion is discussed and children write independent	Conclusions are written independently

6. DRAW CONCLUSIONS • Order • Sector • Arrison • Arrison	question at the end of a test. After looking at a wow event/change/ event the class teacher will summarise what this means. We	recorded together		showed us that A possible reason for this is	write own conclusion. Linking and explaining how experiments can demonstrate and reflect what is happening in everyday life	conclusion which links to future similar experiments or draws in other science knowledge.	And reflect the success of the experiment and look forward to what could be done next or differently. Begin to look forward to the
	have seen which shows us that						next logical investigation.
Charts/graphs/r ecording • example • examp	Simple counting /tally/ bar chart led by the teacher	Pictogram/bar chart- axis drawn and labelled Tally charts	Venn diagram Pictogram/bar chart- axis drawn and labelled Independent tally- to lead to bar Bean diary- measurements of length and sketches over time	Bar chart with support for axis Annotating photographs Diagrams to show what happened	Bar chart independent choice of axis/data Carroll diagram (blank for pupils to label) Line graph- to show evaporation over time – modelled for first time – increasing independence over year	Graph with 10cm intervals Line graph- 2 lines representing 2 beakers- key for colours	Line graph
Tables	Any recording is done by teacher	Teacher completes tables	Table given with just headings for	Table given but children with	Children choose headings and	Independent use of tables to	Make decisions about collecting
		for whole class	children to	headings	draw own tables		data in most

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5. ANALYSE Your data				themselves	present findings from a choice given by teacher		
Diagrams 6. DRAW conclusions • one •	Children to draw simple drawings of what they did.	Draw a simple picture diagram	Label a simple picture diagram using labels provided by teacher	Draw a diagram using a ruler Add in own simple labels based on a model	Draw own diagrams and write own labels	Draw diagrams based on demonstrations in class and apply to scientific events in reality eg: night and day label independently	Write simple explanations to accompany simple accurate diagrams using a ruler Use agreed scientific symbols in diagrams.
Using apparatus: Measuring	Apparatus provided by teachers and modelled in how to use Independent use in continuous provision	Measuring in cm with metre stick or ruler	Trundle wheel Stop watch Ruler measure length of plants Weight (g) to float or sink materials to choose from	Force meter introduced Measuring equipment	Thermometer readings ml- amounts of water/liquid Data logger	Force – newton meter	Data logger Hear rate monitor

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	Reception	y1	y2	у3	у4	у5	у6
Animals	Explore the	*Identify and	* know animals	* Identify that	*describe the	describe the	*identify and
including	natural world	name a variety	including	animals need the	simple functions	changes as	name the main
humans	around them,	of common		right types and	of the basic		parts of the

	making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants;	animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals *Identify and name animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores *Describe and compare structure of an animal Identify, name, draw and label basic parts of a human	humans have offspring * find out about the basic needs of an animal for survival Describe importance of exercise, eating, the right amounts of different types of food and hygiene -simple food chain with arrows- arrows show what is being consumed	amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food, they get nutrition from what they eat Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement *Construct a food chain as a whole class- teacher led Label producer, primary and secondary consumer	parts of the digestive system in humans *identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions Impact of changes to the environment on living things in the environment.	humans develop to old age	human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood *recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function *describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans
				secondary consumer			
Plants	Growing plants- as part of the environment	Basic structure of trees and plants	Difference between living and non-living things What they need to grow well	Naming the different parts of a flowering plant Transportation of water and nutrients	Identify living things in ponds/oceans	Reproduction of plants- how they reproduce- revision of parts of plant	

			How seeds and bulbs grown into mature plants Structure and job of parts of tree/plant				
Food chains	Understand where certain foods come from eg; vegetables from above or below ground	Carnivore, omnivore, herbivore vocabulary introduced	Simple food chain introduced	Whole class Food chain with terms producer, consumer included producer, primary consumer, secondary consumer, tertiary consumer	Independently make and Interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, primary, secondary, tertiary	Food webs	Independently identify the food chain of an artic animal (frozen Kingdom)
Materials/ states of matter	Recognising changes of state eg: ice	Identifying materials and some of their properties	Properties of materials and their suitability for different purposes Solid liquid	Rocks and their properties Where they are used as materials	States of matter- changes between solid, liquid and gas	-Reversible and irreversible changes -when something new is created it is usually irreversible change -Solids in liquids Liquids into gases Solutions/soluble and insoluble -	

Electricity				What		Circuit symbols
				appliances are		
				electric		Relationship
						between number
				-series circuits-		of batteries and
						bulbs and
				-insulators and		brightness/buzzer
				conductors		loudness
				-How the switch		Compare and
				works? Open		given reasons for
				and closed		variations in how
				switches		components
						function
				-Make		
				predictions		
				about whether		
				circuits are		
				successful –Will		
				the lamp light?		
Forces		-squashing,	-Understand push,	Consolidation:	Understand, draw	
		bending, twisting	pull, how things	Force required	and label and	
		and stretching	move on different	to fire arrow	explain the	
		materials	surfaces	Relationship	following forces:	
			-magnetism	between force	-Gravity	
			-Some forces	applied and	-Friction	
			need direct	distance	-air resistance	
			contact	travelled	-water resistance	
			-Magnetism does		Simple machines:	
			not need direct		Pulleys, levers,	
			contact		gears	

Classification/				Microorganisms plants and animals can be sub-divided Vertebrates and invertebrates