	Working Scientifically						
	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Comparative and Fair Test	Can I talk about what I have done? Can I talk about what I have found out? Can I talk about what I think might happen? Can I give a reason for my thoughts?	Can I perform a simple test. Can I tell other people about what they have done? Can I make a prediction about what will happen?	Can I perform a simple, fair test? Can I use prompts to find things out? Can I say whether things happened as they expected? Can I explain why it might not be fair to compare two things? Can I measure using simple equipment?	Can I use different ideas to suggest how to find something out? Can I plan a fair test and say why it is fair? Can I set up a simple fair test to make a comparison? Can I make and record a prediction before testing? Can I use a range of equipment (including a data-logger) in a simple test? Can I take accurate measurements using standard units? Can I suggest improvements and predictions for further tests?	Can I set up a simple fair test to make comparisons? Can I plan a fair test and isolate variables, explaining why it was fair and which variables have been isolated? Can I suggest improvements and make predictions? Can I take measurements using different equipment and units of measure?	Can I explore different ways to test an idea, choose the best way and give reasons? Can I use test results to make predictions to set up comparative and fair testing? Can I make a prediction with reasons? Can I take measurements using a range of scientific equipment with increasing accuracy and precision? Can I decide which units of measurement they need to use?	Can I plan and carry out an investigation by controlling variables fairly and accurately? Can I choose the best way to answer a question? Can I identify the key factors when planning a fair test? Can I explain why they have chosen specific equipment (including computer-based equipment)?

Identifying, classifying and grouping	Can I talk about what I observe? Can I sort objects into groups? Can I explain how I have grouped things?	Can I identify and classify things they observe? Can I think of some questions to ask? Can I answer some scientific questions? Can I give a simple reason for their answers? Can I explain what they have found out?	Can I organise things into groups? Can I compare and contrast several things? Can I identify animals and plants by specific criteria through asking questions e.g. does it lay eggs or not? Can I explain their decisions using scientific vocabulary?	Can I use simple characteristics to sort and classify things/objects? Can I explore similarities and differences? Can I compare and contrast to consider the relationship between different things?	Can I identify differences, similarities, or changes related to simple scientific ideas or processes?	Can I explain, in simple terms, a scientific idea and what evidence supports it?	Can I make a prediction which links with other scientific knowledge? Can I explain how a scientist has used their scientific understanding plus good ideas to have a breakthrough? Can I explain qualitative and quantitative data?
Observing Over Time	Can I talk about what I can see, hear, smell and feel around me? Can I talk about the changes that I can see? Can I make drawings of what I can see? Can I ask a question?	Can I talk about what they see, touch, smell, hear or taste? Can I ask a simple, scientific question? Can I use simple equipment to help them make observations? Can I say/explain what has changed?	Can I use sight, touch, smell, sound or taste to help them answer questions? Can I ask a question and answer it in more than one way? Can I observe and explain a simple process? Can I use some scientific words to describe what they have seen and measured?	Can I make systematic and careful observations? Can I suggest what observations to make? Can I suggest how long to make observations for? Can I explain how to improve their work / investigation if they did it again?	Can I decide which information needs to be collected and decide which is the best way for collecting it? Can I use their findings to draw a simple conclusion?	Can I and carry out a scientific enquiry to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary? Can I vary one factor whilst keeping the others the same in an experiment? Can I take repeat readings when appropriate? Can I suggest how to improve their work and say why they think this?	Can I explain why they have varied one factors whilst keeping the others the same? Can I plan in advance which equipment they will need and use it well? Can I make precise measurements? Can I collect information in different ways? Can I record their measurements and observations systematically?

	Can I understand	Can I recognise	Can I find simple	Can I identify what	Can I find any	Can I find a pattern	Can I identify scientific
	what a pattern might	simple patterns (or	patterns (or	data to collect to	patterns in their	from their data and	evidence that has been
	be?	associations) when	associations)?	identify patterns and	evidence or	explain what it	used to support or
		they are illustrated to		relationships?	measurements?	shows?	refute ideas or
	Can I talk about	them?					arguments?
	patterns that I see?			Can I explain what	Can I make a	Can I use a graph to	
	'			they have found out	prediction based on	answer scientific	Can I draw conclusions
	(we introduce			and use their	something they have	questions?	from their work?
cing	children to lots of			measurements to say	found out?		
Seek	different types of			whether it helps to		Can I use information	Can I link their
Pattern Seeking	patterns – close link			answer their	Can I identify	to help make a	conclusions to other
Patt	with maths, we teach			question?	differences,	prediction?	scientific knowledge?
	them how to identify,				similarities, or		
	make and describe			Can I use their	changes related to	Can I explain why a	
	repeating patterns			findings to draw a	simple scientific ideas	measurement needs	
	and how to look for			simple conclusion?	or processes?	to be repeated?	
	patterns around them						
	in their immediate					Can I link what they	
	environment.					have found out to	
						other science?	
	Children are	Can I use books,	Can I use information	Can I explain why	Can I use	Can I present a report	Can I record their
	introduced to the fact	objects and photos to	from books and	they need to collect	straightforward	of their findings	findings in different
	that they can find	find things out?	online information to	or research	scientific evidence to	through writing,	ways (including bar
	information from	Can Labau thair work	find things out?	information to answer	answer questions or	display and	charts, tables and line
	books, photos and	Can I show their work	Contructor	a question?	to support their	presentation?	graphs)?
S	objects.	using pictures, labels and captions?	Can I use text, diagrams, pictures,	Can I record their	findings?	Can I record more	Can I use information
ourc			charts and tables to	observations in	Can I record what	complex data and	from different sources
ry Si	Can I make drawings	Can I record their	record their findings?	different ways e.g.	they have found in a	results using scientific	to answer a question
nda	of what I observe?	findings using	record then mangs.	labelled diagrams,	range of ways?	diagrams, labels,	and plan an
Seco		standard units?		charts etc.?		classification keys,	investigation?
ch using Secondary Sources					Can I evaluate what	tables, scatter, bar	
sn y				Can I record and	they have found	and line graphs?	Can I report and
earc				present what they	using scientific	5 1	present findings from
Researc				have found out using	language, drawings,	Can I report and	enquiries, including
				scientific language,	labelled diagrams, bar	present findings from	conclusions, causal
				drawings, labelled	charts and tables?	enquiries through	relationships and
				diagrams, bar charts		written explanations	explanations of and
				and tables?	Can I describe and	and conclusions?	degree of trust in
					explain their findings		results, in oral and
					in different ways		written forms such as

	Can I describe and explain their findings in different ways (display, presentation or writing)?	scientific vocabulary?		displays and other presentations?
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