



Science is one of the core subjects in the National Curriculum and as such has a substantial amount of time assigned to it. Our aim is to promote a sound knowledge and understanding of scientific concepts, enabling the children to apply this knowledge and understanding in an ‘experimental and investigative way’.

IPC UNIT/ TERM	Autumn term Habitats	Spring term Rainforests	Summer term Treasure
Year 3	<p><b>Living things and their habitat</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ul> <p><b>Animals, including humans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Plants</b></p> <p>identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers</p> <p>explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant</p> <p>investigate the way in which water is transported within plants</p> <p>explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.</p> <p>(start on Forces &amp; Magnets)</p>	<p><b>Forces and magnets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>compare how things move on different surfaces</li> <li>notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance</li> <li>observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others</li> <li>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</li> <li>describe magnets as having two poles</li> <li>predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Light</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light</li> <li>notice that light is reflected from surfaces</li> <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 a solid object</li> <li>find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.</li> </ul>