

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Science Curriculum Intent







	Advent	Lent	Pentecost	
Nursery	Understanding the word – the natural word	Understanding the word – the natural word	Understanding the word – the natural word	
	Knows how to play with small-world models such as a farm, a garage or a train track.	Knows how to explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.	Knows how to ask questions about aspects of my familiar world such as the place where I live or the natural world.	
	Knows about and notices features of objects in			
	the Environment	Knows how to plant seeds and care for growing plants.	Knows how to talk about some of the things I have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects.	
	Knows how to use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.	Knows that they need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. (starting to)	Knows how to talk about why things happen and how things work.	
	Knows to show care and concern for living things		-	
	and the environment	Knows how to talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.	Knows about and is developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time.	
		Knows how to explore and talk about		
		different forces they can feel.	Knows about and understands the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.	
		Knows how to talk about the differences		
		between materials and changes they notice.		
Reception	Understanding the word – the natural word Knows how to ask questions about aspects of my	Understanding the word – the natural word	Understanding the word – the natural word Explore the natural world around them,	
	familiar world such as the place where I live or the natural world.	Knows how to talk about why things happen and how things work.	making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants;	
	Knows how to talk about some of the things I have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects.	Knows how to describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.	Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and	

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	Knows about and is developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time. Knows how to show care and concern for living things and the environment. Knows how to explore the natural world around them.		Knows how to recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live. Knows and understands the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.	contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.	
Y1	Animals including humans Know a variety and the structure of common fish. Know a variety and the structure of common amphibians. Know a variety and the structure of common reptiles. Know a variety and the structure of common birds. Know a variety and the structure of common birds. Know a variety and the structure of common mammals.	Rnow the parts of a plant. Know the parts of a tree. Know what a plant needs to be able to survive. Know the names of some common wild and garden plants including evergreen and deciduous trees. Investigation: Scientist:	Use of Everyday Materials Know the difference between an object and the material it is made from. Know a variety of everyday materials. Know the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. Know how to compare and group together a variety of everyday materials based on their simple physical properties.	Seasonal changes Know the characteristics of each season. Know how to observe changes across the four seasons. Know how to observe and describe weather and length of day associated with the seasons. Investigation: Scientist:	
	To know the difference between carnivores,		Scientist:		







	herbivores and omnivores. Know a variety and the structure of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Know the basic parts of the human body and the associated sense. Investigation: Scientist:			
Y2	Living things and their habitats Know the difference between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive. Know that most living things live in habitats suited to their needs. Know a variety of plants and animals in their habitats including micro-habitats. Know how animals obtain their food from	Animals including humans Know that animals, have offspring which grow into adults. Know and describe the basic needs of animals for survival. Know the importance for humans of exercise. Know the importance for humans of healthy eating. Know the importance for humans of hygiene.	Plants Know the names of variety of plants. Know how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants Know how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy Investigation: Scientist:	Uses of everyday Materials Know the suitability of a variety of everyday materials. Know how to compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials. Know how solid objects can change shape. Investigation: Scientist: Charles Macintosh







plants and ot animals withi chains. Investigation: Scientist:	Investigation: Scientist: Rachel Carson			
Animals in humans- skel digestive s Know the typ nutrition anin Know that an need to right of nutrition. Know that hu some other a have skeletor Know that hu some other a have muscles Investigation: Scientist: Mar	know the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem / trunk, leaves and flowers. Know 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. Know the way in which water is transported within plants.	rocks based on their physical properties. Know how fossils are formed. Know that soils are made from rocks and organic matter. Investigation: Scientist: William	Know how things move on different surfaces. Know what a contact force is. Know that magnets have two poles. Know how magnets attract or repel. Know how to group magnetic and nonmagnetic materials. Know when a magnet will attract and repel. Investigation: Scientist:	Light Know that we need light to see things. Know that light is reflected from surfaces. Know how to protect your eyes from the dangers from sun. Know how shadows are formed. Know how the size of the shadows can change. Investigation: Scientist:







		Investigation: Scientist: George Washington Carver			
Y4	Living things and their habitats	Animals including	States of matter	Sound	Electricity
	Know how to group living things. Know how to use a classification key. Know that environments can change. Investigation: Classify living things in local and wider environments. Scientist:	humans Know the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system. Know the different types of teeth in humans. Know the functions of teeth in humans. Know how to construct a variety of food chains. Investigation: Scientist:	Know the properties of solids, liquids and gases. Know how to compare and group materials together. Know that some materials change state when heated or cooled. Know what the water cycle is. Investigation: Scientist:	Know how sounds are made. Know that sound is made from vibrations. Know that pitch of the sound differs based on the objects used. Know that the strength of vibration changes the strength of volume. Know that sounds get fainter with distance.	Know that appliances run on electricity. Know the different elements of a circuit. Know how to construct a simple series circuit. Know how to light a lamp in a simple series circuit. Know whether a simple series circuit is complete. Know that a switch opens and closes a circuit. Know some common conductors and insulators. Investigation: Scientist: Thomas Edison
				Scientist: Alexander Graham Bell	
Y5	Living things and their habitats	Animals including humans	Properties and changes of materials	Forces	Earth and Space
				Know what gravity is.	Know how the Earth and other planets move in the solar system.







	Know the life cycle of a mammal. Know the life cycle of an amphibian. Know the life cycle of an insect. Know the life cycle of a bird. Know how to compare the life cycles of different animals. Know the process of reproduction in some plants and animals. Investigation: Compare lifecycles. Scientist: Eva Crane	Investigation: Survey of different family members. Scientist:	Know how to group everyday materials based on their properties. Know that some materials will dissolve to liquid to form a solution. Know how solids, liquids and gases can be separated. Know why particular materials are used based on evidence. Know that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes. Know that some changes are irreversible. Investigation: Scientist: Stephanie Kwolek	Know how gravity works. Know the effects of resistance and friction. Know how mechanisms can affect forces. Investigation: Scientist: Isaac Newton.	Know how the Moon moves in relation to the Earth. Know that the Sun, Earth and Moon are spherical. Know that the Earth rotates to cause day and night. Investigation: Scientist:
Y6	Living things and their habitats	Evolution and Inheritance	Animals including humans	Electricity Know the symbols which represent a simple circuit.	Light Know that light travels in straight lines. Know what reflection is and how it allows us to see.







Investigation: Cl living things in loarea. Scientist: Carl Lin	have changed over time. Know that fossils provide information about living things from years ago. Know that living things produce offspring of the same kind. Know what variation is. Know how plants and animals are adapted to their environment. Know what evolution is. Investigation: Analysing fossils. Scientist: Charles	of the human circulatory system. Know the impact of diet on the body's function. Know the impact of exercise on the body's function. Know the impact of drugs on the body's function. Know how nutrients and water are transported through the body.	Know that the brightness of a lamp is affected by the voltage of cells. Know that the volume of a buzzer is affected by the voltage of cells. Know why the functions of components vary. Investigation: How voltage affects components. Scientist: Steve Jobs	from light Know that shape as	at we see things because light travels at sources, to our eyes and to objects. At shadows have to have the same the objects that cast them. Ition: Shadows. Isaac Newton.
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