| | Plan | | Do | | | Review | | |
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| Stages | Recognise the best type of enquiry to answer a question | Choose equipment, select tests, use secondary sources to decide how to obtain accurate observations and measurements | Obtain observations and measurements using equipment and/or secondary sources | Record observations and measurements | Present observations and measurements | Draw conclusions and make explanations | Evaluate the data collected | Evaluate the process used (including next steps) |
| End of Year 1 | With help and encouragement I ask simple questions that begin with why, what if, how or when. | I make suggestions about how to do things when we plan a simple test. | With help, I use simple equipment and non-standard units to find things out. | With help, I can gather and record data to help me answer my questions. | | I talk about what happened and/or what I saw. | | I talk about what I did. |
| Expected end of KS1 | I ask simple questions and recognise these questions can be answered in different ways. | I decide with help, what to find out, observe or measure. | I observe using my senses. I observe closely, using simple equipment and non-standard units. I can identify and classify. I can perform a simple test. | I gather data and record data to help me answer my questions. I record what I have found out using e.g. words or pictures, tables or simple prepared formats. | | I use my observations and ideas to suggest answers to my questions. | | I talk about how I found out what I found out. |
| End of Year 3 | I can ask questions and I recognise that there are different types of enquiry. | I can set up a simple practical enquiry and I am beginning to understand how to make a test fair. I make suggestions about what observations and measurements to make and what equipment I need. | I am beginning to make systematic and careful observations. I sometimes use standard units. With help I can use information sources provided to find things out. | I gather data and using a pre- prepared table I can record data. I record my findings using a drawing and/or words. | With help, I can present my data. | I can use my results when I talk about what happened. | | I can talk about what went wrong! I have ideas about what else I would like to find out. |
| Expected end of Lower KS2 | I ask relevant questions and use different types of scientific enquiries to answer them. | I can set up simple practical enquiries, comparative or fair tests. I decide what observations and measurements to make and what equipment to use. | I use a range of equipment (including thermometers and dataloggers). I make systematic and careful observations and take accurate measurements using standard units. I use information sources provided to find things out. | I gather, record and classify data in a variety of ways to help me answer my questions. I record my findings using simple scientific language, tables, drawings and labelled diagrams. | I present my data in a variety of ways using e.g. Venn diagrams, bar charts, simple scatter graphs and keys. | I use my results to draw simple conclusions and I make predictions for new values. I communicate what I have found out using straightforward scientific ideas and I report my findings using oral and written explanations and displays. | | I suggest improvements to the way I carried out the enquiry. I suggest further questions to investigate. |
| End of Year 5 | I ask relevant questions (containing scientific knowledge and understanding) and with help I recognise which type of enquiry is best to answer a question. | I decide what observations and measurements to make (controlling variables with help where necessary) and what equipment to use to make my measurements and observations. | I use a range of equipment independently. The series of observations and measurements I take are adequate for the task. I use information sources provided to find things out. I identify possible risks to myself and others. | I gather and record non-complex results (data and observations) using e.g. tables and scientific diagrams. | I present the results (data and observations) in a range of formats e.g. bar and line graphs, simple scatter graphs, keys and frequency charts. | I draw conclusions from my data and observations. I begin to use basic scientific evidence to support or refute the ideas or arguments for my conclusion. | I look at my results and decide if any observations or measurements are unsuitable. | I use what I have found out to suggest improvements to my work giving reasons. I can set up further questions to investigate. |
| Expected end of KS2 | I ask relevant questions (containing scientific knowledge and understanding). I recognise which type of enquiry is best to answer a question. | I can plan different types of science enquiries to answer questions. I recognise and control variables where necessary. I decide what observations and measurements to make and what equipment to use (giving reasons) to make my measurements and observations. | I take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment with increasing accuracy and precision. I take repeat readings when | I record data and results of increasing complexity using e.g. scientific diagrams and labels and tables. I choose a method to suit the results, e.g. a two column table. | I present the data and results in suitable formats using e.g. line graphs, bar graphs, scatter graphs and classification keys. | From my data and observations I draw valid conclusions (i.e. consistent with the evidence) including causal relationships. I identify scientific evidence to support or refute the ideas or arguments for my conclusion. | I look at my results and decide if any observations or measurements are unsuitable and need to be carried out again. I offer simple explanations for differences in results. | I use my test results to make predictions to set up further enquiries e.g. comparative and fair tests and suggest how my working methods could be improved, with reasons. |