

Science Progression of Skills at Speen School

	Testing	Scientific Questioning	Measuring	Recording	Communicating Findings	Classifying			
Little Apples	 Use senses to explore. Explore how things work. Children talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary. 								
Reception	 Children will know about features of the immediate environment and discuss changes. Children will explore and ask questions about the natural world around them. Children will make observations, comparing similarities and differences. Using simple equipment (e.g. sand timers) to collect information. 								
Year 1	 Perform simple tests (Year 1 focus). 	 Ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways. 	 Use simple equipment to observe closely. e.g., magnifying glasses. 	 Gather and record data to help in answering questions. 	 Make a simple written explanation about what has been learned from an investigation or what conclusions have been found. 	 Identify and classify e.g., Mammals and birds. 			
Year 2	 Perform simple comparative and fair tests (Yr. 2 focus). 	 Ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways including use of scientific language from 	 Use simple equipment such as thermometers and rain gauges to carefully observe changes over time. 	 Gather and record data to help in answering questions including from secondary sources of information using drawings, labelled diagrams, block graphs or tables. 	 Communicate his/her ideas, what he/she does and what he/she finds out in a variety of ways e.g., simple written reports or write ups. 	 Identify, group and classify according to a given criteria e.g., using a Venn diagram. 			

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