Y3	Autumn 1 Stone Age to Iron Age	Autumn 2 Stone Age to Iron Age	Spring 1 Ancient and Modern China Focus on Shang Dynasty	Spring 2 and Summer 1 Four Ancient Civilizations: Shang, Egypt, Sumer, Indus Valley	Summer 2 UK Study: The Northwest and Manchester
Topic	**Animals including Humans**	**Rocks**	**Light**	**Forces and Magnets**	**Plants**

All Year	**Plants (gathering evidence of life cycles)**

NC LINKS	• 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. • Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.	• Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. • Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock. • Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.	• Recognise that they need light in order to see things, and that dark is the absence of light. • Notice that light is reflected from surfaces. • Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes. • Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object. • Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.	• Compare how things move on different surfaces. • Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance. • Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others. • 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. • Describe magnets as having two poles. • Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.	Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots; stem/trunk; leaves; and flowers. 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. Investigate the way in which water is transported within plants. Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.
Prior Learning	• Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. (Y1 - Animals, including humans) • Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. (Y1 - Animals, including humans) • Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets). (Y1 - Animals, including humans) • Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air). (Y2 - Animals, including humans) • Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene. (Y2 - Animals, including humans)	• Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. (Y1 - Everyday materials) • Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock. (Y1 - Everyday materials) • Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. (Y1 - Everyday materials) • Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties. (Y1 - Everyday materials) • Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. (Y2 - Uses of everyday materials)	• Explore how things work. (Nursery – Light) • Talk about the differences in materials and changes they notice. (Nursery – Light) • Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. (Reception – Light) • Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. (Y1 - Animals, including humans) • Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. (Y1 - Materials)	• Explore how things work. (Nursery – Forces) • Explore and talk about different forces they can feel. (Nursery – Forces) • Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice. (Nursery – Forces) • Explore the natural world around them. (Reception – Forces) • Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. (Reception – Forces) • Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. (Y2 - Uses of everyday materials)	Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. (Y2 - Plants) Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. (Y2 - Plants)
Future Learning	• Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans. (Y4 - Animals, including humans) • Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions. (Y4 - Animals, including humans) • Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey. (Y4 - Animals, including humans) • Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function. (Y6 - Animals, including humans)	• Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. (Y6 - Evolution and inheritance) • The composition of the Earth. (KS3) • The structure of the Earth. (KS3) • The rock cycle and the formation of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. (KS3)	• Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines. (Y6 - Light) • Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye. (Y6 - Light) • Explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes. (Y6 - Light) • Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them. (Y6 - Light)	• Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object. (Y5 - Forces) • Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces. (Y5 - Forces) • Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect. (Y5 - Forces) • Magnetic fields by plotting with compass, representation by field lines. (KS3) • Earth's magnetism, compass and navigation. (KS3)	Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. (Y5 - Living things and their habitats) Reproduction in plants, including flower structure, wind and insect pollination, fertilisation, seed and fruit formation and dispersal, including quantitative investigation of some dispersal mechanisms. (KS3)
Key Questions	How could we group these creatures? How do humans and animals get nutrition? Why do humans and animals have a skeleton / muscles?	Which is the softest rock? Which is the hardest rock? Which is the heaviest? Which is the lightest? Which is the most porous? Which rock do you think would weather the most?	What is darkness? How do we see? How are shadows made? How can we protect our eyes from the sun? What happens to a shadow when a light source moves?	What are some materials that are not magnetic? How many poles does a magnet have? When will two magnets repel each other? What are magnets/how can we use them?	What are the main parts of a plant? What are their function? What does a plant need to grow? How do plants get water from the ground?
Key Learning	Animals, unlike plants which can make their own food, need to eat in order to get the nutrients they need. Food contains a range of different nutrients – carbohydrates (including sugars), protein, vitamins, minerals, fats, sugars, water – and fibre that are needed by the body to stay healthy. A piece of food will often provide a range of nutrients. Humans, and some other animals, have skeletons and muscles which help them move and provide protection and support.	Rock is a naturally occurring material. There are different types of rock e.g. sandstone, limestone, slate etc. which have different properties. Rocks can be hard or soft. They have different sizes of grain or crystal. They may absorb water. Rocks can be different shapes and sizes (stones, pebbles, boulders). Soils are made up of pieces of ground down rock which may be mixed with plant and animal material (organic matter). The type of rock, size of rock pieces and the amount of organic matter affect the property of the soil. Some rocks contain fossils. Fossils were formed millions of years ago. When plants and animals died, they fell to the seabed. They became covered and squashed by other material. Over time the dissolving animal and plant matter is replaced by minerals from the water.	We see objects because our eyes can sense light. Dark is the absence of light. We cannot see anything in complete darkness. Some objects, for example, the sun, light bulbs and candles are sources of light. Objects are easier to see if there is more light. Some surfaces reflect light. Objects are easier to see when there is less light if they are reflective. The light from the sun can damage our eyes and therefore we should not look directly at the sun and can protect our eyes by wearing sunglasses or sunhats in bright light. Shadows are formed on a surface when an opaque or translucent object is between a light source and the surface and blocks some of the light. The size of the shadow depends on the position of the source, object and surface.	A force is a push or a pull. When an object moves on a surface, the texture of the surface and the object affect how it moves. It may help the object to move better or it may hinder its movement e.g. ice skater compared to walking on ice in normal shoes. A magnet attracts magnetic material. Iron and nickel and other materials containing these, e.g. stainless steel, are magnetic. The strongest parts of a magnet are the poles. Magnets have two poles – a north pole and a south pole. If two like poles, e.g. two north poles, are brought together they will push away from each other – repel. If two unlike poles, e.g. a north and south, are brought together they will pull together – attract. For some forces to act, there must be contact e.g. a hand opening a door, the wind pushing the trees. Some forces can act at a distance e.g. magnetism. The magnet does not need to touch the object that it attracts.	Many plants, but not all, have roots, stems/trunks, leaves and flowers/blossom. The roots absorb water and nutrients from the soil and anchor the plant in place. The stem transports water and nutrients/minerals around the plant and holds the leaves and flowers up in the air to enhance photosynthesis, pollination and seed dispersal. The leaves use sunlight and water to produce the plant's food. Some plants produce flowers which enable the plant to reproduce. Pollen, which is produced by the male part of the flower, is transferred to the female part of other flowers (pollination). This forms seeds, sometimes contained in berries or fruits which are then dispersed in different ways. Different plants require different conditions for germination and growth.

Possible evidence	•To name the nutrients found in food • To state that to be healthy we need to eat the right types of food to give us the correct amount of these nutrients • Can name some bones that make up their skeleton, giving examples that support, help them move or provide protection • Can describe how muscles and joints help them to move	• Can name some types of rock and give physical features of each • Can explain how a fossil is formed • Can explain that soils are made from rocks and also contain living/dead matter	• Can describe how we see objects in light and can describe dark as the absence of light • Can state that it is dangerous to view the sun directly and state precautions used to view the sun, for example in eclipses • Can define transparent, translucent and opaque • Can describe how shadows are formed	• Can give examples of forces in everyday life • Can give examples of objects moving differently on different surfaces • Can name a range of types of magnets and show how the poles attract and repel • Can draw diagrams using arrows to show the attraction and repulsion between the poles of magnets	To explain the function of the parts of a flowering plant To describe the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation, seed dispersal, and germination To give different methods of pollination and seed dispersal, including examples.
Key Scientists	See Scientists across the curriculum for information on historical figures, under-represented groups and modern scientists relating to each science topic.				
Key Vocab	Nutrition, nutrients, carbohydrates, sugars, protein, vitamins, minerals, fibre, fat, water, skeleton, bones, muscles, joints, support, protect, move, skull, ribs, spine	Rock, stone, pebble, boulder, grain, crystals, layers, hard, soft, texture, absorb water, soil, fossil, marble, chalk, granite, sandstone, slate, soil, peat, sandy/chalk/clay soil	Light, light source, dark, absence of light, transparent, translucent, opaque, shiny, matt, surface, shadow, reflect, mirror, sunlight, dangerous	Force, push, pull, twist, contact force, non-contact force, magnetic force, magnet, strength, bar magnet, ring magnet, button magnet, horseshoe magnet, attract, repel, iron, steel, poles, north pole, south pole	Photosynthesis, pollen, insect/wind pollination, seed formation, seed dispersal (wind dispersal, animal dispersal, water dispersal)
Common Misconceptions	• certain whole food groups like fats are 'bad' for you • certain specific foods, like cheese are also 'bad' for you • diet and fruit drinks are 'good' for you • snakes are similar to worms, so they must also be invertebrates • invertebrates have no form of skeleton	rocks are all hard in nature • rock-like, man-made substances such as concrete or brick are rocks • materials which have been polished or shaped for use, such as a granite worktop, are not rocks as they are no longer 'natural' • certain found artefacts, like old bits of pottery or coins, are fossils • a fossil is an actual piece of the extinct animal or plant • soil and compost are the same thing.	• we can still see even where there is an absence of any light • our eyes 'get used to' the dark • the moon and reflective surfaces are light sources • a transparent object is a light source • shadows contain details of the object, such as facial features on their own shadow • shadows result from objects giving off darkness.	the bigger the magnet the stronger it is • all metals are magnetic.	plants eat food food comes from the soil via the roots flowers are merely decorative rather than a vital part of the life cycle in reproduction plants only need sunlight to keep them warm roots suck in water which is then sucked up the stem
Key Challenge	See Challenging more able pupils document				
Yr 3 Support	See Universal Offer document				
Visit or Visitor		Dental Nurse			RHS Bridgewater
Key text	Human body odyssey, skeleton inside you, Your Body	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9bbkqt/articles/zsgkdmn https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zt3ygk7			
Resources	Dr Binocs - Bones, Types of vitamins, How do your muscles grow, Why do we drink water GoNoodle - Bones! , Bone Strength Explorify Website SCARF Regreen the desert Pumpkins against poverty Marvellous microbes (video) Yummy yoghurt makers Let's talk-diet, diabetes, obesity Global health STEM Website for all topics	Rocks and fossils sets Explorify Website Link to Geography – volcanoes Making space for nature Let's talk-environmental issues Environmental projects Discover Galapagos STEM Website for all topics	Explorify Website STEM Website for all topics Ibn al-Haytham	Explorify Website Forces and recycling Plastics playtime STEM Website for all topics	Seeds, potatoes Explorify Website STEM Website for all topics https://www.thekidsgarden.co.uk/ Regreen the desert Floating garden challenge Pumpkins against poverty Sandy seeds (Upd8) Growing food (concept cartoon) Water conservation (concept cartoon) Turf trouble Let's talk-plants matter Bee's World Sustainability-plants in everyday products

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