



Curriculum Overview for Science

Year 8

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Half Term 1: Can we live on mars	Article homework – reading for meaning, Model reading and highlighting to pick out key details,
Substantive Knowledge:	reading of data, Skim reading
Content of a healthy human balanced diet.	
Consequences of unbalanced diet.	
Photosynthesis.	
Pure substances (potable water).	Forces, Balanced, Unbalanced, Gravity, Solar
Describe and explain simple techniques of	system, Planets, Earth, Mars, Evolution,
separation.	Atmosphere, Food, Water, Warmth, Shelter,
Earth and atmosphere (structure and	Diet, Respiration, Photosynthesis, Potable,
composition).	Fertiliser, Population, Colony
 Earth's resources. Mation and forces (complete) 	Recall quiz x 2
 Motion and forces (graphs). 	Assessment focussed on describing and comparing
 Newton. Balanced and unbalanced forces. 	body systems
Earths tilt, gravity etc.	
	Reading task
Disciplinary Knowledge:	Recall quiz x2
Safe use of practical equipment.	
Use appropriate techniques, apparatus and	
materials during lab work/practical.	
Ask questions and develop a line of enquiry	
based on observations of the real world.	
Make and record observations.	
Carry out food tests.	
Use separation techniques.	
Half Term 1: The Science of Us Substantive Knowledge: Hierarchy of organisation (cells, tissues, organs, organ	Article homework – reading for meaning, Model reading and highlighting to pick out key details, reading of data, Skim reading
systems)	Cell, tissue, organ, organ system, Specialised,
Adaptions to specialised cells. Arrangement of the periodic table and brief history	differentiation
Basic structure of atoms (size, nucleus, electrons,	Specialised, differentiation, Group, period, metal,
protons, neutrons).	non-metal Proton, electron, neutron, Breathing
Structure and function of the respiratory, circulatory,	(exhale, inhale?), alveoli, Digestion, enzymes,
skeleton, digestive and muscular systems.	absorption, Heart, vein, artery, capillaries, Bone,
How the muscular system utilises moments.	skeleton, Muscle, tendon, ligament, cartilage,
Describe the physical and hormonal stages of puberty	Muscle, moment, pivot
and difference between puberty and adolescence,	Neuron, reflex, response, Reproduction, Sperm, ovum, fertilisation, Variation, evolution,
including the role of hormones Describe the process of fertilisation.	adaptation, Puberty, adolescence, hormones,
Pregnancy and birth	Oestrogen, progesterone, LH, FSH.
Explain how drugs, alcohol, smoking and	Pregnancy, placenta, foetus,
healthy/unhealthy living choices impact pregnancy.	Recall quiz x 2
	Assessment focussed on describing and comparing
Disciplinary Knowledge:	body systems
Use a variety of resources to summarise notes	
Ask questions and develop a line of enquiry based on	
observations of the real world.	Pooding took
Make and record observations	Reading task





Interpret data, linking in scientific concepts		Recall quiz x2 Revision for end of term assessment
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