

Early Years Foundation stage Early Learning Goals	Key stage I National curriculum expectation	Lower Key stage 2 National curriculum expectation	Upper Key stage 2 National curriculum expectation
 ELG: The Natural World Children at the expected level of development will: Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants; Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and 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. 	The principal focus of science teaching in key stage 1 is to enable pupils to experience and observe phenomena, looking more closely at the natural and humanly constructed world around them. They should be encouraged to be curious and ask questions about what they notice. They should be helped to develop their understanding of scientific ideas by using different types of scientific enquiry to answer their own questions, including observing changes over a period of time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, carrying out simple comparative tests, and finding things out using secondary sources of information. They should begin to use simple scientific language to talk about what they have found out and communicate their ideas to a range of audiences in a variety of ways. Most of the learning about science should be done through the use of first-hand practical experiences, but there should also be some use of appropriate secondary sources, such as books, photographs and videos. 'Working scientifically' is described separately in the programme of study, but must always be taught through and clearly related to the teaching of substantive science content in the programme of study. Throughout the notes and guidance, examples show how scientific methods and skills might be linked to specific elements of the content.	The principal focus of science teaching in lower key stage 2 is to enable pupils to broaden their scientific view of the world around them. They should do this through exploring, talking about, testing and developing ideas about everyday phenomena and the relationships between living things and familiar environments, and by beginning to develop their ideas about functions, relationships and interactions. They should ask their own questions about what they observe and make some decisions about which types of scientific enquiry are likely to be the best ways of answering them, including observing changes over time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, carrying out simple comparative and fair tests and finding things out using secondary sources of information. They should draw simple conclusions and use some scientific language, first, to talk about and, later, to write about what they have found out. 'Working scientifically' is described separately at the beginning of the programme of study, but must always be taught through and clearly related to substantive science content in the programme of study. Throughout the notes and guidance, examples show how scientific methods and skills might be linked to specific elements of the content.	The principal focus of science teaching in upper key stage 2 is to enable pupils to develop a deeper understanding of a wide range of scientific ideas. They should do this through exploring and talking about their ideas; asking their own questions about scientific phenomena; and analysing functions, relationships and interactions more systematically. At upper key stage 2, they should encounter more abstract ideas and begin to recognise how these ideas help them to understand and predict how the world operates. They should also begin to recognise that scientific ideas change and develop over time. They should select the most appropriate ways to answer science questions using different types of scientific enquiry, including observing changes over different periods of time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, carrying out comparative and fair tests and finding things out using a wide range of secondary sources of information. Pupils should draw conclusions based on their data and observations, use evidence to justify their ideas, and use their scientific knowledge and understanding to explain their findings. 'Working and thinking scientifically' is described separately at the beginning of the programme of study, but must always be taught through and clearly related to substantive science content in the

Pupils should read and spell scientific vocabulary at a level consistent with their increasing word-reading and spelling knowledge at key stage 1.	Pupils should read and spell scientific vocabulary correctly and with confidence, using their growing word-reading and spelling knowledge.	programme of study. Throughout the notes and guidance, examples show how scientific methods and skills might be linked to specific elements of the content. Pupils should read, spell and pronounce scientific vocabulary correctly.
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Key stage 1: Working Scientifically	Lower Key stage 2: Working Scientifically	Upper Key stage 2: Working Scientifically
 During years 1 and 2, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways Observing closely, using simple equipment Performing simple tests Identifying and classifying Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions 	 During years 3 and 4, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content: Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests Making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions Recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables Reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions Identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes Using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings. 	 During years 5 and 6, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content: Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary Taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate Recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs Using test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and a degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentation Identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments



Animals including	Animals including Humans						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Pupils should be taught to:	Pupils should be taught to:		Pupils should be taught to:	Pupils should be taught to:	Pupils should be taught to:	Pupils should be taught to:	
Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants;	amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals	including humans, have offspring which grow into adults Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right	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.	functions of the basic			



Living things and their habitats							
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Pupils should be taught to:		Pupils should be taught to:		Pupils should be taught to:	Pupils should be taught to:	Pupils should be taught to:	
Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants;		Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats Describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a		Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things	Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals	Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics	



	simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food		

Materials						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Pupils should be taught to: Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.	Pupils should be taught to: Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials Compare and group	Pupils should be taught to: Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.	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	Pupils should be taught to: compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C) Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of	response to magnets	



	materials Describe magnets as having two poles predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.	mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating Give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes Explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials, and that this kind of change is not usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda
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Plants						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Pupils should be taught to:						



Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants	Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.	Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.	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		

Light						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
			Pupils should be taught to:	Pupils should be taught to:		



	Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light Notice that light is reflected from surfacesRecognise that light atraight linesRecognise that light reflected from surfacesUse the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eyeUse the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eyeRecognise that there are ways to protect their eyesExplain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyesFind patterns in the way that the size of shadows changes.Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them	
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Electricity						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6



Pupils should be taught to:	Pupils should be taught to:	
Identify common appliances that run on electricity	Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the	
Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its	number and voltage of cells used in the circuit	
basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.	Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function_including	
Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series	function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of	
circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with	switches Use recognised symbols when	
a battery. Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and	representing a simple circuit in a diagram.	
associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit.		
Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals		



			with being good conductors.		
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Forces						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
			Pupils should be taught to: Compare how things move on different surfaces. Notice that some forces need contact between 2 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		Pupils should be taught to: Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object. Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces. Recognise that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.	



	magnetic materials.		
	Describe magnets as having 2 poles.		
	Predict whether 2 magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.		

Rocks					-	
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
			Pupils should be taught to: 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			

matter.

Sound						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
				Pupils should be taught to:Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating.Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear.Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it.Find patterns between the vibrations from sound and features of the object that produced it.		



	produced it.	
	Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.	

Earth and space						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
					Pupils should be taught to:Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system.Describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth.Describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodiesUse the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night, and the	



		apparent movement of the	
		sun across the sky.	

Evolution and Inhe	ritance					
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
						Pupils should be taught to:
						Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents. Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	questions about the world around us. Begin to recognise that	about the world around us. Recognise that they can be answered in different ways.	different types of scientific enquiries to answer them. Begin to explore everyday phenomena and the relationships between living things and familiar environments. Begin to develop their ideas about functions, relationships and interactions. Begin to raise their own questions about the world around them.	of scientific enquiries to answer them. Explore everyday phenomena and the relationships between living things and familiar environments. Begin to develop their ideas about functions, relationships and interactions. Raise their own questions about the world around them. Make some decisions about which types of enquiry will be the best way of answering questions.	types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary. Begin to explore and talk about ideas, ask their own questions about scientific phenomena, analyse functions, relationships and interactions more systematically. Begin to recognise some more abstract ideas and begin to recognise how these ideas help them to understand how the world operates.	Explore and talk about ideas, ask their own questions about scientific phenomena, analyse functions, relationships and interactions more systematically. Begin to recognise more abstract ideas and begin to recognise how these ideas help them to understand how the world operates. Begin to recognise scientific ideas change and develop over time. Select the most appropriate ways to answer science questions using different types of scientific enquiry.
Observing + measuring	Begin to observe closely, using simple	using simple equipment.	· · · ·	careful observations and, where		Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings



Pattern seeking	equipment.	Use observations	take accurate	accurate	accuracy and precision,	where appropriate.
		and ideas to	measurements using	measurements using	taking repeat readings	
	Use simple	suggest answers	standard units, using a	standard units, using a	where appropriate.	Identify patterns that might be
		to questions.	range of equipment,	range of equipment,		found in the natural environment.
	and ideas to		including	including	Begin to identify patterns	
	suggest	To observe	thermometers and	thermometers and	that might be found in the	Make their own decisions about
		changes over time	data loggers.	data loggers.	, °	what observations to make, what
	questions.	and, with				measurements to use and how
	·	guidance, begin to	Begin to look for	Begin to look for	Begin to make their own	long to make them for and
	To observe		naturally occurring	naturally occurring		whether to repeat them.
	simple changes	and relationships.	patterns and	patterns and	observations to make,	·
	over time and,		relationships and	relationships and	what measurements to use	Choose the most appropriate
	with guidance,	To say what I am	decide what data to		and how long	equipment and explain how to
	begin to notice		collect to identify them.	collect to identify them.		use it accurately.
	patterns and	what I am			to make them for and	
	relationships.	measuring.	Help to make	Help to make	whether to repeat them.	Can interpret data and find
		-	-	decisions about		patterns.
	To say what I	To know how to	decisions about what		Choose the most	
	am looking for	use simple	observations to make,	what observations to	appropriate equipment and	Select equipment on my own.
	and what I am	equipment safely.	how long to make	make, how long to	explain how to use it	
	measuring.		them for and the type	make them for and the	accurately.	Can make a set of observations
			of simple equipment	type of simple		and say what the interval and
	To know how to	measurements	that might be used.	equipment that might	Begin to interpret data and	
	use simple	and equipment		be used.	find patterns.	-
		with increasing	Learn to use some			Accurate and precise
		independence (eg	new equipment	Learn to use new	Select equipment on my	measurements – N, g, kg, mm,
	safely.			equipment		cm, mins, seconds, cm2V, km/h,
		egg timers)	loggers).	appropriately (eg data		m per sec, m/ sec Graphs – pie,
	Use simple			loggers).	the interval and range are.	line, bar (Year 6)
			Begin to see a pattern			
		from non-standard	in my results.	Can see a pattern in	Begin to take accurate and	
		units, reading mm,		my results.	precise measurements –	
			Begin to choose from		N, g, kg, mm, cm, mins,	
	and egg timers)		a selection of	Can choose from a	seconds, cm2V, km/h, m	
			equipment.	selection of	per sec, m/ sec Graphs –	
	Begin to			equipment.	pie, line	
	progress from		Begin to observe and			
	non-standard		measure accurately	Can observe and		
	units, reading		using standard units	measure accurately		
			including time in	using standard units		
				including time in		



	cm, m, cl, l, °C		minutes and seconds.	minutes and seconds.		
Investigating	how to find things out.	Perform simple tests. To discuss my ideas about how to find things out. To say what happened in my	is necessary and help	Recognise when a simple fair tests. Recognise when a simple fair test is necessary and help to decide how to set it up. Can think of more than one variable factor.	Begin to recognise when and how to set up comparative and fair tests and explain which variables need to be controlled and why. Begin to suggest improvements to my	Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests. Recognise when and how to set up comparative and fair tests and explain which variables need to be controlled and why. Suggest improvements to my method and give reasons. Decide when it is appropriate to do a fair test.
Recording and reporting findings	support, to help in answering questions. Begin to record simple data. Begin to record and communicate	data to help in answering questions. Record simple data. Record and communicate their findings in a range of ways. Can show my results in a table that my teacher	begin to classify and present data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions. Begin to record findings using simple scientific language,	and present data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions. Record findings using simple scientific	Begin to record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables and bar and line graphs. Begin to report and present findings from enquiries. Begin to decide how to record data from a choice of familiar approaches. Begin to choose how best	Record data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables and bar and line graphs. Report and present findings from enquiries. Decide how to record data from a choice of familiar approaches. Can choose how best to present data



	Can show my	has provided.	oral and written	displays or	to present data.	
	results in a			presentations of	lo present data.	
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	simple table			results and		
	that my teacher			conclusions.		
	has provided		conclusions.			
				Use notes, simple		
			Begin to use notes,	tables and standard		
			simple tables and	units and help to		
			standard units and	decide how to record		
			help to decide how to	and analyse their data.		
			record and analyse	, ,		
				Can record results in		
				tables and bar charts.		
			Begin to record results			
			in tables and bar			
			charts.			
			charts.			
	Identify and	Identify and	Begin to identify	Identify differences,	Begin to use and develop	Use and develop keys and other
	classify with					information records to identify,
	some support.					classify and describe living things
						and materials.
	To begin to	<i>37</i>	and processes.	processes.	and materials.	
	observe and	and describe.				
	identify,		Begin to talk about	Talk about criteria for		
	compare and			grouping, sorting and		
	describe.		sorting and classifying	classifying and use		
Identifying,		compare objects,	and use simple keys.	simple keys.		
grouping and	To begin to use	materials and	Begin to compare and			
classifying			group according to	Compare and group		
				according to behaviour		
	objects,			or properties, based		
				on testing.		
	materials and	5.50p (1011)				
	living things					
	and, with help,					
	decide how to					
	sort and group					
	them.					



Research	secondary sources to find answers. To begin to find information to	secondary sources to find answers. Can find information to help me from books	when and how secondary sources might help to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical	Begin to recognise when and how secondary sources might help to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical investigations.	Begin to recognise which secondary sources will be most useful to research their ideas.	Recognise which secondary sources will be most useful to research their ideas.
Conclusions	have found out and how they found it out To begin to say what happened in my investigation. To begin to say whether I was surprised at the results or not.	found it out. To say what happened in my investigation. To say whether I was surprised at the results or not. To say what I would change about my investigation.	results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions. Am beginning to use straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings. With help, am beginning to look for changes, patterns, similarities and differences in their data in order to draw simple conclusions and answer questions. With support, am beginning to identify new questions arising	new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions. Use straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings. With help, look for changes, patterns, similarities and differences in their data in order to draw simple conclusions and answer questions. With support, identify new questions arising from the data, make new predictions and	of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other	Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries , including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations. Identify scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments. Draw conclusions based on their data and observations, use evidence to justify their ideas, use scientific knowledge and understanding to explain their findings. Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparatives and fair tests. Look for different causal relationships in their data and identify evidence that refutes or



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			find ways of improving	aiready done.	Begin to use test results to	supports their ideas.
			what they have		make predictions to set up	
			already done.	Can see a pattern in		Use their results to identify when
				my results.	fair tests.	further tests and observations are
			Am beginning to see a			needed.
			pattern in my results.	Can say what I found	Begin to look for different	
				out, linking cause and		Separate opinion from fact.
			Am beginning to say	effect.	data and identify evidence	
			what I found out,		that refutes or supports	Can draw conclusions and
			linking cause and effect.	Can say how I could make it better.	their ideas.	identify scientific evidence.
					Use their results to identify	Can use simple models.
			Am beginning to say	Can answer questions	when further tests and	
			how I could make it	from what I have found	observations are needed.	Know which evidence proves a
			better	out		scientific point.
					Begin to separate opinion	
			Am beginning to		from fact.	Use test results to make
			answer questions from			predictions to set up further
			what I have found out.		Begin to draw conclusions	
					and identify scientific	
					evidence.	
					Can use simple models.	
					Know which evidence	
					proves a scientific point.	
					Begin to use test results to	
					make predictions to set up	
					further comparative and	
					fair tests.	
	Use some	Use simple	Begin to use some	Use some scientific	Am beginning to read,	Read, spell and pronounce
			scientific language to	language to talk and,	spell and pronounce	scientific vocabulary correctly.
			talk and, later, write		scientific vocabulary	
Vacabulary	language		about what they have	they have found out.	correctly.	l les relevent scientifis lenguage
Vocabulary	Bogin to use		found out.	liney have lound out.		Use relevant scientific language and illustrations to discuss,
	Begin to use			Line relevant agientific	Am beginning to use	,
	some science	Use comparative	Degin to upo rolevent		Am beginning to use	communicate and justify scientific
	words.	language – bigger,	Begin to use relevant	language.	relevant scientific language	ideas.
					and illustrations to discuss,	



Use comparati language	5 5		Can confidently use a range of scientific vocabulary.
support.	comparative and superlative language.	confidently use a range of scientific vocabulary. Am beginning to use	Can use conventions such as trend, rogue result, support prediction and -er word generalisation. Can use scientific ideas when
		rogue result, support prediction and -er word generalisation.	describing simple processes. Can use the correct science vocabulary
		Am beginning to use scientific ideas when describing simple processes.	
		Am beginning t0 use the correct science vocabulary	