Animals including humans

The children will be taught:

- names of common animals that are birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and mammals
- to identify animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores
- about simple similarities and differences between birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and mammals.

Plants

The children will be taught:

- to make simple observations about the changes seen as a plant (flower or vegetable) grows
- to make simple observations about the changes in a plant from autumn to summer
- names of the most common trees within the school grounds
- to Identify the difference between trees known as evergreen and deciduous
- names of some common flowers found in the rockeries and flower beds
- to identify and label the root, stem, leaf and flower of a plant; identify the trunk, bark, branches and root of a tree.

Uses of everyday materials

The children will be taught:

- to identify something as wood, plastic, glass, paper, fabric, elastic, water and rock
- to identify the main types of materials (wood, plastic, glass, brick, fabric) used within the school environment
- what the terms: hard/soft; stretchy/stiff; shiny/dull; rough/smooth; bendy/not bendy; waterproof/not waterproof mean
- the meaning of the terms absorbent, opaque and transparent
- how to describe a material using correct property terminology.

Earth and space

The children will be taught:

- the name the four seasons
- to place the seasons in a sequence
- to identify how things change within the school environment across the seasons
- how to collect information about types of weather experienced during the school year
- how to look at the Sun safely and why this is important
- to identify when day light should be longer and shorter
- the names of different types of weather
- how to make general statements about key differences between the weather during the seasons
- to identify some places in the world where it is much hotter or colder than in the UK.

Working scientifically. The children will have the opportunity to:

- ask simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways
- observe closely, using simple equipment
- perform simple tests
- identify and classify living things and materials
- use their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions
- gather and record data to help in answering questions