Science programme of study

Year Two

Living things and their habitats

The children will be taught:

- that all living things grow, need to eat and drink, feel things changing around them, breath and have offspring
- to identify things that are alive, were once alive and have never been alive
- the meaning of habitat and micro- habitat
- about common habitats around the world
- that a habitat provides basic needs to the animals and plants
- why animals are found in specific habitats, e.g.
 why a frog prefers a pond
- to name micro-habitats found within the school environment
- to identify plants and animals in their habitats and micro-habitats
- that animals either eat plants or other animals
- how a food chain works, starting with a plant.

Plants

The children will be taught:

- · what seeds and bulbs will turn into
- what germinate (germination) means
- that a seed must have water to germinate
- to make accurate measurements and detailed observations to show the growth of seed or bulb
- that a plant needs water, light and warmth to grow healthily.

Uses of everyday materials

The children will be taught:

- to describe a material by its physical properties
- why a material would or would not be suitable to use for a given purpose
- different uses for wood, plastic, fabric and metal in everyday life at home and school
- to use the term solid and non-solid when describing an object
- about simple characteristics that make something a solid
- what the terms squashed, bent, twisted and stretched mean and how they change solid objects
- to identify some solid materials in their environment which can or cannot be changed.

Animals including humans

The children will be taught:

- that a lifecycle shows the growth of an animal after birth
- how to draw/say a basic lifecycle for animals such as chicken, insect, frog and human
- why living things need water, food and air to survive
- why it is important that humans take exercise
- about which types of food we should eat more of and less of.

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