## KS1 Cycle A

## **Working Scientifically**

Scientific enquiry	Practical investigation	Communicating	Interpreting evidence
Asks questions raised by their own	Responds to prompts by making some	Begins to record data in simple templates	Says what has changed when observing
exploration of the world around them.	suggestions about how to find an answer or make observations.	provided for them.	objects, living things or events.
Draws on their everyday experiences to		Responds to prompts to talk about what	
help answer questions.	Uses their senses and simple equipment to make observations.	they have found out.	Says whether what happened was what they expected.
Begins to use simple features to compare		With help, records and communicates	
objects, materials and living things.	Observes changes over time.	findings in a range of ways and begins to use simple scientific language.	With guidance, begins to notice patterns and relationships.
Asks people questions to find answers.	Uses simple measurements and equipment to gather data and carry out	Talks about what they have found out	
Asks simple questions recognising that they can be answered in different ways.	simple tests.	and how they found it out.	
Uses simple secondary sources to find		Uses simple features to compare objects, materials and living things, and with help,	
answers.		decides how to sort and group them.	

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## **Knowledge and Understanding**

London (Autumn 1 and 2)	Explorers (Spring 1 and 2)	St Edmund (Summer 1)	Nature Detectives (Summer 2)
Earth and Space (seasonal changes)	Uses of everyday materials	Animals, including humans	Plants
Names the four seasons and understands that they have differences.  Begins to describe the different seasons.	Distinguishes between an object and the material from which it is made.  Identifies and names a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock.	Notices that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults.  Finds out about and describes the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival	Identifies and names a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees.  Identifies and describes the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.
Observes changes across the 4 seasons and identifies what time of year they fall.  Observes and describes weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.  Could work scientifically by: making tables and charts about the weather.	Describes the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.  Compares and groups together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.  Could work scientifically by: performing simple tests to explore, for example, 'What is the best material for?'  Identifies and compares the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.  Finds out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.	(water, food and air).  Describes the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.	Living things and their habitats  Explores and compares the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive.  Identifies 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.  Identifies and names a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats.  Describes how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.  Could work scientifically by: sorting and classifying things according to whether they are living, dead or were never alive, and recording their findings using charts, describing how they decided where to place things.