Oakgrove School - Curriculum Matrix



Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age - Rocks

Compare and classify rocks

Rock types – metamorphic, igneous, sedimentary

Explain how fossils are formed

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Egyptians – Physics (Magnets)
What is a magnet? How does it behave?
Group magnetic materials, know that some metals are magnetic and others are not.
Attract / Repel poles, opposite, north, south How strong is my magnet?
How strong is my magnet? (How many paperclips will it hold?)

Use magnets for a purpose
Natural magnets and compasses

STATISTICS: Read, interpret and draw pictograms; Read, interpret and draw bar charts

Mayans - Biology (Nutrition)

What animals eat – herbivore / carnivore- classify animals by what they eat (link to teeth)

Animals have to eat their food.
Food groups? How much do we eat?; Healthy eating Human skeletons (major bones plus joints, ball and socket, hinge, gliding) and the function of bones

Animal skeletons (vertebrates and invertebrates, dog, horse, snake, fish)

Teeth and tooth hygiene; animal teeth canine, molar, incisor

Explore animal skulls

Mountains - Physics (Light)

SUN DANGE

Know that darkness is the absence of light.

How we see things; the eye
Light sources
Transparent / Translucent / Opaque Shadows
Changing the position of a shadow – real life on the
playground. Shadows move in the day. Shadows don't have
features.

Reflection: shiny and reflective

Observe the position of a shadow.

Americas – Biology (Plants)

Dissect and explore plant parts; Stamen/Anther/Stigma – for pollen and reproduction

Petals – to attract pollinating insects

Sepal (was the bud) – to hold the unopened flower Ovary – where seeds are formed; root; stem; trunk; leaves;

Observe and explore trees
Observe the way water is transported in a plant
Plant life cycles - germinations
Classify Plants

Factors which affect germination

Environment – Physics (Sound)

Sound sources – vibration

Vibrations can travel through different mediums (air, water
(whales), walls)

How do we hear? (slinky)

How can we affect the pitch of a sound? – the lonely whale

How can we affect the volume?

Observe moving away from sound

How can we insulate sound?

Factors which affect the volume of a sound. Warp up a rattle!

STATISTICS: Use scaled bar charts and pictograms with scales in 2, 5 and 10.

Solve one- and two-step problems involving bar

charts.

Observe hardness and permeability

Soils – sieving and soil types silt, loam, peat, sandy, chalk, clay Sieve Soils

Know that soils are made from rock and other organic matter.

Volcanoes - Chemistry

Compare and group materials into solids, liquids and gases and their particle formation
Understand the water cycle
Observe and measure evaporation – puddle on the playground
Observe and measure melting (ice and wax)

Factors which affect the speed of melting
Observe effect of heating materials
Weather and drying washing
STATISTICS: Explore temperature line graphs

Solve comparison, sum and difference

problems from graphs

Africa - Physics (Electricity)

Electrical appliances mains, battery
Circuits and Switches cell, wire, bulb, buzzer, switch
Identify whether a circuit will work.
Know that a switch breaks or completes a circuit
Use circuit sketches and then diagrams
Factors which affect the brightness of a bulb
Sources of power – fossil fuels, renewable energy,

chemical *and their cost*, conductors and insulators.

Reducing electricity use

Make a burglar alarm for your pencil case

Oceans - Biology (Food Chains)

Compare and group living things (mammals, crustaceans, birds, fish, mollusc, echinoderm). Vertebrate, invertebrate.

Classification keys (tellin, whelk, starfish, sunstar, spider crab, lobster, edible crab, Sea mouse, sea urchin)

Construct food chains and food webs (ocean) producer, predator, prey

Changing ocean environments; Ocean conservation Marine

protected areas

Romans – Biology (Human)

Digestive system-name and explain the function of parts (glands, enzymes, salivar, mouth, teeth, tongue, oesophagus, stomach, liver, gall bladder, pancreas, duodenum, intestines, rectum, anus)

How food gets broken down (food plate recap, nutrition, food energy, practical).

Observe the energy in food.

Moving goodness around the body

STATISTICS: Make comparisons, find the sum and the difference using tables and charts

Local Study – Biology (Habitats)

How local living things are adapted to their habitats Compare our school as a habitat another local habitat Observing bugs

I am able to classify and group and describe living things in habitats (urban, woodland and river) Local plant classification including non-flowering plants

Local changing habitats (the development of Oakgrove)

Bridges – Physics (Forces)
Push, pull, twist and squeeze
Compare friction on different surfaces

Factors which affect the speed at which a car rolls down a ramp.

Pulleys and levers and gears

Know that gravity is a pull downwards, balanced by upthrust pushing up.

Know that some forces act on contact, others at a distance.

Observe forces in real life (Caldecotte)
STATISTICS: Explore line graphs (data loggers).
Solve comparison, sum and difference problems
from line graphs.

Homes and Settlement - Chemistry Lab safety

Compare and group materials by propertiessolubility, hardness, transparency, conductivity Describe properties of solids, liquids and gases

> including that air has mass. Boiling water

Thermal insulation and conduction

Factors which affect Insulating heat / water cooling
(making a coat for your mug of tea)

Materials for different purposes

STATISTICS: Read, draw and interpret line graphs

Space – Physics

SUN DANGER

The movement of the Earth; day and night
The sun and it's apparent movement in the day.
Planets, where they are and their movement in orbit
The orbit of the moon; Phases of the moon
How can we prove the Earth is a sphere (and sun/moon) development of thinking
I understand how a sundial works
Know geo-centric and helio-centric views and development of
thinking, Ptolemy, Alhazon, Copernicus
Know sun link to Stonehenge and Midsummer Boulevard
Know the meaning of solstice and equinox

Scandinavia - Chemistry
Boiling water practice
Reversible and irreversible changes
Separating by sieving and filtering
Separating by evaporation

Factors which affect evaporation

Know that some changes result in formation of new material eg burning, rusting, acid + bicarbonate of

Spencer Silver

Greeks – Physics (Forces)

Strength of friction

Forces and motion- know that weight is pull down by gravity in Newtons, Mass in kg Newton meters

Air resistance – know that to move through the air, the air has to move out of the way. Compare to water

Factors which affect the strength of air resistance (parachutes)

Gravitational pull – know that unsupported objects

Rivers – Biology (Life Cycles)

Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal (chimpanzee), an amphibian (frog), an insect (butterfly), a bird and a human

Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals (cucumbers) Factors which affect germination Describe the changes as humans develop to old age. David Attenborough and Jane Goodall Explain how fossils give information about evolution (Anning)

Recognise the offspring of given species – breeds of dog eg.

Labradoodle

Recognise that offspring vary and are not identical to their

parents

Explain how a habitat change might lead to an animal adaptation and then to evolution- arctic fox / giraffe

Charles Darwin. Alfred Wallace

Vikings – Biology (Microorganisms)

Microorganisms (decomposer insects, fungi, mould)
Identify and classify common microorganisms (Not in NC)
(viruses, bacteria, mould)
Grow mould; Grow yeast

Factors which affect the speed of

microorganism growth (mould and yeast)

Bugs and antibiotics – Jenner; Hygiene Identify how microorganisms can be responsible for the spread of disease and recognise how to avoid this (Not in NC) (colds, covid, viruses)

The UK - Physics (Light)
Know that light travels in straight lines.
How we see – know that light travels from source to eye or source to object to eye.
Moving light – angles of reflection and prisms
Measuring light / changing shadows – use straight
lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the object which cast them.

Factors which affect the size and shape of a shadow

Function of parts of the eye and the brain
The electromagnetic spectrum - Hertz

Climate Change – Chemistry
Dissolving – solute, solution, substance, suspension
Factors which affect the rate of dissolving
Melting

Evaporation

Separate a mixture of flour and sugar by filtering and then evaporating

STATISTICS: Calculate the mean

WW2 – Physics (Electricity)

Making and breaking circuits

Resistance – increase and decrease the speed of a motor. Associate this speed with voltage of cells.

Series and parallel circuits

Current
Factors which affect the speed of a motor

Recognise uses for electrical motors: Hairdryers and vacuum cleaners (make vacuum cleaners)
STATISTICS: Read, interpret and draw pie charts

Earthquakes – Biology (Human)

Name organs and their functions in muscular, skeletal, reproductive, respiratory systems

Identify and name parts of the circulatory system including blood. Understand how water and nutrients are carried around the body.

Exercise and pulse rate and the heart

Factors which affect pulse rate

Characteristics of living things

Digestion recap

Keeping healthy – drugs, diet, exercise and lifestyle.

Endurance - Chemistry
Getting food groups out of foods

Year 6