



Mountbatten Primary School

Science Policy



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1. Whole School Curriculum Intent

At Mountbatten Primary School we carefully design, plan and implement an ambitious curriculum to provide a positive Science experience for every pupil. Our balanced approach to the curriculum is not at the expense of high standards and ensures that all pupils access the full national curriculum for Science. High standards and enabling all pupils to reach their potential is of vital importance if they are to succeed at the next stage of their education, and to go on to achieve in their chosen career path.

Through careful sequencing of the curriculum, we have created detailed Schemes of Work that are constantly refined for the needs of our children, where we have planned many opportunities to build on prior learning of knowledge, skills, vocabulary and understanding in every subject. This ensures that pupils are able to make links between prior learning and new learning; and gradually develop a deeper understanding of the skills and processes within subject, at their own pace and in the best way possible for each individual child.

Our full and rich curriculum, with its excellent range of experiences, ensures that every pupil at Mountbatten Primary School makes excellent progress academically and personally, while ensuring that every child is given the opportunity to shine and flourish.

2. Subject Curriculum Intent

- The Science curriculum is designed to equip pupils with the skills and understanding to live in our world.
- Key scientific terminology and knowledge will be introduced each lesson and built on over time to lead to deeper knowledge, with links made where appropriate.
- Opportunities to work scientifically are planned regularly to develop the skills of: observing over time; identifying, classifying and grouping; pattern seeking; comparative and fair testing; research using secondary sources.
- Provide different experiences to enhance the learning, motivation and engagement of pupils which will improve retention of knowledge and encourage pupils to make links.

3. Subject Curriculum Implementation

The implantation of the Science curriculum is through a number of elements, outlined below:

- LTP/MTP
- Detailed individual unit Schemes of Work
- Curriculum knowledge of prior and future learning
- Subject specific skills – enquiry types and working scientific skills
- Subject specific vocabulary
- Recap of prior learning
- Finishing thinkers/challenges
- Assessment
- Teacher subject knowledge
- Resources



4. Subject Curriculum Impact

- High learning and assessment outcomes of pupils in each year group
- Children are able to talk about their thoughts openly and question things thoughtfully
- Pupils become aware of the world around them, finding out why things are as they are and becoming curious to find out even more
- Develop a love of learning to take superficial knowledge into deeper knowledge and understanding of the world around us
- Develop aspirations for future engineers (Science/Maths/Technology) using STEM and bringing in STEM Ambassadors from local employers to raise the profile of careers within these areas

5. Curriculum Planning

Science is a core subject within the National Curriculum and as such is timetabled to be delivered to all pupils on a weekly basis. The programmes of study for science are set out year-by-year for Key stages 1 and 2 and science is taught on a year by year basis.

Planning is carried out on a long and medium term basis and each unit has very detailed schemes of work, informed by the scientific vocabulary and the curriculum knowledge documents and identifies clearly the working scientifically skills, scientific enquiry type and knowledge needed in each unit planned for. The curriculum is delivered through topics on a half termly or termly basis. Topics are selected to provide the opportunities to children to investigate the scientific fields of Physics, Biology and Chemistry.

The long term plan maps out the scientific topics to be studied each term or half term during the key stage. Each year group follows a specific programme of topics based around Biology, Physics and Chemistry.

Medium term plans should provide of overview of each unit of study, breaking it down into individual lesson or 'chunks' of learning. As a starting point, teachers should look at the statutory key learning content and the non-statutory guidance within the National Curriculum for Science. The medium term plan should identify learning objectives, main learning activities and differentiation. Opportunities to 'work scientifically' should also be clearly shown in every unit.

Individual class teachers are responsible for following the Scheme of Work and planning individual lessons. These plans highlight specific learning objectives and expected outcomes for each lesson. The planning shows differentiation for WTS Working Towards, EXS Expected and GDS Greater Depth where appropriate. There is no government standards or exemplification for Greater Depth in science however as a school we provide and plan for opportunities where children have grasped concepts and knowledge quickly and securely and are ready for work requiring deeper thinking.

Schemes of Work and timetables are shared with subject leaders and members of the Senior Leadership Team on a half termly basis.

Science is planned to allow the children to build on prior learning. We ensure that there are opportunities for all children to develop their skills and knowledge in each topic so



that they are increasingly challenged as they move through the school in order for them to know more and remember more.

6. Subject Provision across the School

Mountbatten Primary School has set out our school curriculum for science on a year-by-year basis. By the end of each key stage, pupils are expected to know, apply and understand the skills and processes specified in the relevant programme of study.

Topics also allow for the teaching of 'Working scientifically' for all pupils in all year groups. 'Working scientifically' specifies the understanding of the nature, processes and methods of science for each year group. It should not be taught as a separate strand. It should be embedded within the content of biology, chemistry and physics, focusing on the key features of scientific enquiry, so that pupils learn to use a variety of approaches to answer relevant scientific questions. The skills taught here are crucial to the development of an enquiring mind. These types of scientific enquiry should include: observing over time; pattern seeking; identifying, classifying and grouping; comparative and fair testing (controlled investigations); and researching using secondary sources.

The programmes of study for science are set out year-by-year for key stages 1 and 2 and science is taught on a year by year basis. However, where there is a mixed year group, it has been identified in the National Curriculum that schools are only required to teach the relevant programme of study by the end of the key stage.

7. Inclusion of all

At Mountbatten Primary School Science is taught to all children regardless of their ability and individual needs. Science is part of the broad and balanced curriculum offered to all children. Through the teaching of Science, we provide learning opportunities that enable all pupils to make progress. We strive to meet the needs of all pupils with special educational needs, those with disabilities, those with special gifts and talents and those learning English as an additional language.

When progress falls significantly outside the expected range the child may have special educational needs. Factors such as classroom organisation, teaching styles and adaptation are considered so that action may be taken to assist the child in learning more effectively. Staff have access to intervention resources created by specialist settings across Venn Academy trust, that meet the overarching learning objective but enable children to work in the best way possible for them.

Progress is measured against end of year expectations to help ensure that teaching is matched to the child's needs and recorded on insight.

We enable all children to have access to the full range of activities involved in the teaching and learning of science. Where children are to participate in activities outside the classroom a risk assessment would be carried out prior to the activity to ensure that the activity is safe and appropriate for all pupils. Venn academy trust has access to CLEAPSS which is consulted when undertaking activities where risks are to be avoided e.g. owl pellet dissection, heart dissection.

8. Science in EYFS

Science is taught in the Foundation Stage under the umbrella of Understanding the World. The skills of enquiry are also a characteristic of effective learning as highlighted



in the Early Years Foundation Stage. Science is taught as part of on-going provision within the Foundation Stage. We have a 'Finding Out' or 'Investigation station' where children can handle various objects etc. Also, the mud/outdoor kitchens have a scientific basis too. Children are encouraged to explore using all senses, ask questions and identify similarities and differences and patterns and change.

9. Resources

There are sufficient resources within school for the delivery of an effective science curriculum. Resources are stored in the Key Stage Two building. Where specific resources are required it is the responsibility of the class teacher to request them from the subject leader. The subject leader will then try to fulfil the request. The subject leader looks for finding opportunities and experiences to enrich Science teaching and learning. The school libraries contain a good supply of science topic books to support learning.

10. Assessment of Subject

Teachers will assess children's work in Science by making teacher assessment judgements during lessons.

Teachers assess each child at the end of each term and input the data into insight , using the following descriptors:

BLW (working below the expectations for the year group and therefore not accessing the curriculum)

WTS Working Towards (children are starting to learn and are working towards end of year expectations)

EXS Expected (demonstrating an increasing understanding; working at the expected stage for end of year expectations)

These grades are based on the expectations for children in that year group.

- A spreadsheet has been created to plot the working scientifically skills and enquiry types for each unit and the schemes of work are checked to ensure that the correct knowledge from the national curriculum is covered.
- Marking – class teachers should refer to the school's Marking and Feedback policy for correct procedures in each Key Stage. A marking key should be clearly displayed in each classroom for all adults and children to see
- As science is covered under the umbrella of 'Understanding the World', any mark marking/work/questions that are answered are collected on the Tapestry assessment tool which is shared with the Science subject leader.

11. Role of the Subject Leader

It is the responsibility of the subject leader to monitor the standards of children's work and the quality of teaching and learning in Science. Monitoring may involve looking at planning, scrutinising work, lesson observations and pupil voice. Pupil voice is valued and helps to inform the vision and aims of science across the school, pupils are interviewed to gain an insight into the subject. The subject leader produces an annual action plan for the development of science and also reports termly to SLT and the governing body.

