

## RADDLEBARN PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRESSION OF 'WORKING SCIENTIFICALLY' SKILLS IN SCIENCE



**5 types of scientific enquiry:** Observing changes over time, Pattern seeking, Grouping and classifying, Comparative and fair testing, Research.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
			Developing the skill of	Confidently	Developing the skill of	Confidently	Developing the skill of	Confidently
PLAN Ask questions, make predictions,	Develop this skill: Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions	Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions	Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways	Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways	Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them (begin to	Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them (begin to	Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions.	Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions.
decide on the method and equipment	4.55.0.0	4.5550.0			decide on most appropriate type of scientific enquiry)  Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests (explain why the test is fair, using language of variables)	decide on most appropriate type of scientific enquiry)  Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests (explain why the test is fair, using language of variables)	Recognising and controlling variables where necessary (select most appropriate type of enquiry, use and understand the language of independent, dependant and control variables)	Recognising and controlling variables where necessary (select most appropriate type of enquiry, use and understand the language of independent, dependant and control variables)
Carry out an enquiry using equipment  Measuring (linking to Maths progression)	Develop this skill: Show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions • be confident to try new activities • use a range of small tools • safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques	Show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions  • be confident to try new activities  • use a range of small tools  • safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques	Observing closely, using simple equipment  Performing simple tests  Identifying and classifying  Measure using non- standard units of measure. (ruler / cubes / thermometer / hands / egg timers)	Observing closely, using simple equipment  Performing simple tests  Identifying and classifying  Measure using standard units where all the numbers are marked on the scale.  length (m/cm); mass (kg/g); temperature (°C); capacity (litres/ml)  Rulers / measuring cylinders / thermometers / scales	Making systematic and careful observations  Taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, (including thermometers and data loggers) (help to make decisions on which equipment to use)  Measure using standard units where not all the numbers are marked on the scale, and beginning to take repeat readings.  length (m/cm/mm); mass (kg/g); temperature (°C); capacity (litres/ml); time (min, sec) Data loggers / rulers / measuring cylinders and jugs / thermometers/ scales	Making systematic and careful observations  Taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, (including thermometers and data loggers) (help to make decisions on which equipment to use)  Measure using standard units where not all the numbers are marked on the scale, and take repeat readings where necessary.  length (m/cm/mm); mass (kg/g); temperature (°C); capacity (litres/ml); time (min, sec) Data loggers / thermometers / measuring cylinders and jugs / scales / stop watches / tape measure	Taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision  Taking repeat readings when appropriate (make own decisions regarding all above)  Measure using standard units using equipment that has scales, involving decimals.  length (m/cm/mm); mass (kg/g); temperature (°C, incl negative nmbr); capacity (litres/ml); time (min, sec, ms)  Newton meters / data loggers / thermometers / measuring jugs and cylinders / scales / stop watches / tape measure	Taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision  Taking repeat readings when appropriate (make own decisions regarding all above)  Measure using standard units using equipment that has scales, involving decimals.  length (m/cm/mm) mass (kg/g); temperature (°C, incl negative nmbr); capacity (litres/ml); time (min, sec, ms)  Data loggers / thermometers / measuring jugs / scales / stop watches / tape measure

RECORD Use drawings, tables or graphs to note observations and measurement  (Linking to Statistics progression)	Develop this skill: Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants	Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants	Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions Use text, simple labelled diagrams, pictures, photographs, simple prepared tables to record their observations Basic classification – grouping and matching	Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions Use text, block diagrams, pictograms, pictures, photographs, tally charts, simple tables to record their observations	Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions (help to make decisions on what data to collect and why)  Recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables  Prepare own tables, use pictograms, tally charts, basic Venn and Carroll diagrams with prepared headings.	Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions (help to make decisions on what data to collect and why)  Recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables  Prepare own tables, use pictograms, basic Venn and Carroll diagrams, and line graphs.  Use pre-made classification keys to identify and classify	Recording data and results of increasing complexity (using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs) Choose the appropriate form of presentation.  Prepare own tables to record data, including columns for taking repeat readings  Classification keys — beginning to make their own keys, some headings may be given Use Venn and Carroll diagrams	Recording data and results of increasing complexity (using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs) Choose the appropriate form of presentation.  Prepare own tables to record data, including columns for taking repeat readings  Classification keys — making their own keys. Use Venn and Carroll diagrams
REVIEW Interpret, communicate and evaluate results	Develop this skill: participate in discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary offer explanations for why things might happen express their ideas and feelings about their experiences know some similarities and differences drawing on their experience	participate in discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary	Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions	Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions	Reporting on findings from enquiries (including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions)  Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions  Identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes  Using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings	Reporting on findings from enquiries (including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions)  Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions  Identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes  Using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings	Using test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests (decide if / when further tests are needed based on results)  Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships  Give explanations of and a degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations  Identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments (discuss how scientific arguments have developed over time)	Using test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests (decide if / when further tests are needed based on results)  Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships  Give explanations of and a degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations  Identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments (discuss how scientific arguments have developed over time)