



Science Overview 2026-2027

	AUTUMN TERM		SPRING TERM		SUMMER TERM		Ongoing
	1	2	1	2	1	2	
NURSERY 3	- Talking about their family. Discovering how we grow from babies. Looking at similarities and differences between friends and family - Looking at the local area, maps. Knowing that we live in Bolton	- Understanding how day turns to night – stars, sun, nocturnal animals. - Similarities and differences between night and day - Investigating light and dark	- Investigating and predicting what happens when we mix colours - Talking about times in the past when they have felt happy or sad	- Looking at growth and change - Learning about what a farm is and what we would find there. How is it different to where we live?	- Investigating bugs and where to find them - Looking at growth and change - Creating habitats for bugs	- Investigating water and the changes we can make to it - Investigating how we use water and where to find it	
RECEPTION	Where I live, my home and my house	- Animal homes and habitats - Light and Dark	Exploring different dinosaurs and their characteristics		Habitats of different bugs/animals	Sea creature/environment features of the seaside	
YEAR 1	Seasonal Changes	Light*	- Animals, including humans - Common animals and human body parts	Everyday Materials	Plants	Electricity*	Seasonal Changes
YEAR 2	Sound*	Uses of everyday materials	- Animals, including humans - Basic needs and growth	Living things and their habitats	Plants	Forces and * movement (short unit)	
YEAR 3	Rocks and soils	Light and shadow	- Animals, including humans - Skeleton and muscles	- Animals, including humans - Skeleton and nutrition	Forces and magnets	Plants	
YEAR 4	Living things and their habitats	Living things and their habitats	- Animals, including humans - Digestion	States of Matter	Sound	Electricity	
YEAR 5	Earth and Space		Properties and changes of materials	- Living things and their habitats - Life cycles	Forces	- Animals, including humans - Human development	
YEAR 6	Evolution and inheritance	Light	- Animals, including humans - The Human Body – Circulatory system and diet	- Living things and their habitats - Classification	Electricity		

*Non-statutory physics units additional to KS1