

Science

Intent:

What we expect children to learn at Acklam Whin

Through our explicit teaching of Science, we aim to inspire and develop our children to be inquisitive about the world around them and to think and act as Scientists.

During a pupil's journey from Y1 to Y6, our broad and balanced Science curriculum builds on the Knowledge and Understanding of the world our children develop across EYFS.

The purpose of our high-quality science curriculum from Year 1 to Year 6 is to:

- develop scientific knowledge and conceptual understanding through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics
- develop understanding of the nature, processes and methods of science through different types of science enquiries that help them to answer scientific questions about the world around them
- are equipped with the scientific skills required to understand the uses and implications of science, today and for the future. We understand that it is important for lessons to have a skills-based focus, and that the knowledge can be taught through this.

Our science curriculum follows the structure of the National Curriculum and provides our children with a progression of skills and knowledge as they move through the school.

Implementation

How we realise our intent in terms of a working framework.

- Science at Acklam Whin, is embedded in the EYFS curriculum and then developed in a progressive way across KS1 and KS2.
- All of the National Curriculum aims are taught and build upon the Knowledge and Understanding of the world our children develop during their time in EYFS.
- Our science curriculum enables children to broaden and deepen their scientific knowledge, understanding and skills in a progressive way from Year 1 to Year 6.
 Where an area is visited again, learning is reviewed and extended.
- In EYFS the science curriculum is delivered through a combination of adult led, taught sessions and through a comprehensive selection of engaging continuous provision opportunities.
- Lessons are planned using the science knowledge and progression of skills as a guide for each year group. Lessons will have a skills focus (observing and classifying, observation over time, fair testing, research, pattern seeking) and a knowledge focus.
- By the time the children leave Year 6, they will have studied a broad range of topics covering all the disciplines of science: biology, chemistry, physics
- Links with other areas of the curriculum-where possible- are embraced to provide a more meaningful learning experience
- Practical exploration of concepts will be a focus of lessons, encouraging children to learn and embed skills, to foster problem solving and a healthy curiosity.
- Subject specific vocabulary will be embedded throughout the science curriculum by modelling and displaying on working walls.

- Opportunities to develop children's understanding of their surroundings by accessing outdoor learning and workshops with experts will be built into the curriculum
- Children will be offered a wide range of extra-curricular activities, visits, trips and visitors to complement and broaden the curriculum. These are purposeful and link with the knowledge being taught in class.
- Regular events, such as Science Week or project days, such as Nature Day will
 provide broader provision and the acquisition and application of knowledge and
 skills

Impact

Impact: the effect of teaching science for our children and how we measure their learning in science at Acklam Whin.

We regularly reflect on standards achieved against the planned outcomes. We use continual teacher assessment/ skilful questioning within a lesson to identify level of understanding of pupils, correct misconceptions and use of science specific vocabulary. Regular discussions with pupils will take place.

The impact of teaching our science curriculum is to develop:

• Children who firstly enjoy science, become inquisitive, reflective learners and demonstrate positive attitudes.

Children able to retain prior-learning and explicitly make connections between what they have previously learned and what they are currently learning.

• Children will become increasingly critical and analytical with their science thinking and investigation work.