

Priors Hall Science Units and 'Need to Know' Knowledge

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	Autumn	Spring	Summer			
Year 1	Autumn 1 - Animals including humans (The	Spring 1 – Materials	Summer 1 - Plants			
	Human Body)	• To know that a material is what an object is	 To know that plants are living things. 			
	• To identify the basic body parts - the head,	made from.	To name some common plants.			
	arms, legs, nose, eyes, ears, mouth, hands	To name and recognise everyday materials.	To identify the basic parts of a plant.			
	and feet.	To recognise that materials, have different	To identify the basic parts of a tree.			
	To know that there are five senses.	properties.				
	To know that the ears are used for hearing.	To understand that materials can be grouped	Summer 2 – Animals including humans			
	To know that eyes are used to see.	according to their properties.	To know that animals are living things.			
	To know that the nose is used to smell.	To know that materials can have more than	To know that animals can be grouped into six			
	To know that the tongue is used to taste.	one property,	main groups.			
	To know that the skin is used to touch,		To know that carnivores eat other animals.			
		Spring 2 – Energy (Seasonal Changes)	To know that herbivores eat plants.			
	Autumn 2 - Plants	To know and name the four seasons.	To know that omnivores eat other animals			
	To know that plants are living things.	To know that certain events happen in	and plants.			
	To name some common plants.	different seasons.	To understand that different animal groups			
	To know that trees are either evergreen or	To know that certain weather patterns	have some common body parts and some			
	deciduous.	happen in different seasons.	different body parts.			
	To know that trees that lose their leaves in	To understand that the day length changes				
	the autumn are called deciduous trees.	depending on the season.				
	To know that trees that keep their leaves all	To know that different types of weather.				
	year round are called evergreen trees.	To recognise that the weather can change				
	, G	daily and can be dependent on the season.				



Year 2 Autumn 1 - Materials

- To know that a material's physical properties make it suitable for particular purposes.
- To know that many materials are used for more than one purpose.
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Spring 1 – Animals including humans

- To know that human offspring go through different stages as they grow to become adults.
- To know that humans and animals have offspring.
- To recognise that different animals have different stages of growth or life cycles.
- To know that humans and animals need water, food, air and shelter to survive.
- To know that an animals' habitat must provide all the things it needs to survive.
- To know what a healthy lifestyle includes.

Spring 2 - Plants

- To know that plants grow from seeds.
- To know that plants grown from bulbs.
- To recognise that seeds and bulbs need nutrients from soil, water and warmth to start growing
- To know that germination is when plants have the right conditions to grow well.
- To understand how plants change.
- To know that what plants need in order to grow and stay healthy.

Summer 1 – Living things and their habitats

- To know that living things are those that are alive.
- To know that non-living things include dead things.
- To understand that a habitat is a place where a living thing lives.
- To know that living things live in a habitat to which they are suited.
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- To know understand that a food chain shows how living things depend on one another for food.
- To know that all food chains start with a plant, followed by animals that either eat the plant or other animals.



Year 3 Autumn 1 – Materials (Rocks)

- To know that there are three different rock types.
- To explain how sedimentary rock is formed.
- To explain how igneous rocks are made.
- To know how metamorphic rocks are formed.
- To know what a fossil is and how they are formed.
- To know that there are different types of soil and what they are made from.

Autumn 2 - Energy (Light)

- To know that we need light in order to see.
- To know that light can reflect from different surfaces.
- To understand that light from the sun can be dangerous and it is important to protect ourselves.
- To know what a shadow is and how it is formed.
- To understand how shadows change.

Spring 1 – Forces and magnets

- To know what a force is and how objects move if a force is applied to them.
- To know that some forces need contact between two objects.
- To know how magnetic forces work.
- To identify magnetic materials.
- To know magnets have two poles.

Spring 2 – Plants

- To know that the roots anchor a plant and transport water.
- To know that the stem (or trunk) supports the plant.
- To know how the leaves make food for the plant.
- To understand that flowers make seeds,
- To know that different plants have different needs depending on their habitat.
- To understand how water is transported in plants.
- To know the life cycle of a plant.
- To understand that seeds can be dispersed in a variety of ways.

Summer 1 – Animals including humans

- To know what a carnivore is and to be able to name some carnivores.
- To know what a herbivore is and be able to name some herbivores.
- To know what an omnivore us and be able to name some omnivores.
- To know that humans get nutrition from what they eat.
- To understand what a balanced diet includes.

Summer 2 – Animals including humans

- To recognise that humans have a skeleton made up of lots of different bones.
- To know what muscles are and understand how they help humans move.
- To know that other animals also have skeletons.
- To know that some animals have exoskeletons.
- To know that some animals don't have a skeleton.



Year 4 Autumn 1 - Electricity

- To know that electricity is a type of energy and it powers everyday appliances.
- To know that electricity can also come from batteries.
- To recognise there are different electrical components.
- To recognise what a simple circuit includes.
- To know that an electrical conductors allow electricity to flow through them.
- To know that insulators do not let electricity flow through them.

Autumn 2 – Living things and their habitats

- To know that animals can be divided into six main groups based on their shared characteristics.
- To know that a classification key is used to identify living things.
- To understand and use classification keys to identify plants and animals.
- To know that there are different habitats and organism live in different habitats that are suited to their needs.
- To know that habitats can change due to natural impact.
- To know that habitats can change due to human impact.

Spring 1 - Sound

- To know that sounds are made when objects and materials vibrate.
- To know that sounds can travel through different materials.
- To recognise that sounds travels in sound waves to the ear.
- To know that pitch is how high or low a sound is.
- To know that volume is how loud or quiet a sound is and distance can impact it.
- To understand that sounds can be different pitches and volumes.

Spring 2 – Animals including humans

- To know how the digestive system works.
- To describe the functions of the basic parts of the digestive system.
- To name the four different types of teeth.
- To describe the functions of the teeth.
- To know that the characters of the teeth can support the foods that carnivores, herbivores and omnivores eat.
- To know that food chains show what animals eat within a habitat.
- To understand that changes to a food chain can affect the animals in the chain.

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Summer 2 – Materials (States of Matter)

- To know that materials can be grouped into solids, liquids and gases.
- To know that solids stay in one place and can be held.
- To know that liquids flow and can move around.
- To know that gases spread out to fill the available space and cannot be held.
- To understand that heating or cooling materials can change their state and it can be reversible or irreversible
- To know that the temperature in which material changes state depends on the material.



			To know that evaporation is caused by temperature changes.
Year 5	Autumn 1 - Animals including humans	Spring 1 – Forces and magnets	Summer 1 – Earth and Space
	 To know the main stages in the life cycle of a human. To recognise the stages of development through childhood and the needs of children during these stages. To know what puberty is. To understand the initial changes inside and outside of the body during puberty. To know that changes occur during puberty and these differ for boys and girls. To understand that body changes during adulthood and old age. Autumn 2 – Materials 	 To know that gravity is a force between the Earth and falling object. To know that friction, air resistance and water resistance are forces. To understand how friction opposes motion and slow down moving objects on surfaces. To understand how air resistance opposes motion and slows down moving objects in the air. To understand how water resistance opposes motion and slows down moving objects in the water. To recognise that levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect. 	 To understand the movements of the Earth. To understand the movements of the Moon. To understand the movements of the Sun. To know that all the plants and stars are spherical.
	 To know that materials can be grouped according to their basic physical properties. 	Spring 2 – Living things and their habitats	 To know what makes up The Solar System. To understand the movements of the Earth. To understand the movements of the Moon.
	To know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution.	 To know that a life cycle is the series of changes in the life of a living thing. 	 To understand the movements of the Sun. To know that all the plants and stars are
	 To understand that some mixtures can be separated. 	To know the main stages of an animal's life cycle including mammals, amphibians,	spherical.To understand how the rotation of the Earth
	 To understand that a material's properties dictate what it can be used for. 	insects and birds.To understand the sexual reproduction	creates day and night.To understand how the Earth's tilt creates
	 To know that reversible changes include heating, cooling, melting, dissolving and evaporating. 	process in animals.To understand the asexual reproduction process in plants.	seasons.To know the different phases of the moon.
	 To know that irreversible changes include burning, rusting, decaying and chemical reactions. 	 To understand the sexual reproduction process in flowering plants. To know the parts of flowers and plants and their function including seeds. 	



Year 6 Autumn 1 – Energy (Light)

- To know that light travels in straight lines.
- To know that there are different types of light.
- To understand that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes.
- To know the different parts of the eye and their function in helping us to see.
- To know why shadows form.
- To know why shadows take the shape of their object.

Autumn 2 – Animals including humans

(Evolution)

- To recognise that living things have changed over time.
- To know that there are a number of factors that can affect a species' evolution.
- To understand that humans have evolved over time.
- To know that human behaviour can affect change in species over time.
- To recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind.
- To know that selective breeding is where animals and plants can be bred to produce offspring with specific and desired characteristics.
- To know what adaptation is and how it can lead to evolution.

Spring 1 – Electricity

- To know what voltage is and know that it is measured in volts.
- To understand that the bigger the voltage, the more electrons are pushed through the circuit.
- To know what the main components of a circuit are.
- There are recognised symbols for different components of circuits.
- To recognise when circuits will work and when they won't.
- To understand how the functions of component might vary and know why.

Spring 2 – Animals including humans

(Circulatory Systems)

- To know the main parts of the circulatory system and their function.
- To know the role of the circulatory system.
- To know that there are three types of blood vessel and to describe their functions.
- To know that happens to heart and the circulatory system when we exercise.
- To know the effects of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs on the body.

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