Scientific enquiry progression of skills











'Working scientifically' statements are adapted from the National curriculum statements and the PLAN working scientifically statements. The statements are split into 8 PLAN working scientifically statements which can be found on the pathway Medium term plan's. The working scientifically skills can be found on the PLAN matrices which support the teaching of scientific enquiry. Cedar and Maple pathways are mostly working below the National Curriculum age so focus on engagement skills.



EYFS - Cedar pathway

Assessment class - Early steps



Ladybird and Dragonfly

Explore how things work
Explore the world around us
To observe
Watch simple tests being carried out
To take risks

Maple pathway





Engagement Steps (Squirrel + Progression Steps as appropriate)

Elm pathway





Communication / Emotional regulation focus (SCERTS)

Willow pathway





Creative curriculum (Topic)

Oak pathway





Subject specific curriculum

	Engagement focus Individual SCERTS					
KS1	Grasshopper Investigate Notice Experience Explore	Butterfly Show curiosity about objects and people Test out ideas Group and identify Observe	Caterpillar & Bumblebee Observe closely Perform and watch simple tests Identify and classify Record through photographs and sorting rings	2025 class		
KS2	Rose Show curiosity Take risks Use trial and error Group and sequence	Daisy Comment on aspects of their familiar world Engage in new experiences through trial and error Solve problems through exploring Closely observe	Poppy & Bluebell Use observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions Talk about what they have found out Observe closely using simple equipment with help Use simple features to compare objects, materials and living things and decide how to sort and group them	Sunflower & Daffodil Groups using complex and varied features Begins to use units to measure and equipment to observe/carry out tests Record data from their observations Sets up scientific tests and compares results		
K53	Squirrel Observe Notice patterns Make links See changes	Observe Experience different types of Science enquiries including Make links practical activities		Rabbit, Fox & Badger Groups using their own criteria Uses comparative and fair testing producing graphs and tables of results		

		Record simple findings	To identify and classify Talk about what they see using a range of vocabulary	Chooses the correct equipment and units of measure to record Observes over time, commenting and asking questions
K54	2025 class	2025 class	Robin & Owl Use a wide range of vocabulary to talk about observations Record using photographs, drawings and diagrams To explain what they have found out Carry out tests	Woodpecker & Hawk Asks relevant questions Plan scientific enquiries to answer questions Sets up comparative and fair tests Makes careful observations where appropriate taking accurate measurements (units)
KS5	Woolston 6 th form	Woolston 6 th form	Woolston 6 th form / Various colleges	Various colleges

*see the PLAN scientific enquiry matrixes for support with teaching and planning enquiry into lessons

Year-group	Asking questions	Planning an enquiry	Making predictions	Gathering data	Recording data	Presenting data	Drawing conclusions	Evaluating an enquiry
<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Asking</u> <u>questions</u>			<u>Gathering</u> <u>data</u>	Recording data		<u>Drawing</u> <u>conclusions</u>	
Year 2	Asking questions			Gathering data	Recording data		Drawing conclusions	
Year 3	<u>Asking</u> <u>questions</u>	<u>Planning an</u> <u>enquiry</u>	<u>Making</u> <u>predictions</u>	<u>Gathering</u> <u>data</u>	Recording data	Presenting data	<u>Drawing</u> <u>conclusions</u>	Evaluating an enquiry
Year 4	Asking questions	Planning an enquiry	Making predictions	Gathering data	Recording data	Presenting data	Drawing conclusions	Evaluating an enquiry
<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Asking</u> <u>questions</u>	<u>Planning an</u> <u>enquiry</u>	<u>Making</u> <u>predictions</u>	<u>Gathering</u> <u>data</u>	<u>Recording</u> <u>data</u>	<u>Presenting</u> <u>data</u>	<u>Drawing</u> <u>conclusions</u>	Evaluating an enquiry
Year 6	Asking questions	Planning an enquiry	Making predictions	Gathering data	Recording data	Presenting data	Drawing conclusions	Evaluating an enquiry

PLAN	Asking questions	Planning an enquiry	Making predictions	Gathering data	Recording data	Presenting data	Drawing conclusions	Evaluating an enquiry
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PSTT	Asking questions	Setting up tests	Making predictions	Observing & measuring	Recording data	Interpreting & communicating results		Evaluating
TAPS	Asking questions & plan enquiry Set up & predict		Observe & measure	Record	Interpret & report		Evaluate	