

Nateby Primary School
SCIENCE CURRICULUM MAP
2025 - 2026

The National Curriculum

Aims

The national curriculum for science aims to ensure that all pupils:

- 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 knowledge required to understand the uses and implications of science, today and for the future.

How will science be taught?

Intent

Through high-quality science teaching, we will teach our pupils to understand how major scientific ideas have played a vital role in society. Moreover, we aim to prepare our pupils for life in an increasingly scientific and technological world. We intend to develop lively, enquiring minds and the ability to question, building on their natural curiosity and enabling them to understand and care for the world in which they live. Pupils will learn scientific skills and knowledge within an environment where they can work in an investigative way and can communicate their findings in a variety of ways.

Implementation

At Nateby, we base our Science teaching on the National Curriculum Programmes of Study to ensure that there is continuity and progression. A two-year curriculum map has been devised to ensure that all of the programmes of study are covered.

Reception

By the end of the Reception year children will be expected to:

- Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants;

- Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; -
- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.

The above ELG statements will be taught as part of the rolling programme.

Children's vocabulary and understanding will be deepened with the use of texts linked to topics to support learning. Children's attention will be drawn to topic/subject specific vocabulary.

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