



# Science in the Early Years at St.Peter's



The EYFS framework is organised differently to the National Curriculum that is used for children in Year 1 to Year 6: it is organised across seven areas of learning rather than subject areas.

The table below identifies the statements taken from the 2020 Development Matters which are prerequisite skills for Science within the National Curriculum.

The most relevant statements for Science are taken from the following areas of learning:

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Understanding the World

Children have the opportunity to develop early skills in Science as part of daily continuous provision and focussed sessions at St.Peter's.

<b>Three and Four-Year-Olds</b>	<b>Communication and Language</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand 'why' questions, like: "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?"</li> </ul>
	<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and toothbrushing.</li> </ul>
	<b>Understanding the World</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.</li> <li>• Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.</li> <li>• Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.</li> <li>• Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.</li> <li>• Explore how things work.</li> <li>• Plant seeds and care for growing plants.</li> <li>• Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.</li> <li>• Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.</li> <li>• Explore and talk about different forces they can feel.</li> <li>• Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.</li> </ul>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Communication and Language</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn new vocabulary.</li> <li>• Ask questions to find out more and to check what has been said to them.</li> <li>• Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.</li> <li>• Describe events in some detail.</li> <li>• Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen.</li> <li>• Use new vocabulary in different contexts.</li> </ul>

<b>Reception Continued</b>	<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- regular physical activity</li> <li>- healthy eating</li> <li>- toothbrushing</li> <li>- sensible amounts of 'screen time'</li> <li>- having a good sleep routine</li> <li>- being a safe pedestrian</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<b>Understanding the World</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore the natural world around them.</li> <li>• Describe what they see, hear and feel while they are outside.</li> <li>• Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.</li> <li>• Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.</li> </ul>
<b>ELG</b>	<b>Communication and Language</b>	<b>Listening, Attention and Understanding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding.</li> </ul>
	<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b>	<b>Managing Self</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices.</li> </ul>
	<b>Understanding the World</b>	<b>The Natural World</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.</li> </ul>