



Science Curriculum

All curriculums at Hollymount are founded on the Hollymount Big Picture Curriculum. However, each subject will have specific aims, a coherent progression of skills and knowledge and explicit outcomes for children. These are outlined below.

Purpose of the Curriculum

At Hollymount Primary School, we provide the foundation for the children to understand the world around them through a combination of hands-on, investigative learning opportunities, self-research and working collaboratively with each other and adults. Children are to engage in different types of scientific enquiry: observing over time; pattern seeking; identifying, classifying and grouping; comparative and fair testing (controlled investigations); and researching using secondary sources. Pupils are encouraged to recognise the power of rational explanation and develop a sense of excitement and curiosity about natural phenomena.

Progression of skills and knowledge

FSU	Nursery (30-50 months)	Reception (40-60 months)
Area of the curriculum	Our world	Our world
Knowledge and skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world. • Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects. • Talks about why things happen and how things work. • Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time. • Shows care and concern for living things and the environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change. <p>Leading to the Early Learning Goal: Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur and talk about changes.</p>

KS1	Year 1				
Topics	Plants	Animals, including humans	Everyday materials	Seasonal changes	
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. • identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals • identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made • identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe changes across the four seasons • observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies. 	



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets) Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties. 		
Skills	<i>Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways</i>				
	<p>Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> While exploring the world, the children develop their ability to ask questions (such as what something is, how things are similar and different, the ways things work, which alternative is better, how things change and how they happen). Where appropriate, they begin to answer these questions. The children answer questions developed with the teacher often through a scenario. The children are shown how to use resources provided to answer the questions using different types of enquiry. Across the topics, this helps them to recognise that there are different ways in which questions can be answered. 				
	<i>Making observations and taking measurements</i>				
	<p>Observing closely, using simple equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children explore the world around them. They make observations to support identification, comparison and noticing change. They use appropriate senses, aided by equipment such as magnifying glasses or digital microscopes, to make their observations. They begin to take measurements, initially by comparisons. 				
	<i>Engaging in practical enquiry to answer questions</i>				



	<p>Performing simple tests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The children use practical resources provided to gather evidence to answer questions generated by the teacher. They begin to suggest questions that could be researched. They carry out: tests to classify; comparative tests; pattern seeking enquiries; and make observations over time. <p>Identifying and classifying</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children use their observations and testing to compare objects, materials and living things. They sort and group these things, using a given criterion for sorting. They use simple secondary sources (such as identification sheets) to name living things. They describe the characteristics they used to identify a living thing.
	<i>Recording and presenting evidence</i>
	<p>Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The children record their observations e.g. using photographs, videos, drawings and labelled diagrams. Children are supported to write using modelled sentences. They record their measurements e.g. using prepared tables, pictograms, tally charts and block graphs. They classify using simple prepared tables and sorting rings.
	<i>Answering questions and concluding</i>
	<p>Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children begin to use their experiences of the world around them to suggest appropriate answers to questions. They are supported to relate these to their evidence e.g. observations they have made, measurements they have taken or information they have gained from secondary sources. <p>Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The children begin to understand and recognise 'biggest and smallest', 'best and worst' etc. from their data.
	<i>Evaluating and raising further questions and predictions</i>
	<i>Not applicable for KS1.</i>
	<i>Communicating their findings</i>
	<i>Not applicable for KS1.</i>

KS1		Year 2			
Topics	Plants	Animals, including humans	Living things and their habitats	Use of everyday materials	



Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants• find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults• find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air)• describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive• identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other• identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats• describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses• find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.	
Skills	<i>Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways</i>				



Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways

- While exploring the world, the children secure their ability to ask questions (such as what something is, how things are similar and different, the ways things work, which alternative is better, how things change and how they happen). They develop the ability to answer these questions, through class discussion and research.
- The children are involved in planning how to use resources provided to answer the questions using different types of enquiry, helping them to recognise that there are different ways in which questions can be answered.

Making observations and taking measurements

Observing closely, using simple equipment

- Children explore the world around them. They make careful observations to support identification, comparison and noticing change. They use appropriate senses, aided by equipment such as magnifying glasses or digital microscopes, to make their observations.
- They begin to take measurements, using non-standard units before moving on to using standard units.

Engaging in practical enquiry to answer questions

Performing simple tests

- The children use practical resources provided to gather evidence to answer questions generated by themselves or the teacher. They carry out: tests to classify; comparative tests; pattern seeking enquiries; and make observations over time.

Identifying and classifying

- Children use their observations and testing to compare objects, materials and living things. They sort and group these things, identifying their own criteria for sorting.
- They use secondary sources (such as identification sheets) to name living things. They describe the characteristics they used to identify a living thing, using appropriate scientific language.

Recording and presenting evidence

Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions

- The children record their observations e.g. using photographs, videos, drawings, labelled diagrams or in writing.
- They record their measurements e.g. using prepared tables, pictograms, tally charts and block graphs. They begin to suggest their own criterion.
- They classify using simple prepared tables and sorting rings. They begin to suggest their own criterion.

Answering questions and concluding

Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children use their experiences of the world around them to suggest appropriate answers to questions. They are developing the skills to relate these experiences to their evidence e.g. observations they have made, measurements they have taken or information they have gained from secondary sources. <p>Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The children recognise and discuss their data.
<i>Evaluating and raising further questions and predictions</i>	
<i>Not applicable for KS1.</i>	
<i>Communicating their findings</i>	
<i>Not applicable for KS1.</i>	

LKS2		Year 3			
Topics	Plants	Animals, including humans	Rocks	Light	Forces and Magnets
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant investigate the way in which water is transported within plants explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light ☐ notice that light is reflected from surfaces recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> compare how things move on different surfaces ☐ notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify



					<p>some magnetic materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe magnets as having two poles • predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.
Skills	<i>Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways</i>				
	<p>Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The children consider their prior knowledge when asking questions. They develop confidence with using a range of question stems Where appropriate, they begin to answer these questions. • The children start to answer questions posed by the teacher. • Guided by the teacher, children work out how to gather evidence to answer the question. They recognise when secondary sources can be used to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical work. They discuss the type of enquiry that they have been using to answer their question. 				
	<i>Making observations and taking measurements</i>				
	<p>Making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The children make careful observations. They begin to work systematically. • With support, they use a range of equipment for measuring length, time, temperature and capacity. They use accurate standard units for their measurements, as appropriate. 				
	<i>Engaging in practical enquiry to answer questions</i>				
	<p>Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The children select from a range of practical resources given to gather evidence to answer questions generated by the teacher. • They use a plan, constructed by the teacher, to carry out: observations and tests to classify; comparative and simple fair tests; observations over time; and pattern seeking. 				
	<i>Recording and presenting evidence</i>				
	<p>Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions Recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The children are given templates and support to help them record the evidence. They record their observation e.g. using photographs, videos, pictures, labelled diagrams or writing, using sentence stems. 				



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They record their measurements e.g. using tables, tally charts and bar charts (given templates, to which they can add headings). They record classifications e.g. using given tables, Venn diagrams, Carroll diagrams. • Children are supported to present the same data in different ways in order to help with answering the question.
<i>Answering questions and concluding</i>	
	<p>Using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children begin to answer their own questions based on observations they have made, measurements they have taken or information they have gained from secondary sources. The answers are consistent with the evidence. <p>Identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children interpret their data to generate simple comparative statements based on their evidence. They begin to identify naturally occurring patterns. <p>Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a class, they work together to draw conclusions based on evidence and current subject knowledge.
<i>Evaluating and raising further questions and predictions</i>	
	<p>Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They work collaboratively to identify ways of how they would do it differently if they repeated the enquiry.
<i>Communicating their findings</i>	
	<p>Reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are supported to communicate their findings to an audience orally, using appropriate scientific vocabulary. They use sentence stems and modelled writing to support writing their own conclusions.

LKS2	Year 4			Year 4	
Topics	Sound	Animals, including humans	Living things and their habitats	States of matter	Electricity
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating • recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans • identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways • explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases • observe that some materials change state when they are 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify common appliances that run on electricity • construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells,



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it • find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it • recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey. 	<p>in their local and wider environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. 	<p>heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature. 	<p>wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery • recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit • recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.
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Skills *Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways*

Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them

- The children consider their prior knowledge when asking questions. They independently use a range of question stems. Where appropriate, they answer these questions.
- The children answer questions posed by the teacher.
- Given a range of resources, the children decide for themselves how to gather evidence to answer the question. They recognise when secondary sources can be used to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical work. They identify the type of enquiry that they have chosen to answer their question.

Making observations and taking measurements



<p>Making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The children make systematic and careful observations.• They use a range of equipment for measuring length, time, temperature and capacity. They use standard units for their measurements.
<p><i>Engaging in practical enquiry to answer questions</i></p>
<p>Setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The children select from a range of practical resources to gather evidence to answer questions generated by themselves or the teacher.• They follow their plan to carry out: observations and tests to classify; comparative and simple fair tests; observations over time; and pattern seeking.
<p><i>Recording and presenting evidence</i></p>
<p>Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions Recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The children sometimes decide how to record and present evidence. They record their observation e.g. using photographs, videos, pictures, labelled diagrams or writing. They record their measurements e.g. using tables, tally charts and bar charts (given templates, if required, to which they can add headings). They record classifications e.g. using tables, Venn diagrams, Carroll diagrams.• Children are supported to present the same data in different ways in order to help with answering the question.
<p><i>Answering questions and concluding</i></p>
<p>Using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children answer their own and others' questions based on observations they have made, measurements they have taken or information they have gained from secondary sources. The answers are consistent with the evidence. <p>Identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children interpret their data to generate simple comparative statements based on their evidence. They begin to identify naturally occurring patterns and causal relationships. <p>Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• They draw conclusions based on their evidence and current subject knowledge.
<p><i>Evaluating and raising further questions and predictions</i></p>
<p>Using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• They identify ways in which they adapted their method as they progressed or how they would do it differently if they repeated the enquiry.
<p><i>Communicating their findings</i></p>
<p>Reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• They communicate their findings to an audience both orally and in writing, using appropriate scientific vocabulary.



UKS2	Year 5				
Topics	Earth and Space	Animals, including humans	Living things and their habitats	Properties and changes of materials	Forces
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system• describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth• describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies• use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• describe the changes as humans develop to old age.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird• describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets• know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution• use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating• give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic• demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes• explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials, and that this kind of change is not	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object• identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces• recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.



				usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda.	
Skills	<i>Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways</i>				
	<i>Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children begin to ask scientific questions for themselves and start to ask further questions based on their developed understanding following an enquiry.• Given a wide range of resources, the children work in groups to decide how to gather evidence to answer a scientific question. They are guided by a teacher to choose a type of enquiry to carry out. They recognise how secondary sources can be used to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical work.				
	<i>Making observations and taking measurements</i>				
	Taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The children select measuring equipment to give the most precise results e.g. ruler, tape measure or trundle wheel, force meter with a suitable scale.• During an enquiry, the children are guided to make decisions e.g. whether they need to: take repeat readings (fair testing); increase the sample size (pattern seeking); adjust the observation period and frequency (observing over time); or check further secondary sources (researching); in order to get accurate data (closer to the true value). They develop this skill through group work and discussion.				
	<i>Engaging in practical enquiry to answer questions</i>				
	<i>Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building on work from Year 4, the children select from a small range of practical resources to gather evidence to answer questions. They carry out fair tests, recognising and controlling variables. They work together to decide what observations or measurements to make over time and for how long. With support, they look for patterns and relationships using a suitable sample.				
	<i>Recording and presenting evidence</i>				
	Recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The children decide how to record and present evidence based on given examples and previous learning. They record observations e.g. using annotated photographs, videos, labelled diagrams, observational drawings, labelled scientific diagrams or writing. They record measurements e.g. using tables, tally charts, bar charts, line graphs and scatter graphs. They record classifications e.g. using tables, Venn diagrams, Carroll diagrams and classification keys.				



- Children are encouraged to present the same data in different ways in order to help with answering the question.

Answering questions and concluding

Identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments

- Children answer questions based on observations they have made, measurements they have taken or information they have gained from secondary sources. When doing this, they discuss as a class whether other evidence e.g. from other groups, secondary sources and their scientific understanding, supports or refutes their answer.
- They talk about how their scientific ideas change due to new evidence that they have gathered.
- They talk about how new discoveries change scientific understanding.

Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations

- In their conclusions, children: identify causal relationships and patterns in the natural world from their evidence; identify results that do not fit the overall pattern; and explain their findings using their subject knowledge up until this point. The children may require support from adults.

Evaluating and raising further questions and predictions

Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations

- They work together to evaluate, for example, the choice of method used, the control of variables, the precision and accuracy of measurements and the credibility of secondary sources used.
- The children develop the understanding to identify any limitations that reduce the trust they have in their data.

Communicating their findings

Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations

- They communicate their findings to an audience using relevant scientific language and illustrations.

UKS2		Year 6			
Topics	Light	Animals, including humans	Living things and their habitats	Evolution and inheritance	Electricity



Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines • use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye • explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes • use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood • recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function • describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals • give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago • recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents • identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit • compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches • use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.
Skills	<i>Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways</i>				
<i>Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary</i>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children independently ask scientific questions. This may be stimulated by a scientific experience or involve asking further questions based on their developed understanding following an enquiry. • Given a wide range of resources the children decide for themselves how to gather evidence to answer a scientific question. They choose a type of enquiry to carry out and justify their choice. They recognise how secondary sources can be used to answer questions that cannot be answered through practical work. 					
<i>Making observations and taking measurements</i>					
Taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The children select measuring equipment to give the most precise results e.g. ruler, tape measure or trundle wheel, force meter with a suitable scale. • During an enquiry, they make decisions e.g. whether they need to: take repeat readings (fair testing); increase the sample size (pattern seeking); adjust the observation period and frequency (observing over time); or check further secondary sources (researching); in order to get accurate data (closer to the true value). 					



Engaging in practical enquiry to answer questions

Planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary

- The children select from a range of practical resources to gather evidence to answer their questions. They carry out fair tests, recognising and controlling variables. They decide what observations or measurements to make over time and for how long. They look for patterns and relationships using a suitable sample.

Recording and presenting evidence

Recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs

- The children decide how to record and present evidence. They record observations e.g. using annotated photographs, videos, labelled diagrams, observational drawings, labelled scientific diagrams or writing. They record measurements e.g. using tables, tally charts, bar charts, line graphs and scatter graphs. They record classifications e.g. using tables, Venn diagrams, Carroll diagrams and classification keys.
- Children are expected to present the same data in different ways in order to help with answering the question.

Answering questions and concluding

Identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments

- Children answer their own and others' questions based on observations they have made, measurements they have taken or information they have gained from secondary sources. When doing this, they discuss whether other evidence e.g. from other groups, secondary sources and their scientific understanding, supports or refutes their answer.
- They talk about and record how their scientific ideas change due to new evidence that they have gathered.
- They talk about how new discoveries change scientific understanding.

Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations

- In their conclusions, children: identify causal relationships and patterns in the natural world from their evidence; identify results that do not fit the overall pattern; and explain their findings independently using their subject knowledge.

Evaluating and raising further questions and predictions

Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations

- They evaluate, for example, the choice of method used, the control of variables, the precision and accuracy of measurements and the credibility of secondary sources used.
- They identify any limitations that reduce the trust they have in their data.

Communicating their findings



Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations

- They communicate their findings to an audience using relevant scientific language and illustrations.

Impact on children

Attainment and Progress in standards	Responsible and Respectful Global Citizens	Hollymount Values	Success in their next stage in education	Confidence and independence
<p>All pupils will have a deep understanding of the world around them. They will have accessed a rich curriculum, full of hands-on, investigative learning opportunities, self-research and working collaboratively. Pupils will have developed a sense of excitement and curiosity about natural phenomena and be able to apply knowledge gained to everyday life. Children will understand how discoveries have shaped the modern world and how they are a part of the future.</p>	<p>Pupils are respectful of the gains that have been made in the scientific world. They are made aware of contrasting views, such as religious ones and are respectful of the beliefs of other cultures.</p>	<p>Pupils have developed all values through the Science curriculum, with a specific focus on courage, responsibility and appreciation.</p> <p>Courage: Pupils are confident in taking risks when investigating and deriving answers to difficult questions.</p> <p>Responsibility: Pupils are responsible for engaging with the curriculum and making links with different areas of learning. They are also responsible for using a range of equipment.</p> <p>Appreciation: Pupils appreciate what others have done for the modern world and have a firm awareness of the developments which have shaped the present time and will continue to evolve into their future.</p>	<p>Children are equipped with knowledge and skills to prepare them for the KS3 curriculum.</p>	<p>Pupils are independent learners who develop their ability to ask questions, and gain confidence with finding the answers. They persevere with difficult tasks and find connections from their learning in the classroom to the wider world.</p>