

Manor Primary School

Science Year 3: Animals including humans

Overview of the Learning:

- **In this unit children will** identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food. Children will identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

Core Aims

- develop **scientific knowledge and conceptual understanding** through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics about humans and other animals
- 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
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Pupils should be taught to work scientifically. They will:

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Pupils should be taught about animals including humans:

- 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.
- Pupils will continue to learn about the importance of nutrition (including a balanced diet). Pupils should be introduced to the main body parts associated with the skeletal, muscular system, and how they have special functions. This can include: skeletal system – skeleton, bones and specific bones: skulls, ribs, legs, arms and spine; muscular system – muscles: arms, legs, abdomen/stomach muscles; the skeleton and muscular system work together for movement.
- Pupils should apply their knowledge and skills by: describing how the body uses up the food eaten and the oxygen breathed in. setting up a simple comparative test to show how everyday activities (e.g. exercise, resting, walking) affect the human body (e.g. breathing increasing and slowing down, tired muscles). recording information about the skeletal and muscular system through e.g. scientific labels, models, displays etc.

Expectations

Children can:

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Science Year 3: Forces and Magnets - Amazing Magnets

Overview of the Learning:

In this unit of learning children will explore and discuss how a push or a pull is exerted by something and acts on something else and describe how some forces are made by contact (pushing, pulling) while others act at a distance (e.g. gravity and magnets). Children will investigate and explain how gravity pulls things down, and that on the Earth's surface, we are supported by a contact force with the ground. They will describe the use of magnets in familiar objects and explain that magnets attract magnetic materials; that magnets work through, e.g. cardboard make a magnet.

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Pupils should be taught about forces and magnets:

- experience making things move by pushing them. They should notice that there are always two objects involved in a force – one that exerts the force, which acts on something else.
- apply their knowledge and skills by:
- observing what happens when they push e.g. scooters, toy cars.
- putting objects in water and seeing what happens when they try to immerse a floating object – noticing that there is a contact force with the water
- carry out simple tests to see how the strength of the force varies. trying out ways of slowing things down e.g. braking on a bicycle, the effect of friction between surfaces.
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Science Year 3: Investigating Light & Shadows!

Overview of the Learning:

In this unit children will investigate the relationship between light, an object and the formation of shadows. Children observe the apparent movement of the Sun and the associated changes in shadows. Work in this unit also offers children opportunities to explain shadows using scientific knowledge and to recognise the hazards and risks in looking at the Sun.

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Pupils should be taught about light and shadows:

- 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 a solid object
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Science Year 3: Investigating What Helps Plants Grow!

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In this unit of learning children will investigate about what plants need to grow well and why it is important that they do. Experimental and investigative work focuses on: considering what evidence should be collected ; making careful measurements ; considering how good the evidence is and using results to draw conclusions. Work in this unit also offers opportunities for children to relate their knowledge about the growth of plants to everyday contexts.

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Pupils should be taught about What Helps Plants Grow:

- 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
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Manor Primary School Science Year 3: Rocks and Soil

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In this unit of learning children will investigate the physical characteristics (including the appearance, texture and permeability of rocks and soils) of the local environment and the living things in it (including food chains) comparing them with those from another locality. Children will explore and investigate in order to collect data, analyse it and identify patterns; use their knowledge and research to inform designs for functional products and plans for investigations to capture, record and analyse data using a range of equipment to sort, group and identify familiar living things and materials according to observable features and properties to evaluate their skills, findings and outcomes using given criteria and offer explanations for their findings.

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Pupils should be taught about rocks and soil:



- 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.

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