Year 8: Science

Curriculum Intent:

Students will build upon the core subject knowledge and procedural knowledge gained in Year 7 by studying the following key areas:

- Physics: Magnetism, Forces, Space and Electricity
- Chemistry: particles, periodic table, chemical reactions and environmental science
- Biology: life processes, inside cells, ecosystems and modern biology

Key questions will continue to be the central focus to lessons. The models and explanations become more complex. Application of the core knowledge of the scientific method is expanded into the above areas. Learning is supported by practical work and investigations.



	investigations.					
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Key ideas and sequence of learning	Physics Module 1 - magnetism magnetism magnetic materials magnetic fields electromagnets Chemistry Module 1 - particles Chem and physical changes Separating techniques- filtration, crystallisation, distillation and chromatography Counting atoms Word equations Biology Module 1 - life processes Breathing Circulatory system	 Physics Module 2 - forces The 3 different types of forces. The 3 effects of forces. How to measure forces. Investigating the effects of forces in real life scenarios. Chemistry Module 2-periodic table Metal properties Diamond and graphite Protons, neutrons and electrons, isotopes Covalent/ionic Electronic configuration Mendeleev 	Biology Module 2 – inside cells Photosynthesis Role of stomata (gas exchange) Respiration – Aerobic and Anaerobic Enzymes – as a biological catalyst Physics Module 3 - space The structure of the solar system. What causes day and night and the seasons. Formation of the solar system and the life cycle of stars. Difference between weight and mass.	Chemistry Module 3 – chemical reactions reactivity of metals displacement word equations introduction to rates investigating factors affecting rates of reaction Physics Module 4 - energy energy stores. energy transfers heat transfers insulation	Students will revise for their end of exams Chemistry Module 4 -environmental science choosing materials recycling materials potable water	Biology Module 4 – ecosystems Ecosystems Different levels of an ecosystem Nutrient cycling (carbon), including decomposers Variation due to genetics and the environment Genetics including genotype and phenotype Physics Module 5 - electricity That circuit properties can be changed by adding more paths. That current at a junction splits and rules that govern this.

and	ess (Asthma d Smoking) fect of exercise		ology Module 3 – odern biology Recreational drugs Genomic impact on future medicines Natural selection and its links to evolution Farming practices and selective breeding Biotechnology					re	nat each branch ceives the same p.d. om the cell
Magne 1. When when magne 1. When when magne 1. When magne	Physics Module 2 – force 1. What are the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces? 2. What are the 3 effect of a force? 3. Floating, sinking and density. 4. How can we measure forces? 5. How can forces and pressure be calculated? 6. How forces affect springs 7. What factors determine the size of a frictional force Chemistry Module 2 – periodic table	in 1. 2. 2. 3. Ph sp	respiration and how is it different to breathing? Why does all life on Earth rely on enzymes? nysics Module 3 -	2. 3. Ph en 1.	nemistry Module 3 – nemical reactions Reactivity series and idea of displacement reactions Word equations and predicting displacement reactions Rates of reaction- an investigation project. nysics Module 4 - nergy What are the different energy stores? How can energy be transferred	-er scie 1. 2. 3.	emistry Module 4 nvironmental ence Links to testing materials to choose appropriate material for making products Purpose and Methods of recycling for glass/metals/plas tic etc. Life cycle assessment of material Making water fit for drinking	ecosys 1. Ho on an 2. Wi int 3. Wi ho dia ph ch Physic electr 1. Wi an 2. Ho	ow do animals rely each other within ecosystem? hat is erdependence? hat is variation and ow does it occur? ow to use genetic agrams to predict sysical aracteristics?

an	1. Testing materials for	2. What causes between the	3. How is p.d. shared
electromagnet?	conductivity,	day and night? different stores?	between loops?
	solubility, effect of	3. What causes 3. What is	
electromagnet? Chemistry module 1 - particles 1. identifying differences between chem and physical changes in terms formation of new substances and reversible (not) 2. choosing appropriate separation technique based on physical state/type of mixture/solubility	conductivity, solubility, effect of heating, density etc. to classify materials as metals /covalent /ionic /polymers 2. Comparing and contrasting properties of diamond and graphite- linking them with their uses 3. Data analysis activities- using a given data to choose best material for making a product 4. Recap PNE and idea of isotopes and electron configurations	day and night? different stores?	
of a substance. 3. Practical techniques, assemble equipment for filtration, crystallisation (obtaining pure salt from rock salt) distillation (ink water/salt water) and chromatography (flet tips and other pens).	 5. Linking electron configuration with the position of an element in periodic table 6. Development of periodic table 7. Comparing and contrasting Mendeleev's and modern periodic table. 	recreational drugs? 2. How can we predict the risk of certain illnesses and how will we treat them? (Including future developments) 3. How can we prove that dinosaurs are related to chickens? And how has this	

4. Link back to	impacted	
chemical changes	classification?	
and write word	4. How can Science	
equations	help us feed the	
5. Identifying the	world?	
type and number		
of atoms and		
elements in		
formulae		
Biology Module 1 –		
life processes		
1. What is		
breathing?		
2. How does the		
body transport		
useful substances		
to different		
parts?		
3. How do the		
respiratory and		
circulatory		
systems work in		
unison?		
4. What factors		
affect how our		
respiratory and		
circulatory		
systems work?		
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	Physics Module 1 -	Physics Module 2 – forces	Biology Module 2 –	Chemistry Module 3 –	Chemistry Module 4	Biology Module 4 –
	magnetism	• Force	inside cells	chemical reactions	-environmental	ecosystems
	 magnet 	• Newton	 Oxygen, 	 Displacement 	science	 Ecosystem, habitat,
	 electromagnet 	 Resultant 	 carbon dioxide, 	 Reactivity 	 Recycling 	population,
	• field	Friction	glucose	 Hypothesis 	• Life-cycle	community,
	• pole	Weight	 energy, products, 	 Particles and 	assessment	decomposers, carbon
	 attraction 	Gravity	reactants	collisions	 Biodegradable 	cycle
	 repulsion 	• density	 Lock and key, 	 Validity 	 Landfill 	 Alleles, genes,
Vesslavismi	Chemistry Module 1-	• Pressure	scientific models	 Repeatability 	 Incineration 	genotype, phenotype,
Vocabulary	particles	Pascal		 Reproducibility 	 Materials 	dominant, recessive,
	 Chemical change 				 Potable 	heterozygous,
	 Physical change 		Physics Module 3 –	Physics Module 4 -		homozygous
	 Filtration 	Chemistry Module 2 –	space	energy		
	 Chromatography 	periodic table	• Sun	 Thermal 		Physics Module 5 -
	 Distillation 	• Density	• Moon	 Gravitational 		electricity
	 Soluble 	 Conductivity 	• Earth	 Chemical 		• Series
	 Insoluble 	 Solubility 	 Asteroids 	 Magnetic 		• Parallel
	 Solution 	Polymer	 Planets 	Kinetic		 Path, loop
	 Crystallisation 	• Ionic	 Comets 	 Nuclear 		 components
	Formula	Covalent	 Lunar eclipse 	Electrostatic		• current
		 Isotope 	 Solar eclipse 	 Forces, waves, 		 potential difference
	Biology Module 1 –	 Proton, neutron, 	 Mass 	heating and		 resistance
	life processes	electron	 Weight 	current		
	 Diaphragm, Gas 	Electron Configuration	 Main sequence 	 Conduction, 		
	exchange, alveoli,		 Red giant 	Convection		
	lungs, bronchi		 White dwarf 	 Radiation 		
	 Heart, double 		 Red supergiant 	 Insulation 		
	circulatory		 Supernova 			
	system, valves,		Black Hole			
	pulse, resting		 Neutron star 			
	heart rate					
	 Illness, Asthma, 		Biology Module 3 –			
	Smoking illnesses		modern biology			
			• Drugs,			
			recreational,			
			prescription,			

Practical Skills Practical Skills	unbalanced forces Measuring density Measuring force wit a Newtonmeter Investigating springs Investigating friction Investigating friction Chemistry Module 2- periodic table Testing materials for conductivity, solubility, effect of heating, density, electrical conductivity.	inside cells Starch testing leaves Microscopes – looking at stomata of plants Investigate different plants (that contain different amounts of catalase) on the breakdown of hydrogen	Chemistry Module 3 – chemical reactions • Making observations – metal displacement	Chemistry Module 4 -environmental science • Purification of water	Biology Module 4 — ecosystems • Sampling • Pond dipping • Investigating variation amongst a class Physics Module 5 - electricity • Wiring a circuit • Drawing circuit diagrams • Measuring current and potential difference
life pro Mo bel	electrical conductivity ocesses odel of lungs, Il jar lungs mo	Physics Module 3 – space	Investigating the effect of insulation		

 Pluck demo Heart dissection demo/practical Heartrate and exercise investigation 	Biology Module 3 – modern biology Investigating the effects of	 Effect of heat radiation on different surfaces Energy circus Fruit cells Convection pane
	reaction time Extracting DNA Cloning geraniums/ cauliflower	