Year 6 Autumn: Science Knowledge Mat

Animals including humans - Circulatory system

	Key Vocabulary	Images/ diagrams	Core Knowledge
ventricle	One of two large chambers towards the bottom of the heart. One of two smaller chambers		 I know the main parts of the human circulatory system: heart, ventricle, atrium, artery, vein. I know how the heart functions and
autum	towards the top of the heart.		how blood moves through the heart. \Box
vein	Any of the tubes of the circulatory system that carry blood towards the heart. This blood, is in the main, oxygen depleted.		 I know the role of the heart, blood vessels and blood. I know how diet, exercise, drugs, and lifestyle impact on the way the human body functions.
artery	Any of the tubes of the circulatory system that carry blood away from the heart. This blood, is in the main, oxygen rich.		 I know the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans. I know how to raise a scientific question that can be tested.
calories	A unit of energy. In nutrition, calories refer to the energy people get from the food and drink they consume.		 I know how to present my data and my results. I know how the evidence I have collected supports or refutes my idea. I can make a prediction and explain my reasons using scientific
analyse	To examine something methodically and in detail, in order to explain and it.		 knowledge. I know how to use more than one piece of evidence when forming a conclusion.
interval	A period between 2 events or times.		
hypothesise	An idea for something		

Year 6 Spring 1: Science Knowledge Mat Living things and their habitats

	Key Vocabulary	Vertebrates	Core Knowledge
vertebrate	An animal with a spine or backbone (mammals, reptiles, fish, amphibians, birds)	Fish Amphibians Reptiles Birds Mammals	 I can classify plants, animals and micro- organisms into broad groups according to observable characteristics. I can give reasons for classifying plants
virus (s) viruses (pl)	An infection or disease can be caused by a virus.		 and animals based on observable characteristics. ➤ I can identify observable characteristics
bacterium (s) bacteria (pl)	A single-cell micro-organism. Some can make us ill. Micro-organisms Influenza virus. The three shapes of bacteria Fungi are the largest	Cold structure 4 Card structure 4 Marine Cooler 4 Marine	 I can identify observable characteristics in living things. I can classify vertebrates and invertebrates into subcategories. I can ask a testable question which
fungus (s) fungi (pl)	The largest of micro-organisms, they produce spores and feed on organic matter.		 includes the change and measure variables. I can describe how the evidence I have
Observable characteristic	A feature that can be seen.	Micro-organisms	collected supports or refutes my idea.
microbe/ microorganism	A living thing that is so small you need a microscope to see it.		 I can make a prediction and explain my reasons using scientific
classify	To arrange items into different categories.	The three shapes of bacteria	 knowledge. I can use more than one piece of ovidence when forming a conclusion
invertebrate	An animal without a spine or backbone.	Spirals (Campylobacter) Rods (Lactobacilius) Balls (Staphylococcus) Image: Campylobacter (Campylobacter) Image: Campylobacter (Campylobacter) Image: Campylobacter (Campylobacter)	 evidence when forming a conclusion. I can describe how to improve planning to produce better results. I can suggest reasons for
refute	Prove something to be wrong. Your evidence might refute your prediction	Fungi are the largest Penicillium Dermatophyte	 anomalies. I can select and plan the most appropriate type of scientific enquiry to
support	Suggest the truth of. Your evidence might support your prediction.		use to answer scientific questions.

Year 6 Spring 2: Science Knowledge Mat

Evolution and inheritance

	Key Vocabulary	Peppered moth	Core Knowledge
Adaptation	A special skill which helps an animal to survive and do everything it needs to do.		 I know why animals adapt to their environment. I know how the peppered moth adapted due to pollution during the industrial
Characteristic	A special quality or appearance that makes an individual or group different from others.	Unpolluted Environment	 revolution. I know that characteristics are passed from one generation to the next. I know that species produce offspring that are the same as the parents but are
Favourable	A characteristic which gives a species an advantage.		 different in some ways. I know that fossils records provide evidence of evolutionary change in
Survival	To remain alive.	Polluted Environment	humans and can describe some of these changes.
Evolution	The theory that all the living things that exist today developed from earlier types.	Human evolution	 I know that Charles Darwin was a pioneer in the discovery of evolution
Inherited/ inheritance	The process by which genetic information is passed on from parent to child.		 through his work with mockingbirds. I can use scientific words and clear
Variation	Differences between individuals or groups.		 sentences to explain adaptations of animals. I can decide which is the best format to
Heredity	The passing of a characteristic from parent to child.	Fossils	 present my results and explain my choices. I can make a prediction to say which
			characteristics will be passed on to offspring and explain my reasons using
Advantage	A characteristic which benefits an individual or group.	52°	 scientific knowledge. I can use more than one piece of evidence to write a conclusion and
Extinction	Extinction occurs when there are no more of that species left anywhere in the world.		explain what I understand about evolution.

Year 6 Summer 1: Science Knowledge Mat

Light

	Key Vocabulary	Eye	Core Knowledge
Light wave	One of the characteristics of light is that it behaves like a wave. Light can be defined by its wavelength and frequency. The frequency is how fast the waves vibrate up and down.	lens iris cornea vitreous chamber vitreous humor	 I know light will travel in a completely straight line until it hits an object that will reflect it. I know space does not have any light. We can see things in space due to light
Light source	Light, or illumination, is a form of energy that travels in waves, like sound. You can find different sources of light, such as a candle or the sun.	vitreous humor fovea	bouncing off the objects in space. I can identify observable characteristics in living things.
Concave	Is a lens that curves inwards and reflects light differently as a result.	anterior chamber aqueous humor	I know light doesn't travel as fast when it has to pass through mediums that are different, such as air, water or glass.
Convex	Is a lens that curves outwards and reflects light differently as a result.	suspensory ligaments	I know the light that we see from the sun actually left the sun ten minutes before
Filters	A filter is a transparent material that absorbs some colours and allows others to pass through.	Important facts to know by the end of the topic:	we see it. I know light can be controlled and
Lens	A lens is a curved piece of glass or plastic designed to refract light in a specific way.	Know that light travels in straight lines.	produced in so many ways. A camera can control the amount of light that comes into the camera lens. We also
Retina	The retina is at the back of your eye and it has light-sensitive cells called rods and cones.	 lines. Understand that because light travels in straight lines objects are seen because they give out or 	use light in televisions, medical systems, copy machines, telescopes and satellites.
Cornea	The cornea is thin, clear and covers your eye. It's important because it helps you see by focusing light as it enters the eye.	 seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye. Know that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from 	I know light is used by plants to convert the light into energy as their 'food'. The process is called 'photosynthesis' and converts carbon dioxide through the
Iris	By opening and closing the pupil, the iris can control the amount of light that enters the eye.	 light sources to objects and then to our eyes. Know that light travels in straight 	energy of the light.
Pupil	The pupil can be compared with the shutter of a camera. It is surrounded by the iris which is the coloured part of the eye.	lines and therefore shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.	

Year 6 Summer 2: Science Knowledge Mat

Electricity

	Key Vocabulary	Images and symbols	Core Knowledge
Circuit Circuit symbol	 A complete path that an electric current can flow around. It flows from the battery, through wires and devices before returning to the battery. If the circuit is not complete the electric current cannot flow. A symbol used to represent various electronic 	cell	 I know how changing the voltage of cells in a circuit affects the brightness of a lamp. I know how changing the voltage of cells in a circuit affects the loudness of a
on cuit symbol	components or functions in a diagram of a circuit.	bulb ———————————————————————————————————	buzzer.I know how parts of a circuit function.
Voltage	Voltage measures the energy that is transferred to a device in a circuit. It is measured in Volts. Mains electricity carries a voltage of 210-240 volts. A typical cell in school has 1.5 volts.	motor	I can draw a diagram of a circuit and use symbols to represent cells, wire, lamps/bulbs, buzzers, switches and motors.
Current	A stream of charged particles, moving through an electrical conductor or space.	Adding bulbs to a circuit will make each bulb dimmer	Working Scientifically
Circuit diagram	A visual representation of an electrical circuit using symbols to represent the electrical components.		I can ask a testable question which includes the change and measure variables.
Anomaly	A result that is not normal or is unexpected.		I can describe how the evidence I have collected supports or refutes my idea.
Retina	The retina is at the back of your eye and it has light-sensitive cells called rods and cones.	battery	 I can make a prediction and explain my reasons using scientific knowledge. I can use more than one piece of evidence when forming a conclusion. I can describe how to improve planning
Analyse	To examine something methodically and in detail, in order to explain and it.		
Interval	A period between 2 events or times.		 to produce better results. I can suggest reasons for anomalies. I can select and plan the most
Hypothesis	An idea for something that has not yet been proved.	1	appropriate type of scientific enquiry to use to answer scientific questions.