



## Science Progression at St Minver School

Pupils will:	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	Year 2	<u>Year 3</u>	Year 4	<u>Year 5</u>	Year 6
Use investigative approaches – Ask relevant questions and use different types of scientific enquiry to answer them. These include: observing changes over time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, carrying out fair tests (controlled investigations) and finding things out using secondary sources of information.	Children will know about similarities and differences in relation to objects, materials and living things. They will be able to make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.	Pupils ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways. Pupils respond to simple suggestions about how to test an idea. Pupils perform simple tests. Pupils observe closely, using simple equipment. Pupils identify and classify things.	Pupils gather and record their own data to help in answering questions. They have ideas about how to test. Pupils recognise the need to compare when testing things.	Pupils ask relevant questions and use different kinds of scientific enquiries to answer them (with support). Pupils set up simple practical enquiries and fair tests (with support). Pupils understand that fair tests seek to find the reasons to why things happen – the causes of effects.	Pupils understand that if we want to know if one thing affects another, then that is the only thing we must change, or we won't know what caused that effect. They can select the most relevant type of scientific enquiry to answer their questions and set up a fair test with limited support. Pupils make careful, systematic observations and, where appropriate, take accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, e.g. thermometers.	Pupils independently carry out an investigation, where appropriate dependent/independ ent variables are effectively managed. Pupils know which variables to control in each investigation. Pupils take measurements with an appropriate level of precision. They can explain how to measure accurately.	Pupils make their own decisions about what observations to make, measurements to make. They can take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision. Pupils know when it's appropriate to take repeat readings. Pupils check if findings are reasonable by comparing with the findings of other groups. Pupils use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests.
Communicate and Collaborate in Science – Carry out investigations and record results	Children answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experience s and in response to events.	Pupils show an awareness of the need to record observations in Science. Pupils gather and record	Pupils begin to understand the importance of organising results, for example, into a table, to aid analysis and help them to answer questions.	Pupils understand the importance of organising results as or after they are gathered (some still supported).	Pupils gather, record, classify and present data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions (e.g. bar charts, tables, labelled diagrams and keys).	Pupils record data and results of increasing complexity, using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables and bar graphs.	Pupils record data and results of in a variety of more complex ways, considering the degree of trust, using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs

Work critically	Children	Pupils develop	Pupils use their	Pupils recognise that	With support, they are	Pupils can use key	Pupils can
with evidence and	use past,	a vocabulary to	observations and	effects have causes.	beginning to use key	scientific ideas and	independently use key
think scientifically	present	talk about	ideas to suggest		scientific ideas to	concepts to offer	scientific ideas and
- Draw	and future	what they are	answers to	Pupils use their own	explain what they see.	explanations for	concepts to offer
conclusions	forms	doing. They	questions.	ideas to make		what they have	explanations for what
and create	accurately	can describe		predictions before	Pupils record and	found out, to make	they have found out,
explanations	when	what they see.	Pupils make	testing.	explain findings using	predictions and to	to make predictions,
	talking		comparisons		simple but accurate	hypothesise about	and to hypothesise
	about		between the things	Pupils use results to	scientific language.	why something	about why something
	events that		they are testing. They	draw simple		might be the way it	may be the way it is.
	have		can compare two or	conclusions, make		is (all with support	
	happened		more things that they	predictions for new		where needed).	
	or are to		have tested or	values, suggest			Pupils identify
	happen in		observed.	improvements and		Pupils can report	scientific evidence
	the future.			raise further		and present finding	that has been used to
				questions.		from enquires,	support or refute
						including	arguments.
				Pupils describe		conclusions,	
				relationships they have		explanations of	Pupils recognise
				found (e.g. the ball		results, in oral and	scientific ideas change
				bounces higher when I		written forms (e.g.	and develop over time
				drop it from a greater		displays or	
				height).		presentations).	
						Pupils can read,	
						spell, use and	
						pronounce scientific	
						vocabulary	
						, accurately.	