Programme of study for KS3 Year 7

Autumn (1st term)	Autumn (2 nd term)	Spring (1st term)	Spring (2 nd Term)	Summer (1 st term)	Summer (2 nd term)
Topic / Big Question:					
Introduction to science	Biology: Cells, tissues	Biology: Reproduction	Chemistry: Separating	Biology: Muscles and	Chemistry: Acids and
Chemistry: Particle	and organ systems	in animals	mixtures	bone	Alkalis
model	Physics: Forces and		Chemistry: Atoms,	Physics: Sound	Physics: Space
	motion		elements and molecules		
Skills (students should					
be able to do):					
Demonstrate knowledge and					
understanding of: Scientific	understanding of: Scientific ideas, techniques and				
ideas, techniques and procedures through	procedures through				
-Remembering key facts of					
any area within Science.					
-Using appropriate					
terminology in answers (key					
words and phrases).					
-Explaining the relationships					
between scientific advances,					
their ethical implications and					
the benefits and risks					
associated with them.					
Apply knowledge and					
understanding of: Scientific	understanding of: Scientific ideas, enquiry, techniques				
ideas, enquiry, techniques and procedures through	and procedures through				
-Applying knowledge					
effectively in a wide range of					
contexts.	contexts.	contexts.	contexts.	contexts.	contexts.
-Using theories to make					
explanations of events.					

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-Using data to support					
evidence.	evidence.	evidence.	evidence.	evidence.	evidence.
-Rearranging equations in	-Rearranging equations in calculations.				
calculations.	Calculations.	Calculations.	Calculations.	Calculations.	Calculations.
-Analyse information and					
ideas to: Interpret and					
evaluate; make judgements					
and draw conclusions;					
develop and improve					
experimental procedures					
through	through	through	through	through	through
-Evaluating information from a wide range of sources	-Evaluating information from a wide range of sources	-Evaluating information from a wide range of sources	-Evaluating information from a wide range of sources	-Evaluating information from a wide range of sources	-Evaluating information from a wide range of sources
systematically to develop					
arguments and explanations.					
-Drawing detailed, evidence-					
based conclusions.					
-Spotting causes of error and					
uncertainty in data or					
experimental procedures.					
-Identifying the unit and/or					
symbol of different					
quantities.	quantities.	quantities.	quantities.	quantities.	quantities.
-The correct use of punctuation, spelling of key	-The correct use of	-The correct use of punctuation, spelling of key	-The correct use of	-The correct use of	-The correct use of
words, capital letters,	punctuation, spelling of key words, capital letters,	words, capital letters,	punctuation, spelling of key words, capital letters,	punctuation, spelling of key words, capital letters,	punctuation, spelling of key words, capital letters,
sentences and paragraphs.					
Key Learning Outcomes					
(students should know):					
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	and organ systems	in animals	mixtures	bone	Alkalis
-Recognise some					
common hazard	-Recall and describe the	-Describe how egg cells	-Classify mixtures	-Describe how muscles	-Recognise some
symbols	life processes	are fertilised in animal	-Describe how insoluble	in the gas exchange	common acids.
Explain why hazard	-Explain the differences	sexual reproduction	solids can be separated	system allow ventilation	-Name examples of
symbols are necessary	between organisms and	-Compare fertilisation	from a liquid.	-Describe what happens	indicators made from
-Describe how a Bunsen	non-living things	and offspring care in	-Describe how soluble	during gas exchange in	plants.
burner is used.	-Identify and locate	fish, birds and mammals	substances can form	the lungs.	-Describe how
builler is useu.	•	·	solutions	-Describe the role of	
	important plant and	-Name the parts of the	Solutions		indicators can be used
	animal organs	male and female		muscles in the heart	to test for acidic,

- -Identify hazards and describe how to reduce risk.
- -Draw and state what a bar chart shows.
- -Draw and state what a line graph shows.
- -Identify and describe what is meant by an independent variable
- -Identify and describe what is meant by a dependent variable.
- -Identify and describe what is meant by control variables

Chemistry: Particle model

- -Name the three states of matter and give examples of each -Describe what the three states of matter are like, based on their properties -Identify materials that
- are difficult to classify as solids, liquids or gases -Recognise that all matter is made up of particles
- -Describe, draw and recognise the arrangement of

- -Describe the functions of important plant and animal organs
- -Describe what happens in photosynthesis -Identify and recall named tissues in human and plant organs
- -Describe the functions of different tissues in an organ
- -Describe how to prepare a microscope slide
- -Describe how to use a light microscope to examine a specimen -Identify the main parts
- of animal cells and plant cells and describe their functions.
- -Identify and recall the main organs in the plant water transport system -Identify and recall the main organs in the human locomotor, digestive, circulatory, breathing, urinary and nervous systems.
- **Physics:** Forces and motion
- -Recall the effects of forces on an object

- reproductive systems, and their jobs.
- -Explain how sperm and egg cell are adapted to their functions.
- -State what happens at the menopause.
- -Describe how sexual intercourse can lead to the implantation of an embryo
 Describe how an
- embryo is protected and cared for in the uterus.
- -Explain how a pregnant woman should care for her foetus.
- -Recall the stages of birth and how a newborn baby is looked after.
- -Describe and explain what happens during adolescence
 Describe and explain what happens in the menstrual cycle.

- -Identify the solute and solvent in a solution. Describe the effects of different variables on solubility.
- -Describe how solutes can be separated from a solution by evaporation.
- -Describe differences between evaporation and boiling.
- -Describe how chromatography can be used to identify substances in a mixture. -Explain how
- chromatography works.
 -Explain how distillation can be used to separate a solvent from a
- -Give examples of where distillation is used.

solution.

Chemistry: Atoms, elements and molecules

-Recognise the difference between atoms and molecules Identify elements, mixtures and compounds from descriptions and particle diagrams. -Use chemical symbols for common elements and

- -Describe the functions of the different parts of blood and where the different parts are made.
- -Describe the functions of different bones in the skeleton.
- Describe some different types of joint.
- -Explain how antagonistic pairs of muscles operate and are controlled, to allow movement.
- -Recall how different drugs affect the body.

Physics: Sound

- -Explain what causes sounds and how to make louder sounds -Explain the link between frequency and pitch
- -Describe how sound moves through materials
- -Explain why sounds get fainter further from their source.
- -Describe the parts of the ear and their functions.
- -Describe how microphones convert

- alkaline or neutral solutions.
- -Name some common examples of acids and alkalis.
- Describe the pH scale and how it is useful.

 Describe how pH can be measured.
- -Describe what happens during neutralisation.
- -Write word equations for neutralisation reactions.
- -Explain the pH changes taking place during neutralisation.
- -Describe some examples of everyday acids and bases.
- -Describe and explain some everyday neutralisation reactions.

Physics: Space

- -Describe some ways of investigating planets.
- -Compare different models of the solar system.
- -Use the tilt of the Earth's axis to explain the changes in the seasons
- -Use a model to explain the pattern of light and dark at the Earth's poles.

particles in solids,
liquids and gases
-Use particle theory to
explain the properties
of the three states of
matter.

- -Explain how Brownian motion supports particle theory
- -Explain how scientific theories evolve
- -Convert between nanometres and metres
- -State what is meant by diffusion and recall some of its effects
- -Use particle theory to explain diffusion in liquids and gases
- -Use particle theory to explain why diffusion is faster in some materials
- faster in some materials than others.
 -Say what is meant by
- gas pressure and recall some of its effects -Describe the cause of gas pressure using particle theory

Name forces and classify them as contact or non-contact forces

- -Recall how ro measure forces and masses and their units
- -Describe how the extension of a spring depends on the force applied.
- -Recall the effects of friction
- -Explain some ways in which friction can be changed Identify situations in which friction is helpful or not helpful -Calculate pressure and
- recall its units

 Describe the effects of high and low pressure in simple situations.
- -Identify balanced and unbalanced forces Explain the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces.
- -Recall the names of different types of force -Explain the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces Explain why moving objects have a top

speed.

explain why they are an international code Recall that different elements have different properties and uses -Explain that our resources of elements an

- resources of elements are limited and can run out.
 -Describe and identify
- metals and non-metals by their properties
- -Relate the use of an element to its properties -Describe changes you
- might see when compounds are formed. -Identify elements, compounds and mixtures from descriptions and
- -Name simple compounds.
- -Use and understand equations for chemical reactions.

particle diagrams

-Describe examples and uses of decomposition reactions.

sound into electrical signals.

- -Recall that different animals have different hearing ranges.
- -Describe some uses of ultrasound.
- -Explain how sonar and echolocation work.
- -Compare longitudinal and transverse waves.
- -Recall that all waves can be reflected.

- -Explain how to arrange magnets so they attract or repel each other.
- -Describe the Earth's magnetic field and how it affects compasses.
- -Describe how to find the shape of a magnetic field.
- Calculate weight
- -Recall the factors that affect the strength of gravity
- -Describe how gravity affects objects in space.
- -Describe stars, galaxies and constellations
- -Describe the Milky Way.
- -Explain what a light year is.

-Recall ways in which		
energy can be stored		
and transferred		
-Recall the law of		
conservation of energy		
State the meaning of		
efficiency		
-Describe the meanings		
of speed and mean		
(average) speed.		
Use the formula relating		
speed, distance and		
time		
Represent simple		
journeys on a distance-		
time graph.		
-Use the formula		
relating speed, distance		
and time		
Draw and interpret		
distance-time graphs		
-Describe how a simple		
lever can multiply forces		
or distances		
Identify the load, effort		
and pivot on a diagram		
of a lever.		
Describe the factors		
that affect the size of a		
moment		
-Explain why something		
will balance if the		
moments are equal and		
opposite.		
-Describe how simple		
machines can magnify		
forces		

	- Describe the factors that affect the total work done.				
Autumn Term – centrally planned, standardised and teacher marked piece(s) of work		Spring Term – centrally planned, standardised and teacher marked piece(s) of work		Summer Term – centrally planned, standardised and teacher marked piece(s) of work	
Assessed home learning – ParticlesLinear assessment		Assessed home learning – ForcesLinear assessment		 Assessed home learning – Reproduction Assessed home learning task – Ecosystems End of year Linear assessment 	

Building understanding: Rationale / breakdown for your sequence of lessons:

Chemistry

During KS2 pupils have been introduced to solids, liquids and gases focussing on the differences between water (liquid) and sand (solid). They are also able to understand that gases are all around us. They are introduced to the idea that states can change between each other and are introduced to the terms evaporation and condensation. In year 7, knowledge is built on this by introducing the term 'particles'. Pupils will look at how particles are arranged differently within these 3 states of matter and how this affects their properties. Pupils will also be introduced to the terms melting, freezing, boiling and sublimation to explain how these states can interchange between each other. Elements, compounds and mixtures will be introduced which in turn will lead to methods of separating mixtures. Part of these mixtures that are introduced may be classified as acids, alkalis or neutral leading to the introduction of this topic in term 3. Students will familiarise themselves with the pH scale and how this can help in identifying a type of substance as either acid, alkali or neutral.

Biology

During KS2 pupils are introduced to the human body and that the human body is made up of cells. Pupils will have an idea that there is a part within the body that contains genetic information and are introduced to the term DNA. At KS3 we expand on this with our first topic of Cells. Students will have also been provided with summer homework focussing on the history of how cells were discovered so that they start secondary school Science with enhanced background knowledge. Pupils will be looking at different parts of animal and plant cells and explaining the function and differences of each part and specialised cells including their adaptations. This leads onto Reproduction next term which links into the specialised cells of sperm and egg cells. Following on form the topic of cells we look at how cells can be groups into tissues, tissues grouped into muscles leading into the topic of muscles and bones.

Physics

At KS3 we start with the topic of Forces as this is a fundamental part of the course, introducing pupils to contact and non-contact forces. These topics will also build on pupil's investigative skills as pupils are minimally exposed to this at KS2.

Following on from KS2 pupils should be able to describe different kinds of forces, including magnetism, gravity, upthrust and friction, and be able to classify these as contact or non-contact forces. This is revisited at the start of the unit. They should be able to identify the effect of drag forces that act between moving surfaces and describe why moving objects that are not driven tend to slow down. Student then move onto identify forces on stationary and moving

objects, and describe the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces on objects. This allows pupils to build on knowledge and start applying the speed equation in addition to reading graphs.

We conclude with Sound and Space. At KS2 pupils will be able to name a variety of sound sources and have created models for the solar system, understand that the Earth moves on its axis. We build on this looking at how the internal structure of the ear aids with hearing and investigating phases of the moon.

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Reading / High Quality Text:

Students are provided with links to resources to encourage prior reading on topics. In lessons students are taught how to construct answers through use of writing frames and exemplar answers where extended writing is required and command words and keywords that are relevant to the topic are consistently assessed in lessons through questioning and exam practice. Spelling tests are conducted on key scientific terms. Example of how to use these scientific terms also taught.

Assessed tasks are included within topics where students are expected to write an extended piece of work.

Numeracy:

Physics:

Manipulation of speed equation triangle Understanding units Conversion of units presenting data graphically.

Chemistry:

Atomic number and mass number of elements Proton, electron and neutron number of elements and compounds pH Scale

- Science club
- Trip to Science Museum
- Trip to National History Museum
- Science week outside speakers