

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 4	Investigate living things	Understand plants	Investigate materials
	Recognise that living things can be	Identify and describe the functions of	Compare and group together different
	grouped in a variety of ways.	different parts of flowering plants:	kinds of rocks on the basis of their
		roots, stem, leaves and flowers.	simple, physical properties.
	Explore and use classification keys.		
		Explore the requirements of plants for	Relate the simple physical properties
	Recognise that environments can	life and growth (air, light, water,	of some rocks to their formation
	change and that this can sometimes	nutrients from soil, and room to grow)	(igneous or sedimentary).
	pose dangers to specific habitats.	and how they vary from plant to	
		plant.	Describe in simple terms how fossils
	Understand electrical circuits		are formed when things that have
	Identify common appliances that run	Investigate the way in which water is	lived are trapped within sedimentary
	on electricity.	transported within plants.	rock.
	Construct a simple series electrical	Explore the role of flowers in the life	Recognise that soils are made from
	circuit, identifying and naming its	cycle of flowering plants, including	rocks and organic matter. (ALSO DONE
	basic parts, including cells, wires,	pollination, seed formation and seed	IN CYCLE B)
	bulbs, switches and buzzers.	dispersal.	Investigate light and seeing
			Recognise that light is required in
	Identify whether or not a lamp will	Understand the Earth's movement in	order to see things and that dark is
	light in a simple series circuit, based	space	the absence of light.
	on whether or not the lamp is part of	Describe the movement of the Earth	_
	a complete loop with a battery.	relative to the Sun in the solar system.	Notice that light is reflected from
			surfaces.
	Recognise that a switch opens and	Describe the movement of the Moon	
	closes a circuit and associate this with	relative to the Earth.	Recognise that light from the sun can
	whether or not a lamp lights in a		be dangerous and that there are ways
	simple series circuit.		to protect our eyes.

Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.	Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid object.
	Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.