

Federation of St. Cuthbert's and St. Sebastian's Catholic Primary Schools

SCIENCE: LEARNING IN EYFS



Science				
Three & Four Year	Communication and Language	 Understand 'why' questions, like: "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?" 		
Olds	Physical Development	Make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and tooth brushing.		
	Understanding the World	Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.		
		Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.		
		Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.		
		Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.		
		Explore how things work.		
		Plant seeds and care for growing plants.		
		 Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal. 		
		Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and		
		all living things.		
		Explore and talk about different forces they can feel.		
		 Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice. 		
Reception	Communication & language	Learn new vocabulary.		
		 Ask questions to find out more and to check what has been said to them. 		
		Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.		
		Describe events in some detail.		
		Use talk to work out problems and organise thinking and activities. Explain how		
		things work and why they might happen.		
		Use new vocabulary in different contexts.		
	Physical Development	Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and		
		wellbeing:		
		o regular physical activity		
		o healthy eating		
		o toothbrushing		

	Understanding the World		 sensible amounts of 'screen time' having a good sleep routine being a safe pedestrian Explore the natural world around them. Describe what they see, hear and feel while they are outside. Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live. Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.
ELG	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Listening, Attention and Understanding Managing Self	 Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding. Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices.
	Understanding the World	The Natural World	 Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.