



# SCIENCE

Disciplinary Science Skills – *plan, do, record, evaluate*

## Progression in Disciplinary Skills at Fawkham CEP School



**PLAN - 'plan' investigative skills are woven across all science topics**

EYFS	KS1	LKS2	UKS2
<p>In the EYFS, the characteristics of effective learning from the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage are the foundations on which the working scientifically/disciplinary skills build in Key Stage 1.</p> <p>While children are playing and exploring, teachers model, encourage and support them to do the following: <b>show curiosity and ask questions</b></p>	<p>-asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways</p> <p>-</p>	<p>-ask relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them</p> <p>-set up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests</p>	<p>-plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary</p> <p>-use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests</p>



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**DO - 'do' investigative skills are woven across all science topics**

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### RECORD - 'record' investigative skills are woven across all science topics

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EVALUATE - 'evaluate' investigative skills are woven across all science topics

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## SCIENCE ENQUIRY APPROACHES – Y1 to Y6

### **Comparative / fair testing**

Changing one variable to see its effect on another, whilst keeping all others the same.



### **Research**

Using secondary sources of information to answer scientific questions.



### **Observation over time**

Observing changes that occur over a period of time ranging from minutes to months.



### **Pattern-seeking**

Identifying patterns and looking for relationships in enquiries where variables are difficult to control.



### **Identifying, grouping and classifying**

Making observations to name, sort and organise items.



### **Problem-solving**

Applying prior scientific knowledge to find answers to problems.

