Science Skills Coverage- Working scientifically

Skill	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Questioning	Use ideas to pose	Suggest relevant questions and	Raise different types	Pose the most
	questions,	know they can be answered in	of scientific questions	appropriate line of
	independently about	a variety of ways.	and hypothesis.	enquiry to investigate
	the world around			scientific questions.
	them.			
Enquiry	Discuss enquiry	Make decisions about different	Plan and carry out	Select and plan the
	methods and	enquiries including recognizing	comparative and fair	most suitable line of
	describe a fair test.	when a fair test is necessary	tests. Making	enquiry. Explaining
	Make decisions about	and begin to identify variables.	systematic and	which variables need
	what to observe	Making systematic and careful	careful observations.	to be controlled and
	during an	observations.		why.
	investigation.			Making systematic
				and careful
				observations.
Measuring	Take accurate	Take accurate measurement	Take accurate	Choose the most
	measurement using	using standard units and a	measurements using	appropriate
	standard units.	range of equipment.	standard units and a	equipment in order
			range of equipment	to take
			with increasing	measurements
			accuracy.	explaining how to use
				it accurately. Decide
				how long to take
				measurements for,

				checking results with additional reading.
Recording	Talk about some criteria for grouping, sorting and categorizing, beginning to see patterns in relationships. Record finding using scientific language and present in note form, diagrams, tables and charts. Gather record and use data in a variety of ways to answer a simple question. With help, draw a simple conclusion based on evidence form an enquiry or observation.	Identify similarities/differences/changes when talking about scientific processes. Use and begin to create simple keys. Choose appropriate ways to record and present information, findings and conclusions for different audiences. Identify, with help, changes, patterns, similarities and differences in data to help form conclusions. Use scientific evidence which support their findings. Use recorded data to make predictions, pose new questions and suggest improvements for further enquires.	Use and develop keys to identify, classify and describe living things and materials. Record data and results of increasing complexity, using scientific diagrams, labels, classification keys, tables, bar and line graphs and models. Use relevant scientific language and illustrations to discuss, communicate and justify their scientific ideas. Use a simple mode of communication to justify conclusions on a hypothesis and	Identify and explain patterns seen in the natural environment. Choose the most effective approach to record and report results, linking to mathematical knowledge. Identify and explain causal relationships in data and identify evidence that supports or refutes their findings. Select fact from opinion. Identify validity of conclusion and required improvements to methodology. Discuss how scientific

	begin to recognize how scientific ideas change over time.	ideas develop ever time.