Science at Stapeley Broad Lane C of E Primary School

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"Guided by faith, nurturing hearts and minds"

Implementation

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Why? and How?

Our Science curriculum is shaped by an informed understanding of the purpose and value of primary science, aiming for every child to engage with a coherent progression of the scientific skills and concepts specified in the National Curriculum. The full programme is designed as a series of year frameworks made up of several modules to ensure full coverage, and each module begins with a clear statement of the knowledge and skills children will have developed by the end. The full Science framework is built on a clear progression of conceptual knowledge in science from EYFS to Y6, which has been used to structure the content within key ideas, from year to year and within each year group and module, and to identify conceptual gaps in the National Curriculum. This ensures that children systematically develop their knowledge of big ideas and their scientific skills.

How we teach Science

We have adopted the Snap Science programme as it provides many opportunities for pupils to engage in practical science. With clear planning at the heart of the resource, Snap Science provides a consistent whole school approach. Flexible lesson plans allow the effective delivery of content tailored to the needs of our pupils. Each lesson is packed with enquiry-based, hands-on activities incorporating a range of resources to ensure every lesson is rich, lively and engaging. All Snap Science lessons are planned to ensure that all children in a class can access and master the intended knowledge and skills with each lesson offering adapted tasks. Alongside the main subject matter, a section on 'Our Changing World' allows children to observe changes in the school's outdoor environment over the academic year.

How we monitor standards and the Impact of our Science curriculum

Checks are made during the lesson to ensure that pupils are developing their understanding of new concepts. At the end of each module, teachers make a simple assessment of each pupils' development. Each term, teachers make an overall judgement of the children's attainment against the taught content. This is recorded on our assessment tracker. The Snap Science Assessment Tool allows staff to comment on individual children's scientific development.

The Subject Leader monitors the effectiveness of the science teaching provided throughout the year through book scrutiny, learning walks, planning scrutiny and pupil interviews.