



Year 1/2 Curriculum Overview – Cycle A



Year Groups	Cycle	Unit List	DE Lesson found in:
Years 1 & 2	A	1. Animals including humans: All about Me	Year 1
		2. Exploring Everyday Materials 1	Year 1
		3. Living Things and their habitats	Year 2
		4. Plants: Hierarchical teaching	Plants Year 1 and Year 2
		5. Animals including humans: Growth	Year 2
		6. Living Things and their habitats: Habitats around the world	Year 2



Year 1/2 Curriculum Overview – Cycle B



Year Groups	Cycle	Unit List	DE Lesson found in:
Years 1 & 2	B	1. Seasonal Changes	Year 1
		2. Animals including humans: All about animals	Year 1
		3. Uses of everyday Materials	Year 2
		4. Exploring Everyday Materials 2	Year 1
		5. Plants: Hierarchical teaching	Plants Year 1 and Year 2
		6. Animals including humans: Life Cycles	Year 2



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Unit List	DE Lesson found in:	DE Lesson found in:
Animals including humans: All about Me	Year 1	This unit should be accessible for all pupils as it draws on previous learning from EYFS and covers the body parts linked to the senses. The activities in these lessons can be made more challenging for Year 2 by asking them to apply their scientific language when completing some of the tasks.
Exploring Everyday Materials 1	Year 1	This unit is taken from Year 1; therefore, all pupils can access the learning objectives. In some lessons, Year 2 pupils will need additional challenge as they will have learnt about the properties of some materials. In this case, ask the pupils to draw on their knowledge from Cycle B to give more detailed descriptions and show how the properties of materials make them suitable for different purposes.
Living Things and their habitats	Year 2	In this unit, teachers may need to provide some support for Year 1 pupils. Prior learning will be the same for both year groups; however, consider giving adult support to Year 1 pupils or partner work with a Year 2 child.



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Plants: Hierarchical teaching	Plants Year 1 and Year 2	Pupils will need to have covered Year 1 plant material before moving on to Year 2's learning objectives. We suggest teaching this unit in both Cycles A and B, providing support for Year 1 pupils and extension for Year 2. Use DE's lesson edit tools to merge Year 1 and 2 lessons. For instance, lesson 1 in Year 2 can be used as an extension to Lesson 1 in Year 1. All pupils should investigate plant growth by planting seeds. While Year 1 should know that plants need sunlight, water and soil, Year 2 can be extended to experimenting with variables. Year 1 will learn to label parts of a plant, while Year 2 will use this knowledge and apply it to their understanding of the life cycle of a plant. Year 1 will learn that different plants can grow in the same environment while Year 2 will extend this to consider plant adaptations.
Animals including humans: Growth	Year 2	Any prior learning necessary for this unit would have been covered in EYFS or through the pupils' own experiences.
Living Things and their habitats: Habitats around the world	Year 2	This unit delves into different habitats around the world and will be new learning for most pupils. In some lessons, where the tasks require extended writing, Year 1 may want to show their learning in the form of drawings or diagrams.



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Cycle B

Year Groups	Unit	Year Group	Rationale
Years 1 & 2	Seasonal Changes	Year 1	Any prior learning necessary for this unit would have been covered in EYFS or through the pupils' own experiences. Challenge Year 2 to use the key vocabulary when writing or speaking about the seasons.
	Animals including humans: All about animals	Year 1	No prior learning is required for this unit. Use the challenge handouts for Year 2.
	Uses of everyday Materials	Year 2	Teachers may need to check that Year 1 can distinguish between an object and the material it is made from. Check the pupils can identify and name the materials wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock.



Cycle B			
Year Groups	Unit	Year Group	Rationale
Years 1 & 2	Exploring Everyday Materials 2	Year 1	Having completed the Use of everyday Materials unit in this cycle, all pupils will be able to apply their knowledge of the properties of materials to build their own house.
	Plants: Hierarchical teaching	Plants Year 1 and Year 2	Pupils will need to have covered Year 1 plant material before moving on to Year 2's learning objectives. We suggest teaching this unit in both cycles A and B, providing support for Year 1 pupils and extension for Year 2. Use DE's lesson edit tools to merge Year 1 and 2 lessons. For instance, lesson 1 in Year 2 can be used as an extension to Lesson 1 in Year 1. All pupils should investigate plant growth by planting seeds. While Year 1 should know that plants need sunlight, water and soil, Year 2 can be extended to experimenting with variables. Year 1 will learn to label parts of a plant, while Year 2 will use this knowledge and apply it to their understanding of the life cycle of a plant. Year 1 will learn that different plants can grow in the same environment while Year 2 will extend this to plant adaptations.
	Animals, including humans - Life Cycles	Year 2	No prior learning is required for this unit. Year 1 may want to show their learning in the form of drawings or diagrams or use the support handouts provided.