Purple - PSHE content

Yellow – key words

KS 3 Science Curriculum 2022-2023 Year 8

Curriculum Intent

The science curriculum will provide all pupils, regardless of starting point with the foundation of knowledge needed to allow them to critically analyse and engage with science, technology and nature in the modern world.

Curriculum Implementation

Year	Start	No of	Topic	Summary	Big Questions	Assessment	Key Practicals
8	When Autumn 2	lessons 21	Atoms, molecules and mixtures	This topic builds on concepts learned in topic 1. There is a review of atomic structure and the periodic table and further work on the concept of molecules. This leads into an explanation of types of mixtures and how to separate different types of mixtures. The finals lessons introduce acids and alkalis as examples of solutions.	 What is an atom? What is a subatomic particle? What are the three subatomic particles? How are the subatomic particles arranged in an atom? What are the charges of protons, neutrons, and electrons? How can atoms be different to each other? How many different atoms are there? What is an element? What is the periodic table of the elements? What is a chemical symbol? What are the conventions for writing chemical symbols? What are the chemical symbols for oxygen, carbon, hydrogen, calcium, chlorine, magnesium, sodium Why is it important to represent elements as symbols on the periodic table? What is a molecule? What is a chemical bond? 	for learning Cold calling Core questions as the plenary of every lesson. 10 low stakes multiple choice Questions on key content half way through topic. 20 low stakes multiple choice questions at the end of the topic.	RP 3 Solubility: Prepractical tasks Define and identify control variables Explain how to obtain a valid conclusion RP3 Practical task Use appropriate apparatus consistently to measure and record measurements Use and develop systematic tables in which to record observations and data Follow-up Draw an interpret scatter graphs Use collected data and scientific knowledge to draw conclusions

	 What is a Compound? What are the signs of a chemical reaction? Use particle diagrams to describe the difference between atoms and molecules using carbon, oxygen and carbon dioxide What is a property? Why is an initial input of energy needed in order for a chemical reaction to take place? How do compounds get their names? What is a pure substance? What is a mixture? What is a suspension? Describe filtration What is a colloid? How can the substances in a colloid be separated? What is a solution? What happens when a solute dissolves? What is a solvent? What is a solute? What is colloidity? What factors affect solubility? When is distillation used? Explain how distillation separates a mixture What is the principle behind 	Exam style questions for homework. Termly 60 minute test on previous content.	RP 4 Separating substances: Practical task 1 Separate an insoluble solid froma liquid RP4 Practical task 2 Separate a solute from a solution RP4 Follow-up Calculate percentage efficiency RP4 Practical task 3 Describe how to separate a mixture of solutes RP4 Follow-up Describe how to analyse a chromatogram
	 Explain how distillation separates a mixture 		

8	Autumn 2	10	Genetics and evolution	From KS2: recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents. Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to		What are some further uses for chromatography what are acids and alkalis? How can you test if something is acid or alkali? What are some examples of acids or alkalis? What is the pH scale? What is the pH range for acids? What is the pH range for bases? Where on the scale are the strongest acids and bases Explain how neutralisation occurs What are the products of neutralisation? Give some uses of neutralisation What is variation? What are characteristics? What are the two causes of variation? Define environmental variation. Give two examples of environmental variation. Define genetic (inherited) variation. Give two examples of genetic variation. What causes genetic variation? What is meant by continuous variation? What is meant by discontinuous variation? Give an example of variation that is discontinuous. Give an example of variation that is continuous.	Cold calling •Core questions as the plenary of every lesson. •10 low stakes multiple choice Questions on key content half way through topic. •20 low stakes multiple	RP- Investigating Spinners Independently plan an investigation RP- Spinners To accurately analyse and present data To evaluate confidence in the conclusion RP- Spinners Explain the importance of peer review
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evolution. From KS3, topic 6 - reproduction.	 What is meant by a normal distribution? Where is DNA found in a cell? What structures is DNA found in? How many pairs of chromosomes are found in most body cells? How are sex chromosomes different between males and females? How many chromosomes found in gametes? Why do gametes only contain 23 chromosomes? What do we call a section of DNA that codes for a charateristic? What is an adaptation? Describe natural selection. Define evolution. Who came up with the theory of evolution by natural selection? What happens to an organism that is not adapted to its environment? What can happen to a species is it cannot adapt to changes in their 	choice questions at the end of the topic. •Exam style questions for homework. •Termly 60 minute test on previous content.	Independently evaluate procedures and data
	 What is an adaptation? Describe natural selection. Define evolution. Who came up with the theory of evolution by natural selection? What happens to an organism that is not adapted to its environment? 		
	dinosaur extinction?Why do scientific theories sometimes change?What is the evidence for human evolution?		

8	Spring 1	15	Chemical reactions 1	This topic looks at chemical reactions, chemical symbols and how to use these in a balanced symbol equation. Word equations and identifying reactants and products. This then leads onto the specific ideas about respiration and phosotynthesis as two main chemical reactions that students need to know about.		What are the features of a physical change? How is a chemical change different to a physical change? What is a chemical reaction? How can elements be changed into compounds? What observations are proof of chemical reactions? What is a word equation? What are reactants? What are products? What is a molecular substances? Name five molecular substances What is a chemical formula? What do the small numbers in a chemical formula represent? What is the chemical formula for hydrogen? What is the chemical formula for oxygen? What is the chemical formula for methane? What is the chemical formula for carbon dioxide? What is the chemical formula for nitrogen? What is a symbol equation? How do you balance an equation? What is the law of conservation of mass? What is photosynthesis?	Core questions as the plenary of every lesson. •10 low stakes multiple choice Questions on key content half way through topic. •20 low stakes multiple choice questions at the end of the topic. •Exam style questions for homework. •Termly 60 minute test on previous content.	RP5 Investigating photosynthesis: Pre- Practical tasks
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					•	What are the reactants of		
						photosynthesis?		
					•	What are the products of		
						photosynthesis?		
					•	Represent photosynthesis with a word		
						equation.		
					•	Represent photosynthesis with a		
						symbol equation.		
					•	What type of chemical reaction is		
						photosynthesis?		
					•	Why do plants photosynthesise?		
					•	Where does the energy needed for		
						photosynthesis come from?		
					•	Where is the energy transferred too?		
					•	What is aerobic respiration?		
					•	What does aerobic mean?		
					•	What are the reactants of respiration?		
					•	What are the products of respiration?		
					•	Represent respiration with a word		
						equation.		
					•	Represent respiration with a symbol		
						equation.		
					•	What type of chemical reaction is		
						respiration?		
					•	Why does respiration occur?		
					•	Where is the energy released from?		
8	Spring 1	15	Electricity and		•	What is an atom made up of?	Cold calling	RP 5: Power 1
			forces		•	How can the charge on materials	Core	Use conventions
						change?	questions	to draw circuit diagrams
					•	Why is the charge on a material called	as the	Explain
						static electricity?	plenary of	why range of data is
					•	What is an electric field?	every	important
					•	What is <mark>current</mark> ?	lesson.	RP 5 Power 2
					•	How is the circuit supplied with	•10 low	Collect a good
						energy?	stakes	range
							multiple	

How is current measured?	choice	RP 5- Power 3
What is a series circuit?	Questions	Produce
 What are the properties of a series 	on key	explanations backed up
circuit?	content	using scientific knowledge
What is a parallel circuit?	half way	
What are the properties of a parallel	through	
circuit?	topic. •20 low	
What is voltage?	stakes	
 How is voltage measured? 	multiple	
 Does voltage change as you go round 	choice	
a series circuit?	questions	
How does voltage change as you go	at the end	
round a parallel circuit?	of the	
How do you set up a voltmeter in	topic.	
comparison to an ammeter?	•Exam style	
What is resistance?	questions	
How do we calculate resistance? What are the smite for a sistence?	for	
What are the units for resistance?	homework.	
What does the resistance of a wire	•Termly 60	
depend on?	minute test	
• what is a resistor?	on previous	
What is a conducting component? What is an involving component?	content.	
What kind of surrent is supplied by		
 What kind of current is supplied by the mains in the UK? 		
What is the difference between ac and		
dc?		
 What are the components of a three 		
pin plug?		
What are the three wires that you can		
find in a plug?		
What are some hazards of electrical		
wiring?		
what is the definition of power?		
What is the definition of power.	I	1

8 Spring 2 15 The periodic table	 What factors affect the rate of energy transfer by current in a circuit? What is a fuse? Why are different fuses used for different electrical devices? What is a magnet? What is the structure of a bar magnet? What happens when two magnets come into close proximity? What is a magnetic field? How is a magnetic field represented? What is a compass? Why does a compass point North? In what order were elements placed in early tables? Why were all the elements not in early tables? Why was Mendeleev's table so significant? Why did other scientists believe his periodic table? What is a period and what do the elements within a period have in common? What is a group and what do the elements within a group have in common? Where do we find the metals in the periodic table? Describe the properties of metals Describe some observations and tests we can do to decide if a substance is a metal or a non metal 	Cold calling Core questions as the plenary of every lesson. •10 low stakes multiple choice Questions on key content half way through topic. •20 low stakes multiple choice questions
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		• E	Explain the difference between a	at the end	
		p	physical property and a chemical	of the	
		p	<mark>oroperty</mark>	topic.	
		• V	What are the physical properties of	Exam style	
		n	non-metals	questions	
		• V	Why do elements form ions?	for	
		• V	What is the sign of the charge on a	homework.	
		n	netal ion?	•Termly 60	
		• V	What is the sign of the charge on a	minute test	
		n	non-metal ion?	on previous	
		• N	Non-metals react with oxygen to form	content.	
		V	what type of oxides?		
			Metals react with oxygen to form		
			what type of <mark>oxides</mark> ?		
			How do you test for pH?		
			What type of <mark>substance</mark> is made when		
			a metal reacts with oxygen?		
		• V	What is <mark>oxidation</mark> ?		
			What is <mark>reduction</mark> ?		
		• V	What reaction produces iron oxide?		
			What type of reaction produces iron		
			oxide?		
			What type of reaction would extract		
			ron from its oxide?		
			Explain what determines how reactive		
			a metal is		
			Explain why a metal would have a		
		_	greater tendency to lose electrons and		
			pe more reactive		
			Put these metals into a reactivity		
			series for their reactions with water		
			starting with the most reactive:		
			calcium, lithium, potassium,		
			magnesium, sodium		
			Put these metals into a reactivity		
		S	series for their reactions with dilute		

acids starting with the most reactive:
iron, zinc, magnesium, copper
What 2 non-metals are included in the
reactivity series?
What name is given to a reaction in
which a less reactive metal is replaced
by a more reactive metal?
Looking at the reactivity series on the
back of the periodic table predict what
would happen if iron sulfate is reacted
with magnesium. Write the word
equation for the reaction
Explain why gold is found as a pure
element on Earth
Explain how we obtain the many
metals we use from the compounds
they form in the Earth's crust?
How are metals less reactive than
carbon extracted? Give examples of 3
of these metals
What is the name given to the group 0
elements?
What are their chemical properties
and why do they behave this way?
How do the boiling points change as
you go down the group?
What is the name given to the group 1
elements?
How reactive are the group 1 metals
and why is this?
How does the reactivity change as you
go down the group?
What is the name given to the group 7
elements?
How reactive are the halogens and
why is this?
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8 Spring 2	15 Chemica reaction		 How does the reactivity change as you go down the group? What is the fire triangle? What are the different ways of putting out a fire? What is complete combustion? Give an example of a hydrocarbon What are the reactants in combustion? What are the products in combustion? How do you test for carbon dioxide? How do you test for water as a product of combustion? What is produced during incomplete combustion? What is an exothermic reaction? 	Cold calling Core questions as the plenary of every lesson. •10 low stakes multiple choice Questions on key content	RP 3- Combustion 1 Plan an investigation to answer a question RP 3- Combustion 2 Collect valid and accurate data RP 3- Combustion 3 Write a conclusion to an investigation
	reaction	needed for combustion to take place, starting with the fire triangle. Students then explore how complete and incomplete combustion differ. They then go on to learn about energy in reactions and how energy is transferred during bond making and	 out a fire? What is complete combustion? Give an example of a hydrocarbon What are the reactants in combustion? What are the products in combustion? How do you test for carbon dioxide? How do you test for water as a product of combustion? What is produced during incomplete 	questions as the plenary of every lesson. •10 low stakes multiple choice Questions on key	investigation to answer a question RP 3- Combustion 2 Collect valid and accurate data RP 3- Combustion 3 Write a conclusion to an

8	Summer	15	Waves and	This topic looks at	•	Name five energy stores	Cold calling	21. RP - Investigating
	1		radiation	explaining mechanical	•	Give 4 ways that energy can be	Core	refraction
				Waves and giving		transferred	questions	Select variables
				examples,	•	What is a wave?	as the	for an investigation
				electromagnetic	•	What is a mechanical wave?	plenary of	
				radiation and some	•	Describe the motion of particles of a	every	Plan to
				examples and nuclear		transverse wave	lesson.	safely collect valid and
				radiation.	•	What type of wave is a water wave?	•10 low	accurate data
					•	Describe what happens when waves	stakes	22. RPi Investigating
						hit a barrier	multiple	refraction
					•	Explain why waves become smaller	choice	Present data
						and further apart as they move	Questions	appropriately
						further from the source	on key	
					•	Describe the motion of particles of a	content	Evaluate data
						<mark>longitudinal</mark> wave	half way	Analyse
					•	What type of wave is a sound wave?	through	scientific text and
					•	Explain why sound becomes quieter	topic. •20 low	diagrams
						the further you are from the source	stakes	
					•	Define <mark>amplitude</mark>	multiple	
					•	Define <mark>wavelength</mark>	choice	
					•	Define <mark>frequency</mark>	questions	
					•	What is the equation for calculating	at the end	
						frequency?	of the	
					•	In the frequency calculation, what	topic.	
						does T represent?	•Exam style	
					•	What are the most commonly used	questions	
						units for frequency?	for	
					•	What is a <mark>hypothesis</mark> ?	homework.	
					•	How does length affect pitch?	•Termly 60	
					•	Why is energy transferred more easily	minute test	
						in solids?	on previous	
					•	How does sound change as you move	content.	
						further from the source?		
					•	Why does sound change as you move		
						further from the source?		

Why does sound travel fastest is
solids?
What is the average speed of sound in
air?
What is the formula for calculating
speed
Describe the energy transfer that
takes place in your ears and
microphones
What is the hearing range for humans
in hertz?
What is an echo?
Name one organism that uses
echolocation echolocation
Give one use of sonar
Give one use of ultrasound
 What is an electromagnetic wave?
What is a vacuum?
What is the average speed of
electromagnetic waves?
What is the relationship between
wavelength and the energy
transferred?
What happens when light hits a
transparent object
What happens when light hits a
translucent object
What happens when light hits an
opaque object
Draw a diagram to show a light ray
Define incident ray
• Define reflected ray
What is a plane mirror?
Describe the relationship between the
angle of incidence and the angle of

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		reflection if light is reflected off a
		plane mirror
		Give one use of infrared radiation
		Give one disadvantage of infrared
		radiation
		Give one use of radio waves
		Give one disadvantage of radio waves
		Give one use of ultraviolet radiation
		Give one use of X-rays
		Give one use of Gamma rays
		 What is ionising radiation?
		Why is ionising radiation dangerous
		What happens when light hits a
		transparent object
		What happens when light hits a
		translucent object
		What happens when light hits an
		<mark>opaque</mark> object
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		What is a plane mirror?
		Describe the relationship between the
		angle of incidence and the angle of
		reflection if light is reflected off a
		plane mirror
		Give one use of <mark>infrared</mark> radiation
		Give one disadvantage of infrared
		radiation
		Give one use of radio waves
		Give one disadvantage of radio waves
		Give one use of microwaves
		Give one disadvantage of microwaves
		Give one use of ultraviolet radiation
		Give one use of X-rays

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					•	Give one use of Gamma rays		
					•	What is ionising radiation?		
					•	Why is ionising radiation dangerous?		
					•	What does the acronym SPF mean?		
					•	How do UV beads work?		
					•	What are the seven colours that make		
						up visible light?		
					•	What are the primary colours of light?		
					•	What are the secondary colours of		
						visible light?		
					•	Define refraction		
					•	Which part of your eye converts		
						energy transferred by waves to energy		
						transferred by electricity?		
					•	What do rod cells detect?		
					•	What do cone cells detect?		
					•	How do we see objects?		
					•	Why do we see objects as different		
						colours?		
					•	How do filters work?		
					•	Give three types of nuclear radiation		
					•	What is the difference between alpha		
						and beta radiation, and gamma		
						radiation?		
					•	Give one use of alpha radiation		
					•	Give one use of beta radiation		
					•	Give one use of gamma radiation		
					•	Why is nuclear radiation dangerous		
8	Summer	12	Biodiversity	This is topic follows on	•	What is <mark>variation</mark> ?	Cold calling	RP 2- Sampling 1 Describe
	1		and plant	from year 7	•	What are the causes of variation?	Core	how to sample an
			reproduction	Reproduction. This topic	•	Why is variation important?	questions	ecosystem
				looks at plant	•	What is <mark>biodiversity</mark>	as the	
				reproduction and the	•	Why is biodiversity important	plenary of	
				importance of variety in	•	What changes may occur in an	every	
				plants. It revisits the		<mark>ecosystem</mark> ?	lesson.	

two types of reproduction and looks at examples of both in plants. Biodiversity and the importance of biodiversity is also discussed.	animals? Why do organisms have scientific names? What are the conventions for writing scientific names? How do we classify organisms? What is asexual reproduction? What are clones? How do plants reproduce asexually? What are the advantages of asexual reproduction? What are the disadvantages of asexual reproduction? What is sexual reproduction? What is fertilisation? Where are the male gametes found? Where is the female plant gametes found? How is the structure of the flower adapted for reproduction? How are wind-pollinated flowers different to animal-pollinated flowers? What is the importance of	•10 low stakes multiple choice Questions on key content half way through topic. •20 low stakes multiple choice questions at the end of the topic. •Exam style questions for homework. •Termly 60 minute test on previous content.	RP 2- Sampling 2 Collect accurate data RP 2- Sampling Calculate an accurate estimate
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					•	How are seeds preserved?		
8	Summer 2	15	Energy and ecosystems	This topic builds on the foundations of energy and how it is transferred through life in different ecosystems.		What do food chains represent? What is at the beginning of all food chains? Why are photosynthetic organisms important? What is meant by biomass? Give two examples of photosynthetic organisms. Define a producer. Define a primary consumer. Define a secondary consumer. Define a tertiary consumer. What is meant by a trophic level? What do food webs represent? What does interdependence mean? How much energy is transferred from light by plants during photosynthesis? How much energy is transferred from one trophic level to the next? What is useful energy? What is wasted energy? What is energy dissapation? What owe calculate power? What do we use energy for? What resources do we use for energy? What are renewable energy resources? What are non-renewable energy resources? How do fossil fuel power stations generate electricity? What chemical reaction occurs in power stations?	Core questions as the plenary of every lesson. •10 low stakes multiple choice Questions on key content half way through topic. •20 low stakes multiple choice questions at the end of the topic. •Exam style questions for homework. •Termly 60 minute test on previous content.	RP 2- Energy in fuel 2 RP 2- Energy in fuel 3

What is the equation for this reaction?	