

Curriculum Overview – Science

Year	Overview	Autumn 1 (Weeks 1 – 7)	Autumn 2 (Weeks 8 – 14)		Spring 1 (Weeks 15 -20)	Spring 2 (Weeks 21 -25)	Summer 1 (Weeks 26 - 32)	Summer 2 (Weeks 33 - 38)		Student Resources
7	Students will begin with <u>Introduction to Caister Science</u> followed by the three units on a rotation:	<p>Ecosystems: Students will link the structure and function of plants to the environment and the impact on the organisms living there. Students will discover how all organisms are interdependent and one small change to the ecosystem can have far ranging consequences.</p> <p>Foundations of Chemistry: Students will develop an understanding of the particle model of matter and how particle behaviour changes during changes of state. Students will need to make accurate measurements from practical work to support their ideas.</p> <p>Introduction to Physics: Students will define what a force is and will explore different systems that involve forces. 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They will learn how group 1 and group 7 elements interact with each other to create ionic compounds.</p> <p>Quantifying Energy: Students will build upon the work in the autumn term to describe how energy is transferred and the importance of energy efficiency, power rating and the National Grid's role in our national infrastructure.</p>	<p>Students will study the three units below on a rotation:</p> <p>Digestion and Gas Exchange: Students will be able to describe what happens to our food when it enters our digestive system and explain why the conditions inside us are so important to keep constant. They will explain how the body obtains oxygen and excretes carbon dioxide.</p> <p>Periodic table and elements: Students will be able to use the universal language of the periodic table to describe how atoms, elements, compounds, and mixtures interact with each other. 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8	Students will begin with <u>Science in the Media</u> followed by the three units on a rotation:	Genetics and Evolution: Students will explore Darwin's theory of evolution and how it occurs through inheriting characteristics. This will be pupils first introduction into how genetic makeup are is determined. Forces & motion: Students will investigate the different types or contact & non-contact forces. They will describe how these forces impact motions of objects and draw diagrams to represent the motion path. Separating mixtures: Students will explore the different methods to separate mixtures and compounds. They will be able to describe the chromatography, filtration and evaporation in detail.	Genetics and Evolution: Students will explore Darwin's theory of evolution and how it occurs through inheriting characteristics. This will be pupils first introduction into how genetic makeup are is determined. Forces & motion: Students will investigate the different types or contact & non-contact forces. They will describe how these forces impact motions of objects and draw diagrams to represent the motion path. Separating mixtures: Students will explore the different methods to separate mixtures and compounds. They will be able to describe the chromatography, filtration and evaporation in detail.		Reproduction: Students will state the different between variation and reproduction – Understanding the biological processes of reproduction and variation. Pupils learn why variation is important and how reproduction plays a key part. Climate and resources: Pupils have their first exposure to dangers that face the modern world and how our climate is changed with our use of finite resources. How will can limit our production of greenhouse gases for a more sustainable future. Space: Students will discover the wonders of space and planet orbits. Pupils build on their knowledge from KS2 and will be able to articulate how Earth's tides are affected by our moon and why planets constantly move.	Reproduction: Students will state the different between variation and reproduction – Understanding the biological processes of reproduction and variation. Pupils learn why variation is important and how reproduction plays a key part. Climate and resources: Pupils have their first exposure to dangers that face the modern world and how our climate is changed with our use of finite resources. How will can limit our production of greenhouse gases for a more sustainable future. Space: Students will discover the wonders of space and planet orbits. Pupils build on their knowledge from KS2 and will be able to articulate how Earth's tides are affected by our moon and why planets constantly move.	Photosynthesis and Respiration: Students will explore the processes of respiration and photosynthesis and how they are vital for life on Earth. Pupils learn the difference between beathing and respiration and how we use oxygen in chemical reaction. Metals and Non-metals, acids and alkalis: Students will investigate the properties of metals, acids and alkalis. Pupils will predict reactions and salts formed when acids react with specific metal. Electricity and Electromagnetism: Students will describe the key properties of electricity and magnetism. Students learn the uses of permanent magnets and the difference between series and parallel circuits. This understanding will be applied to practical skills.	Photosynthesis and Respiration: Students will explore the processes of respiration and photosynthesis and how they are vital for life on Earth. Pupils learn the difference between beathing and respiration and how we use oxygen in chemical reaction. Metals and Non-metals, acids and alkalis: Students will investigate the properties of metals, acids and alkalis. Pupils will predict reactions and salts formed when acids react with specific metal. Electricity and Electromagnetism: Students will describe the key properties of electricity and magnetism. Students learn the uses of permanent magnets and the difference between series and parallel circuits. This understanding will be applied to practical skills.		Further Reading: ➤ What If by Randall Munroe ➤ Curious Minds by Jordan Moore ➤ Ready Player 2 by Ernest Cline Student extra-curricular opportunities ➤ Trip to Harry Potter WB studios KS3 Science Club – Caister's own science Taskmaster
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10	Students study the three units on a rotation:	Cell Biology & Infection and response: Students will explain the different forms of disease that can affect humans and how our bodies fight the infections. Pupils will be able to distinguish between a virus, bacteria and protist. Students will also build upon their KS3 cell knowledge and learn the benefits of cell differentiation. Atomic structure & Bonding: Students will Investigate how compounds form and the properties compounds. Pupils will explain how ionic, covalent and metallic bonds form and represent the compounds via diagrams. pupils will learn how and why models change and use the atomic model as an example. Energy: Students will Investigate the energy transfers that take place in the world around us and the impact they have on our society. Students will use their knowledge and apply to practical skills to gather data for equation practice. Electricity: Students will explore electricity in terms of resistance, energy transfer and power. Students will use their knowledge and apply to practical skills to gather data for equation	Cell Biology & Infection and response: Students will explain the different forms of disease that can affect humans and how our bodies fight the infections. Pupils will be able to distinguish between a virus, bacteria and protist. Students will also build upon their KS3 cell knowledge and learn the benefits of cell differentiation. Atomic structure & Bonding: Students will Investigate how compounds form and the properties compounds. Pupils will explain how ionic, covalent and metallic bonds form and represent the compounds via diagrams. pupils will learn how and why models change and use the atomic model as an example. Energy: Students will Investigate the energy transfers that take place in the world around us and the impact they have on our society. Students will use their knowledge and apply to practical skills to gather data for equation practice. Electricity: Students will explore electricity in terms of resistance, energy transfer and power. Students will use their knowledge and apply to practical skills to gather data for equation practice.	KS4 Formal Assessment	Organisation: Students will develop on previous knowledge of large-scale organisation of the key organ systems in our bodies and how they work. Pupils will link previous learning and apply to a whole scale with both animals and plants internal systems. This can be linked to chemistry and chemical reactions within a system. Bioenergetics - Respiration: Students will explore in detail the processes of photosynthesis and respiration with reference to limiting factors, aerobic and anaerobic respiration. Pupils will make links to chemistry when understanding how our body used oxygen to produce energy. Quantitative Chemistry Chemical changes: Students will understand the industrial process of electrolysis and the calculations that underpin chemistry. We will predict salts and write a comprehensive method for pupil's practical skills.	Organisation: Students will develop on previous knowledge of large-scale organisation of the key organ systems in our bodies and how they work. Pupils will link previous learning and apply to a whole scale with both animals and plants internal systems. This can be linked to chemistry and chemical reactions within a system. Bioenergetics - Respiration: Students will explore in detail the processes of photosynthesis and respiration with reference to limiting factors, aerobic and anaerobic respiration. Pupils will make links to chemistry when understanding how our body used oxygen to produce energy. Quantitative Chemistry Chemical changes: Students will understand the industrial process of electrolysis and the calculations that underpin chemistry. We will predict salts and write a comprehensive method for pupil's practical skills.	Ecology: Students will explore the biological processes that go on in ecosystems and how they can be evaluated. We evaluate human impact on our environment and understand how to make estimate for population and its importance to monitor. Particle model: Students will understand the particular nature of matter and how it relates to material design. Atomic structure: Explore the evidence for atomic structure and radioactivity in great	Ecology: Students will explore the biological processes that go on in ecosystems and how they can be evaluated. We evaluate human impact on our environment and understand how to make estimate for population and its importance to monitor. Particle model: Students will understand the particular nature of matter and how it relates to material design. Atomic structure: Explore the evidence for atomic structure and radioactivity in great	KS4 Formal assessments	Further Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ KS4 Homework support guide ➤ Current 'Science journals for kids ➤ Norwich science museum trip

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11	Extending and Preparing – In Year 11 students complete their final units of GCSE English Literature, looking at the two poetry units. Following this, students are then taken through an extended period of revision, bespoke to the needs of individuals and/or classes. Revision focuses on both GCSE English Language and Literature skills.	Chemistry of the atmosphere & Using resources: Evaluate the use of finite and renewable resources and create LCA’s for products. Students will use data to determine how the early Earth went from a volcanic inhabitable land to the living ecosphere it is today. Pupils will link previous learning of combustion of fuel and state its effect on climate changes and its impact on industry leading LCA’s being completed for every product around the world. Exam prep Question level analysis of mock exams used to design and deliver bespoke targeted intervention program targeted to the need at academy, class and pupil level. Targeted to the need at academy, class and pupil level.	Forces Students will investigate how forces act and their impact on everyday life in great depth than KS3. We link Newton’s laws to learning and provide practical experience to show motion. With this understanding we justify predictions with calculation practice. The rate and extent of Chemical change: Students will Investigate the factors that can affect the rate of reaction and how associated energy changes can be calculated. This will be linked to industry in the real world and former topics such as chemical energy. Students will gather data and improve their ability to interpret data and contract data table or graphs.	Exam prep Question level analysis of mock exams used to design and deliver bespoke targeted intervention program targeted to the need at academy, class and pupil level. Targeted to the need at academy, class and pupil level.	Exam prep Question level analysis of mock exams used to design and deliver bespoke targeted intervention program targeted to the need at academy, class and pupil level. Targeted to the need at academy, class and pupil level.	Exam prep Question level analysis of mock exams used to design and deliver bespoke targeted intervention program targeted to the need at academy, class and pupil level. Targeted to the need at academy, class and pupil level.	Exam prep Question level analysis of mock exams used to design and deliver bespoke targeted intervention program targeted to the need at academy, class and pupil level. Targeted to the need at academy, class and pupil level.	Further Reading: ➤ KS4 Homework support guide ➤ Current ‘Science journals for kids

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