Mellers Progression of Scientific Enquiry Skills

Scientific Attitudes		Analysis and Evaluation
Year 5 and 6	 Take repeat readings, with increasing accuracy and precision and consider degree of trust in results Identify that scientific evidence may support or refute earlier ideas 	Year 5 and 6 > Use data to give a scientific conclusion Year 5 and 6 > Use results to set up further enquiry > Suggest improvements to increase degree of trust in results > Report findings from enquiry, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations
<u>Year 3 and 4</u>	Appreciate that big ideas in science have changed over time and continue to do so	Year 3 and 4 > Report findings from enquiries in a variety of ways (oral and written, displays or presentations) Year 3 and 4 > Answer questions, giving explanations and evidence > Draw simple conclusions and predictions based on results > Suggest simple improvements
Year 1 and 2	Show an awareness that science can be a career path	Year 1 and 2 > Use observations to answer questions Year 1 and 2 > Communicate findings using simple scientific language > Notice patterns and relationships
<u>EYFS</u>	 Be curious about the world around them Show a willingness to explore and learn about the world 	 Explain why some changes happen Use simple vocabulary linked to the area of science they have covered
Experimental Skills and Investigation		Measurement
Year 5 and 6	 Use test results to make predictions to set up further tests Plan different types of enquiry to answer questions including recognising and controlling variables when necessary Take repeated measurements using a range of equipment, considering accuracy and precision Present data in ways of increasing complexity (using scientific diagrams, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs) 	Year 5 and 6 > Take measurements using a range of scientific equipment, taking repeat readings when appropriate Year 5 and 6 > Solve problems involving the calculation and conversions of units of measure
<u>Year 3 and 4</u>	 Use results to make predictions for new values Ask relevant questions Set up and carry out simple enquiries, comparative and fair tests Make observations and take measurements using a range of equipment Present data in a variety of ways (using scientific language, drawings, diagrams, keys, bar charts, tables) 	Year 3 and 4 > Use standard units when taking measurements Year 3 and 4 > Make careful observations > Use a range of equipment to measure
<u>Year 1 and 2</u>	 Ask simple questions Make simple predictions Perform simple tests Make observations using simple equipment Gather and record data (observations, simple tables, drawings and some scientific language). Identify, classify and sort 	 Use standard and non-standard units to measure Use simple measurements and equipment (e.g. egg timers and hand lenses) to gather data.
<u>EYFS</u>	 Identify similarities and differences Make visual observations 	 Notice differences between objects including size and length Handle and use equipment appropriately