



	Observed Variables Categoric Data (words) - Charts			Design		Measured Variables Continuous Data (numbers) - Graphs		
Prediction	I use experience to suggest what might happen next	I suggest what might happen in an investigation	I suggest what might happen (simple prediction)	I predict cause & effect (science prediction)	I predict a trend (relationship prediction)	I use K&U to explain my relationship	I reason K&U to make a hypothesis (relationship)	I reason K&U to generate a testable hypothesis
Equipment	I use a range of everyday items to investigate	I use a limited range of science equipment correctly (help)	I use a range of science equipment correctly	I select suitable equipment for the task	I select & use suitable equipment for the task	I select equipment with the right scale for the task (help)	I select & use equipment with right scale for the task	I select & use equipment for increased precision
	I begin to know what it means to investigate safely	I notice risk (help) & can list some common dangers	I notice risk in my investigation & know common dangers	I predict obvious risk & act on safety suggestions	I predict obvious risk & work safely (mostly)	I begin to plan to minimise risk & work safely (consistently)	I plan to minimise risk & describe safe use of equipment	I predict & control a range of risks independently
Design	I use experience to suggest an idea to investigate	I suggest an idea to investigate & ask questions	I suggest an idea to investigate from observations	I identify cause & effect in my investigation	I plan investigations by selecting variables to change	I plan investigations & ensure controlled variables kept same	I plan reliable investigations (use of variable terminology)	I plan a reliable investigations with increased precision
	I'm aware that variables change in an investigation	I begin to identify the cause variable in an investigation	I identify the cause variable correctly (label & range)	I suggest a suitable data range for a cause variable	I suggest a data range & interval for a cause variable	I suggest a data range, interval & sufficient readings	I plan to collect repeat readings (>3) & calculate mean	I plan to reduce error by care of measurement
	I follow short demo & spoken instruction with multiple parts	I follow short demo, spoken & picture instructions	I follow short spoken & written instructions in order	I follow written instructions & write a simple method	I design & write a simple ordered method (from plan)	I design & write an ordered method (controls variables)	I design & write an ordered reliable method (repeats)	I design & write a reliable method (repeats; precision)

	Researching & communicating: Use secondary sources to find & organise relevant information		Observing & measuring over time: Over short (seconds / minutes) or long (days / months) periods of time		Comparative & Fair testing: One variable changed; others are kept the same. Use words or numbers
	Identification & classification: Sorting into groups based upon criteria		Finding patterns: Patterns emerge from observation		Problem solving: Applying science knowledge to find answers

WS Skills are taught & practised **through** a range of Enquiry Type investigation

Designing Experiments



	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 6+
Data	I position numbers on a number track to 10 & beyond 	I position numbers on a number track to 20 & beyond 	I measure labelled divisions on a number line (inc. in steps) 	I measure unlabelled divisions on a number line (+ve values) 	I measure unmarked divisions on a number line (+ve values) 	I measure divisions on a number line past zero (-ve values) 	I scale up/down a number line (axis) & decide on limits 	I scale up/down a number line (axis) confidently
	I use non-standard units to measure & compare 	I measure in non-standard & compare e.g. heavier/lighter 	I measure standard units (inc. length, mass, capacity) 	I measure/compare values in standard units 	I measure/convert values in standard units (inc. time) 	I measure/convert values in standard units (inc. area) 	I measure/calculate with standard units (inc. area & volume) 	I calculate compound units (e.g. acceleration)
Tables	I use a simple table by recording in pictures & words 	I use a simple table by recording in words and numbers 	I use a simple table recording in words & numbers (inc. tally) 	I use a frame to construct a simple table of results 	I construct a simple table to compare cause & effect 	I use a frame to construct a complex table of results 	I construct a complex table to show repeated data 	I construct complex tables to include calculations
	I add to pictograms with help 	I use a frame to add to pictograms & block charts 	I construct simple pictograms & block charts 	I use a frame to construct a bar chart (help) 	I construct bar charts correctly (inc. numerical axis) 	I use a frame to construct a graph & can scale axes (help) 	I construct graphs & can scale at least one axis independently 	I construct graphs & can scale each axis confidently
Graphs	I represent groups using resources, marks & numbers 	I add to block charts by counting up 	I use scale on block chart (coordinate) to add correct blocks 	I draw bars on a bar chart (one axis coordinate) 	I plot coordinates on a graph in the first quadrant 	I join plotted coordinates with straight lines 	I plot mean values & draw a trend line for linear data 	I plot mean values & draw a trend line for non-linear data
	I compare groups using comparative language 							

Data, Tables & Graphs

	EYFS	KS1	Secure	LKS2	Secure	UKS2	Secure	
	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 6+
Patterns	I recognise, create & describe simple patterns (e.g. size)	I recognise, create & describe simple number patterns	I describe simple features & patterns in data & charts	I describe simple patterns in data, charts & graphs	I describe simple patterns, trends & relationships in data	I describe patterns, trends & relationships in data	I describe changing patterns, trends & relationships	I compare changing patterns, trends & relationships
	I begin to use 'more or less' to compare observations	I use 'more or less' to compare numbers	I see obvious differences in sets of numbers	I see subtle differences in sets of numbers	I see differences (error) in repeated data	I spot anomalous data that doesn't fit the pattern	I spot anomalous data & explain from the method	I deal with anomalous data to increase reliability
Conclusions	I talk about changes through my senses during activities	I describe the changes that are happening	I describe the changes that have happened	I describe my results by linking cause & effect	I describe trends & begin to use science models to explain	I use data in my conclusions & science models to explain	I use primary & secondary data in my conclusions	I use a range of data in conclusions to support validity
	I explore 'what if...' questions through talk & play	I explore different ways to do things through play	I suggest a different way to do things with help	I suggest improvements to my method	I suggest sensible improvements to my method	I identify strengths & weaknesses & improvements	I suggest limitations (data) & practical improvements	I suggest limitations (use data) & justify improvements

Working Scientifically - word lists

KS1

Axis = reference line drawn on a graph to show the range of data for each variable (shows values)

Block chart = visual tall to show data/counts as bars built up by adding component blocks. Used to compare data visually

Cause = the variable we chose to change in an investigation

Data = a measured or counted outcome for a variable (numbers)

Effect = the variable that changes when we change the cause

Experiment = investigation that looks for a link between variables (fair or comparative test)

Observation = sensed outcome for a variable (described in words)

Pictogram = chart that uses pictures to represent data

Prediction = suggests what might happen based upon prior knowledge or experience (not a guess)

Results table = way of presenting data from an investigation

Risk = dangers when doing an investigation, using equipment or working in an area

Standard units = a quantity of a variable that is used as a standard measure (e.g. litre, meter, gram, etc)

Variable = a factor that can change

LKS2 (plus KS1)

Bar chart/graph = visual tool that uses bars to compare discrete data

Comparative test = fair test comparing discrete differences

Conclusion = the answer you give to a question (based upon data)

Continuous data = values are numbers (result from counting/measuring)

Coordinate = used to plot data (x/y) on a graph

Data interval = numerical gap between data points for a variable

Data point = a coordinate for a variable

Data range = maximum & minimum values for a variable

Discrete data = values are distinct/separate (e.g. male/female: counts)

Fair test = an investigation where only one variable is changed (cause); all others are kept the same and at their best value

Line graph = visual tool that shows a relationship trend between two continuous variables (it is essentially a scatter graph)

Method = ordered sequence of steps taken during an investigation. It can be written or in diagram form

Prediction (correlation/relationship) = describes the expected trend for two variables (cause & effect) that are linked

Prediction (scientific/causal) = suggestion as to what might happen based upon prior knowledge, experience or observation. Links the cause with the predicted effect. Does not have to describe the trend

Spider key = branching classification key where each branch has a yes/no choice (dichotomous key) leading to further choices

Trend = the outcome when two variables (cause & effect) are linked

UKS2 (plus KS1/LKS2)

Anomalous data = data that does not fit a pattern

Controlled variable = variables kept at the same value so they do not influence the dependent variable in a fair test

Making Conclusions

Data set = vales for repeated data

Data spread = variation of the data away from a mean (often due to imprecise measuring or when the controlled variable have not been kept the same)

Dependent variable = changed (effect) as a result of changing another. This is observed or measured and demonstrates a relationship in a fair test

Hypothesis = a reasoned prediction based upon theory, experience or direct observation

Independent variable = chosen variable (cause) changed in a fair test.

Mean = 'average' value from a data set

Number key = classification key that is a written, condensed version of a spider key

Precision = how similar your repeated data is (good technique & equipment choice)

Primary data = your experimental data or observations from an investigation

Reliability = if your data can be repeated (i.e. no error). Can be improved through collecting repeated values and calculating a mean

Results table (complex) = Table that contains multiple columns to show repeated data, calculations or a variety of features of a variable

Risk assessment = formal assessment of risk leading to improved safety recommendations or change in practice

Secondary data = researched data or observations. It can also be data gathered from others doing a similar experiment. Used to compare/support

Trend line = line drawn roughly between coordinates to show the trend (does not have to go through all data points)

Valid data = reliable, accurate & no bias or error (we are measuring what is expected)