




ABW Vocabulary Progression




Adapted from PLAN knowledge matrices

—————> Vocabulary revisited

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree, trunk, branch, leaves, flowers, stem, petals, fruit, roots, bulb, seed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaf, flower, blossom, petal, fruit, berry, root, seed, trunk, branch, stem, bark, stalk, bud Names of trees in the local area Names of garden and wild flowering plants in the local area 	As for Year 1 plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> light, shade, sun, warm, cool, water, grow, healthy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photosynthesis, pollen, insect/wind pollination, seed formation, seed dispersal (wind dispersal, animal dispersal, water dispersal) 	—————>		
Animals including Humans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human, animal, fish, bird, head, ear, eye, mouth, nose, face, hair, leg, knee, arm, elbow, back, toes, hands, fingers. Progression to Year 1: (some children will come with this prior knowledge) Herbivore, omnivore, carnivore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head, body, eyes, ears, mouth, teeth, leg, tail, wing, claw, fin, scales, feathers, fur, beak, paws, hooves Names of animals experienced first-hand from each vertebrate group Parts of the body including those linked to PSHE teaching Senses - touch, see, smell, taste, hear, fingers (skin), eyes, nose, ear and tongue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offspring, growth, child, young/old stages (examples - chick/hen, baby/child/adult, caterpillar/butter fly), exercise, heartbeat, breathing, hygiene, germs, disease, food types (examples - meat, fish, vegetables, bread, rice, pasta) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nutrition, nutrients, carbohydrates, sugars, protein, vitamins, minerals, fibre, fat, water, skeleton, bones, muscles, support, protect, move, skull, ribs, spine, muscles, joints 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digestive system, digestion, mouth, teeth, saliva, oesophagus, stomach, small intestine, nutrients, large intestine, rectum, anus, teeth, incisor, canine, molar, premolars, herbivore, carnivore, omnivore, producer, predator, prey, food chain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Puberty - the vocabulary to describe sexual characteristics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heart, pulse, rate, pumps, blood, blood vessels, transported, lungs, oxygen, carbon dioxide, nutrients, water, muscles, cycle, circulatory system, diet, exercise, drugs, lifestyle C
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Material, wood, plastic, glass, paper, metal, rock, fabric, shiny, hard, smooth, rough, soft. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Object, material, wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock, brick, paper, fabric, elastic, foil, card/cardboard, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Names of materials - wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper, cardboard Properties of materials - as for Year 1 plus 	—————>	—————>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thermal/electrical insulator/conductor, change of state, mixture, dissolve, solution, soluble, insoluble, filter, 	—————>

		rubber, wool, clay, hard, soft, stretchy, stiff, bendy, floppy, waterproof, absorbent, breaks/tears, rough, smooth, shiny, dull, see-through, not see-through	opaque, transparent and translucent, reflective, non-reflective, flexible, rigid Shape, push/pushing, pull/puling, twist/twisting, squash/squashing , bend/bending, stretch/stretchin g			sieve, reversible/non-reversible change, burning, rusting, new material	
Seasonal Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Summer, Spring, Autumn, Winter, season, Sun, day, night, Moon, dark, light.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Weather (sunny, rainy, windy, snowy etc.)Seasons (winter, summer, spring, autumn)Sun, sunrise, sunset, day length					
Living things and their habitats			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Living, dead, never been alive, suited, suitable, basic needs, food, food chain, shelter, move, feedNames of local habitats e.g. pond, woodland etc.Names of micro-habitats e.g. under logs, in bushes etc.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Classification, classification keys, environment, habitat, human impact, positive, negative, migrate, hibernate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Life cycle, reproduce, sexual, sperm, fertilises, egg, live young, metamorphosis, asexual, plantlets, runners, bulbs, cuttings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Vertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, invertebrates, insects, spiders, snails, worms, flowering, non-flowering
Rocks				<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rock, stone, pebble, boulder, grain, crystals, layers, hard, soft, texture, absorb water, soil, fossil, marble, chalk, granite, sandstone, slate, soil, peat, sandy/chalk/clay soil			

Light				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light, light source, dark, absence of light, transparent, translucent, opaque, shiny, matt, surface, shadow, reflect, mirror, sunlight, dangerous 	→		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As for Year 3 - Light, plus straight lines, light rays
Forces and magnets				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Force, push, pull, twist, contact force, non-contact force, magnetic force, magnet, strength, bar magnet, ring magnet, button magnet, horseshoe magnet, attract, repel, magnetic material, metal, iron, steel, poles, north pole, south pole 	→	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Force, gravity, Earth, air resistance, water resistance, friction, mechanisms, simple machines, levers, pulleys, gears 	→
States of Matter					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solid, liquid, gas, state change, melting, freezing, melting point, boiling point, evaporation, temperature, water cycle 	→	
Sound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loud, quiet, volume, sound. 	→			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sound, source, vibrate, vibration, travel, pitch (high, low), volume, faint, loud, insulation 	→	

Electricity					<ul style="list-style-type: none">Electricity, electrical appliance/device , mains, plug, electrical circuit, complete circuit, component, cell, battery, positive, negative, connect/connections, loose connection, short circuit, crocodile clip, bulb, switch, buzzer, motor, conductor, insulator, metal, non-metal, symbol N.B.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Circuit, complete circuit, circuit diagram, circuit symbol, cell, battery, bulb, buzzer, motor, switch, voltage
Earth and Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Earth, Moon, Sun, planet, space, star.					<ul style="list-style-type: none">Earth, Sun, Moon, (Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn, Venus, Mars, Uranus, Neptune), spherical, solar system, rotates, star, orbit, planets	
Evolution and inheritance							<ul style="list-style-type: none">Offspring, sexual reproduction, vary, characteristics, suited, adapted, environment, inherited, species, fossils