KS3 Curriculum overview – Science 2023-24



	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Year 7	Particle Model Pure and Impure Substances Cells and Organisation What are the building blocks of life? What are the building blocks of all matter?	Atoms and Elements and the Periodic Table Forces Nutrition and Digestion What are the building blocks of the universe? What forces act in the universe? How does our body use food?	Energy Changes Microbes and Disease Reproduction How do energy changes occur? What causes diseases? How are human babies made?	Physical changes Acids and Alkalis Magnetism Current Electricity How do reactions, and acids and alkalis affect us? How do invisible forces act? How do electrical devices work?
Year 8	Chemical Reactions Forces and Motion How are compounds formed? How do forces act to produce movement?	Cellular Respiration and Gas Exchange Waves How do organisms get energy? How do we use waves for communication?	Evolution Energy in Chemical Reactions Metals and Reactivity How do organisms evolve? How are reactions useful? How are metals useful?	Photosynthesis Relationships in Ecosystems Earth and Atmosphere Why are plants so important for life on earth? How do organisms depend on each other? How can we conserve the earth and atmosphere?
Year 9	Cells and diffusion States of matter and mixtures How are chemicals moved around cells? How do we purify substances?	Forces and motion Atoms and the periodic table What are Newton's laws of motion? What is everything made of?	Cell division and reflexes Conservation of energy How are new cells made? Why can energy not be created or destroyed?	Structure and Bonding Genetics and Natural selection Why are substances solids, liquids and gases? How did we evolve?