

The blue hyperlinks take you to an Explorify activity and the black writing is a suggested activity from 'A Creative Approach to teaching Science' by Nicky Waller.

Over the course of an academic year, children will carry out several investigations which involve different types of enquiry approaches. We map these approaches into 5 types:

Observing over time	Observing or the
Noticing patterns	pattern geeking
Identifying, classifying and grouping	Hentifying classifying & grouping
Comparative and fair tests	comparative & fair treams
Research using secondary sources	Research using secondary sources



### Monet (Year 1/2)

	Observing over time	Noticing patterns	Identifying, classifying and grouping	Comparative and fair testing	Using secondary sources
Animals, including humans	Unexpected eggs Looking after baby What's for dinner? Open wide! Who is coming to tea? Body part collage	Special delivery Prehistoric shapes Body part collage Animal x-rays	Baby animalsHot-steppersSay cheeseSpooky animalsHow big? How small?What's for dinner?Open wide!Who is coming to tea?Body part collageAnimal x-rays	Bird feeders How would you make a shelter for a human? Body part collage	What if humans hibernated?What if my bones werebendy?What if we couldn't smellthings?Body part collage Animal x-rays
Plants	Rich pickings Spring flowers Shooting sprouts	Types of apple Winter scenes Brown and sticky	Timewarp plants Types of leaves Brill gills Curious crown	Do you need bigseeds to grow bigplants?	What if plants could move from one place to another?
Living things and habitats (biodiversity and interdependence)	Sandy adventurers	Busy bee	Australian animals Mystery markings Savannah sidekicks		How would you survive in a rainforest?
Materials	Bonkers Bubbles Liquid densities Materials hunting Feeling boards, walls, books, handprints and collages	<u>Burly bridges</u> <u>Functional footwear</u> <u>Protective measures</u>	Unusual houses Wonderful wheels Maritime medley Synthetic selection Guessing games Materials hunting Feeling boards, walls, books, handprints and collages	<u>Which is the bendiest?</u> <u>Unusual plant pots</u>	What if every material was rigid, or stretchy, or transparent? What if your school banned paper?



### Kandinsky (Year 3/4)

	Observing over time	Noticing patterns	Identifying, classifying	Comparative and fair	Using secondary
			and grouping	testing	sources
Animals including humans	Thirsty workThe damselfly's dayHow much fat?Human digestive systemDigestive systemmeasuring	Odd octopus How much fat? Bones for support Muscles for movement Digestive system measuring Open wide!	Topsy turvyWeird walkersSpot the differenceReading and comparingnutrition labelsBones for supportMuscles for movementTake a bite	Which breakfast is best? How much fat? Digestive system measuring Exploring owl pellets	What if we ate insects?Reading and comparing nutrition labelsNutrition calculators How much sugar?Five a day Creative x-rays
Plants	Venus flytrap   What a fun guy   Furry fruits   Grow a seed (P11 and 12)   How do plants get   water?(1)   How do plants get water?   (2)	Making records Sensitive plant How do plants get water? (1) How do plants get water? (2)	Presenting food chains   Friends of flowers   Wet, and not so wet, leaves   Grow a seed (P11 and 12)   Ouch(1)	How can you tell if something is a plant? Grow a seed (P11 and 12) Ouch(2)	What if we did not plant trees? What if plants could talk?
Living things and their habitats (biadiugarity and	Barnacle dive Family meal	Friends of flowers	<u>High rise inhabitants</u> <u>Make a mark</u>	Make a challenge-proof creature	What if we did not plant trees?
(biodiversity and interdependence)			Human classification Animal classification Whole class key Out and about		Animal classification Research it
Rocks	Sandcastle I spy rocks Separating soil	<u>Bubbly water</u> Separating soil	Mysterious material Kaleidoscope of colour Surprising surfaceComparing and grouping rocks by appearance Comparing and grouping rocks by physical properties I spy rocks	Which rock would be best for a skate ramp?Comparing and grouping rocks by physical properties Make a mould, cast or amber fossil Separating soil	Do rocks stay the same for ever?



Light	Exploding lights	Shadow shapes	Sources of light	Lightproof your secret den	What if we didn't have
	More data logging The <u>great</u> shadow size	Sorting light sources Shadow sculpture	Sorting light sources	Sorting light sources More data logging	<u>mirrors?</u>
	investigation	The great shadow size investigation		The great shadow size investigation	
Forces and magnets	Dancing raisins Egg in bottle	<u>Magnets</u> <u>There's a hole in my</u> <u>bottle</u>	River crossing Moving propellers	Rocket launchers, Marbles Newspaper towers	What if all transport was electric?
	Toyologist challenge (1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)	Toyologist challenge (1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)		Toyologist challenge (1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) The floating paperclip	
Electricity	Challenge (1-5)	Sweet circuits Challenge (1-5)	Mime it Cut it out!	Challenge (1-5)	
States of matter/materials	Top of the pops Ballooning around	Multiple liquid densities	<u>Nifty naturals</u> <u>Totally organic</u> <u>Branching out</u>	Water carriers Ice Iollies How do smells travel?	<u>What if water couldn't</u> <u>freeze?</u> <u>What if the sea was</u> <u>gloopy (like ketchup)?</u>
	Investigate melting and freezing points What melts in the sun? Modelling the water cycle (1 and 2)	Investigate melting and freezing points What melts in the sun? Modelling the water cycle (1 and 2)	Shopping bag sorting	Investigate it Investigate melting and freezing points What melts in the sun?	Research it
Sound	Sound of silence	Rice and rhythm	What's that sound?	Protect your ears	<u>Lyre liar</u>
	Storm in a circle	Vibration stations (1 and 2) Storm in a circle Make a clap-o-meter		Vibration stations (1 and 2) Make a clap-o-meter	



### Picasso (Year 5/6)

	Observing over time	Noticing patterns	Identifying, classifying	Comparative and fair	Using secondary
			and grouping	testing	sources
Animals including	Coming out to play	Get your blood pumping	Terrific tree dwellers	Does colour affect how we	What if the average lifespan
humans	Very hungry caterpillars		Light makers	taste things?	of a human was 200?
Evolution,	Alien Shapes	<u>On thin ice</u>	Perfect pinchers	How much variation is there	What if we could bring back
adaptation and				in how we look?	woolly mammoths?
inheritance	A fossil analogy	A fossil analogy	Fossil detectives		
	Fossil detectives	Fossil detectives		A fossil analogy	A fossil analogy
					Fossil detectives
Living things and	Tangling brambles	Super seeds	Puddle pals	<u>Seeds</u>	What if there were no
their habitats	Sudden downpour	Construction	The drinks menu	Constant and the starts	<u>deserts?</u>
(biodiversity and		Growing new plants		Growing new plants	
interdependence)	Recording data over time		Physical sorting		Research it!
interacpendence,	Growing new plants		Growing new plants		Reproduction in animals I'll never remember that!
			Classification including micro-		
	the balance of the second	El a la com fa com	organisms	Concerns dath of board	Carl Linnaeus
Light	Light and time	Find your focus	Now you see me	See round the bend	What if there were two
	Change the shape	light maga	Light maga	light maga	<u>suns?</u>
	change the shape	Light maze Light string!	Light maze Light string!	Light maze Change the shape	Change the shape
		Change the shape		Change the shape	Change the shape
Forces and magnets	3,2,1, lift off	Blocks	Shoot the breeze	Take a whisk	What if there was no
Forces and magnets	<u>3,2,1,111011</u>	Spinningspiral	Take your turn	Paper planes	gravity?
		<u>oprining oprial</u>	Take your turn	<u>raper planes</u>	What if brakes were
					automatic?
Electricity					
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Properties and	Brilliantly bouncy egg	Melting ice cubes	Electrifying metals	How do you protect an egg?	What if an astronaut gets
changes of materials	<u>Shaking sensation</u>		Interesting insulators	How strong is our hair?	<u>thirsty?</u>