Science at St Oswald's

Wonder and Ask

'Way in' to a scientific investigation.

Capture the children's curiosity.

I see, I think, I wonder.

Display picture/object/video/concept cartoon.

Big question.

Real life scenario/problem/dilemma.

Scientific questions that have been investigated in the past.

What do children already know? What questions do the children have? What would they like to find out?

STEM Sentences

I can see	
I think because	
I wonder	
Why/how/what/where?	
I would like to find out	
I already know	

Discover and Investigate

Discover and learn about the lesson's learning point.

Investigations and practical experiments.

Practical investigations/experiments to answer key scientific questions.

Kagan structures to support cooperative discovery and discussion.

Identify and address misconceptions.

Introduce and display key scientific vocabulary for children to use.

Scientific research (use of ICT).

STEM Sentences

I predict thatbecause
I expect to see because
We want to test to find out if
To find out we could
If we change then
It is a fair test because

Explain and Describe

Reflect on and record scientific findings.

Draw conclusions, recognise relationships and share findings.

Guided practice—careful modelling of reporting scientific findings.

Children record their learning in a variety of ways: scientific write-ups (including graphs), presentations, posters, videos, photographs.

Seesaw used to capture children's discoveries and reflections.

Children have opportunity to make links and ask further questions.

STEM Sentences

	My results show
	I found out that
į	I was surprised when because
ļ	I noticed that $___$.
	The similarities/differences between
	and are
	Based on I can conclude that

The Learning Environment

- Displays: key vocabulary, stem sentence starters, stimulating questions, work/ findings/pictures from children's learning.
- In class: all children engaged, excited and enthusiastic about their learning.
- Books: Knowledge organiser at the start of each unit.

Planning

- Developing Experts
- Explorify
- Progression maps, LTPs and MTPs

Assessment

- Observations and AfL questioning
- Pre and post learning assessment/quiz
- TAPS assessment

Wider School Life

- Visitors and visitors
- Stunning starts and fantastic finishes
 - British Science Week