

TAPS Cymru Focused Assessment plans for progression in science skills

Overview sorted by Curriculum for Wales descriptions of learning



	Being curious: Plan Ask questions, predict, method of inquiry		Being curious: Do Observe, measure, record findings		Being curious: Review Communicate conclusions, evaluate	
TAPS plans for	Brown apples	Incy spider shelter	Senses walk	Scavenger sort	Butter	Taste test
Reception	Scoop sounds		Frozen balloons	Mixing materials	Bubble snakes	
Progression step 1	I can show curiosity and question how things		I can explore the environment, make		and communicate my ideas.	
~ age 5	work.		observations			
	Skeleton Qs	Daisy footprints	Plant structure	Seasonal change	Animal classifn	Body parts
TAPS plans for	<u>Litter pick Qs</u>	Animal home build	<u>Leaf look</u>	Woodlice habitats	Nature spotters	Hand spans
Year 1, 2 & 3	<u>Waterproof</u>	Float & sink	Shades of colour	Materials hunt	Living & non-living	Function of stem
	Separating colours	Rocket mice	Plant growth	Surprise materials	Eco action	Egg drop
	Reflection	Shoe grip	Measuring plants	Making shadows	Rocks report	Balloon rockets
	<u>Transparency</u>	Magnet tests	<u>Ice escape</u>	Cars down ramps	Muffling sound	Boat materials
	Cupcake parachutes	Teddy zip wire	<u>lce cream</u>	Bridge testers		
Progression step 2	I can ask questions and use my experience to		I can explore		I can recognise patterns from my observatio	
~ age 8	suggest simple methods of inquiry*.		I can observe and describe		and investigations and can communicate my	
	I can use my knowledge and understanding to		I can investigate		findings.	
	predict effects as part of my scientific		-			
	exploration.					
TAPS plans for	Cornflour slime	Heart rate	Growth survey	Local survey	<u>Life cycles Res</u>	Teeth in liquids
Year 4, 5 & 6	Dissolving	Flower sampling	Terrific tasters	Outdoor keys	Invertebrate Res	Fossil habitats
	Investigating pitch	Drying materials	Measuring temp	Sugar cubes	Pollution survey	Egg strength
	Bulb brightness	Insulation layers	<u>Spinners</u>	Space craters	Champion tapes	Dunking biscuits
	Light Qs	Nappy absorbency	Titanic pulleys	Bottle flip	Elect conductors	<u>Aquadynamics</u>
	Paper planes	Zip line testing	Conductive dough	Investigate shadows	String phones	Marble run
			Circuit products		Solar system Res	Bridge engineers
Progression step 3	I can identify questions that can be		carrying out my inquiries.		I can suggest conclusions as a result of	
~ age 11	investigated scientifically and suggest suitable				carrying out my inquiries.	
	methods of inquiry*.				I can evaluate metho	ds to suggest
					improvements.	
TAPS Transition	Reaction catches	Yeast growth	Formula 1 tubs	Blood splatter	Catapults	Cleaning coins

^{*} Inquiry types could include: pattern-seeking, exploring, classifying & identifying, making things, fair testing, using & applying models. Methods could include how to carry out investigation.

Colour codes for topics: Living things (biology), Matter (chemistry), Forces & energy (physics), Design & engineering.

All plans are freely available on the Teacher Assessment in Primary Science (TAPS) website: https://pstt.org.uk/unique-resources/taps/