

Everyday Science

Science is all around us. Primary science involves helping your child to develop basic scientific ideas and understanding which will enable them to explore and investigate their world and the world around them. Science is hands on, active and fun which in turn allows to support your child's overall development.

By engaging your child and family in science activities the following skills can be developed:

- **Fine Motor and Gross Motor Skills:** Experiments and activities require us to use our motor skills. As scientists we use our hands and bodies all the time.
- **Literacy and Numeracy Skills:** Involve your child in reading the experiment, finding household equipment, predicting what they think will happen, observing what happens, sequencing pictures of the experiment, matching words or sentences to pictures, writing numbers or quantities required, drawing pictures of the experiment, making videos of the experiment, writing up reports or conclusions, all these things can develop literacy and numeracy skills.
- **Become aware of their immediate world through the senses:** Science experiments can be a great way to support your child's sensory exploration of their environment.
- **Life skills, planning, problem solving and independence living skills:** A scientific approach to investigations fosters the development of important skills, concepts and knowledge through which children can observe, question, investigate, understand and think logically about living things and their environments, materials, forces, everyday events and problems.
- **Confidence and social skills:** Science allows for plenty of discussion and is great for developing new vocabulary and language. Science is a great way to get all the family involved, listening to everyone's predictions and opinions. Science lends itself well to active learning and team work.



Science ideas

Strand	Useful Websites with activities, experiments & resources
Living Things	https://www.sfi.ie/engagement/discover-primary-science-and-maths/activities-search/index.xml#result
Energy and Forces	https://www.teachjunkie.com/sciences/force-and-motion-experiments/ https://www.science-sparks.com/ideas-for-learning-about-forces/ Instagram – Follow @sciencewows
Materials	https://www.pinterest.com/pin/138133913549155732/ https://buggyandbuddy.com/12-science-experiments-activities-kids-can-right-now/
Environmental Awareness & Care	Green Schools Ireland- Resources and activities on themes including Litter and Waste, Water, Global Citizenship https://greenschoolsireland.org/themes/

The above activities can be adapted to suit your child’s ability, needs, strengths and skills.

