

# Science in Reception

In the Early Years Foundation Stage science is part of Understanding the World.

## Early Learning Goal - The Natural World

- Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants
  - Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class
  - Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.
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- Children develop their scientific skills and knowledge through practical activities and investigations.
  - We make use of the indoor and outdoor classroom.
  - The outdoor classroom enables the children to learn about natural elements from first-hand experience, for example weather, growing and the seasons.
  - We support the children in learning to record what they have found out through discussions, photographs, drawings, writing and simple graphs and tables.
  - Science features heavily within the Characteristics of Effective Learning which are: playing and exploring, active learning and thinking critically.
  - Cross-curricular links are made within Understanding the World and with other areas of the curriculum.



# ★ Super Science Skills ★

*Ask and answer questions*



*Look carefully*



*Explore*



*Make comparisons*



*Record our ideas*



*Make predictions*

