

Progression of knowledge science – Evolution and Inheritance (Biology)

Threshold Concepts This concept	Year 2	Year 3	Year 6
involves understanding that			
adapt, change and evolve and			
become extinct.			
KS 1	LINKS TO ANIMALS AND	• Links to Materials unit	State what is meant by the term evolution.
 Identify how humans resemble 	HUMANS UNIT 2	3	• State the evolution occurs over a long period of time (for multi cellular
their parents in many features.			organisms)
			Recall how fossils are formed.
LKS2			 Identify why species show variation.
 Identify how plants and animals, 			• Explain how animals and plants are adapted to their environment.
including humans, resemble their			Explain what a habitat is.
parents in many features.			Identify work done by Charles Darwin, Alfred Wallace, Mary Anning and John
 Recognise that living things have 			Edmonstone.
changed over time and that fossils			State the environment humans evolved in.
provide information about living			• Explain how geographical location has resulted in the evolution of a spectrum
things that inhabited the Earth			of skin colours.
• Identify how animals and plants			
• Identity now animals and plants			
environment in different ways			
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UKS2			
Recognise that living things have			
changed over time and that fossils			
provide information about living			
things that inhabited the Earth			
millions of years ago.			
 Recognise that living things 			
produce offspring of the same kind,			
but normally offspring vary and are			
not identical to their parents.			
Identify how animals and plants			
are adapted to suit their			
environment in different ways and			



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Progression of skills to KS3 are detailed on evolution and inheritance/ trust science sheets

Links from Reception Development Matters are detailed on the Reception Termly Planning Document