

Progression of knowledge science – Light and Seeing (Physics)

Progression of skills to KS3 are detailed on light and seeing / trust science sheets

Threshold Concepts This concept involves understanding how light and reflection affect sight.	Year 3	Year 6
 KS 1 Observe and name a variety of sources of light, including electric lights, flames and the Sun, explaining that we see things because light travels from them to our eyes. LKS2 Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. Notice that light is reflected from surfaces. Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes. Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid object. Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change. UKS2 Understand that light appears to travel in straight lines. Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect 	 recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light notice that light is reflected from surfaces recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change 	 recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them
 light into the eyes. Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them, and to predict the size of shadows when the position of the light source changes. Explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes. 		

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