Progression of skills – working scientifically

	Working scientifically	Working scientifically performing tests and recording	Working scientifically identifying and classifying
EYFS	Use senses to look closely Notice similarities and differences	Ask simple questions and have own ideas Test ideas Use tools and equipment safely. Create simple representations of people and objects	Create simple representations of people and objects Talk about things like plants, animals, natural and found objects.
Year 1	Talk about what they see, touch, smell, hear or test	Perform a simple test Explain to others what they have done	Think of some questions to ask answer some scientific questions Give a simple reason for their answers and explain what they have found out.
Year 2	Use see, touch, smell, hear or taste to help them answer questions Use some science words to describe what they have seen and measured	Carry out a simple fair test Explain why it might not be fair to compare two things Say whether things happened as they expected Suggest how to find things out	Organise things into groups Find simple patterns (or associations)