



Vocabulary Progression in Science

Nursery

wet	hard	sink	hot	find out
dry	soft	float	cold	explore

Reception

smooth	floating	flower	space	gravity
bumpy	sinking	fruit	planet	day
hard	autumn	leaf	rocket	night
soft	winter	plant	force	travel
shiny	spring	tree	energy	
dull	summer	electricity	distance	

Year One

materials	strong	species	carnivore	test	deciduous
metal	weak	human	herbivore	fair	evergreen
glass	rough	reptile	omnivore	question	environment
fabric	smooth	amphibian	skeleton	investigate	energy
wooden	transparent	mammal	organs	growth	healthy
plastic	opaque	senses	sight	change	nocturnal
hearing	touch	smell	taste	scientist	experiment

Year Two

Identify	habitat	enquiry	vegetable	temperature	squash
Classify	investigation	fat	oxygen	thermometer	stretch
explain	bulb	protein	pulse	species	twist
properties	battery	carbohydrate	exercise	category	bend
Electricity	wires	dairy	microhabitat	desert	opaque
circuit	current	vitamins	rainforest	woodland	transparent