

What does Science look like in EYFS?

The Journey Begins...

In F1 and F2, our natural curiosity is encouraged, and we get to explore and experience the world through play. Science is part of the strand 'Understanding the World', and focuses on things we may encounter in our daily lives. We are supported to question what we see, and are helped to explain our ideas using what we know. All of the experiences we have in EYFS will help give us the knowledge and understanding we'll need for the science we'll do in KS1.

We use talk to connect our ideas, explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next.



Biology-related experiences



Animals



Food



Health and safety

We observe the effects of activity on our bodies.

We practice some appropriate safety measures without direct supervision.

Insects



We build up a vocabulary that reflects the breadth of our experiences.

Plants



Our body and the senses



Physics-related experiences

Weather and the seasons



We question why things happen and give explanations. We ask e.g. who, what, when, how.

Machines



We show an interest in objects and technological toys with knobs or pulleys.

We understand that equipment and tools have to be used safely.



Space



Chemistry-related experiences



Materials



We are confident to speak to others about our own interests and opinions.

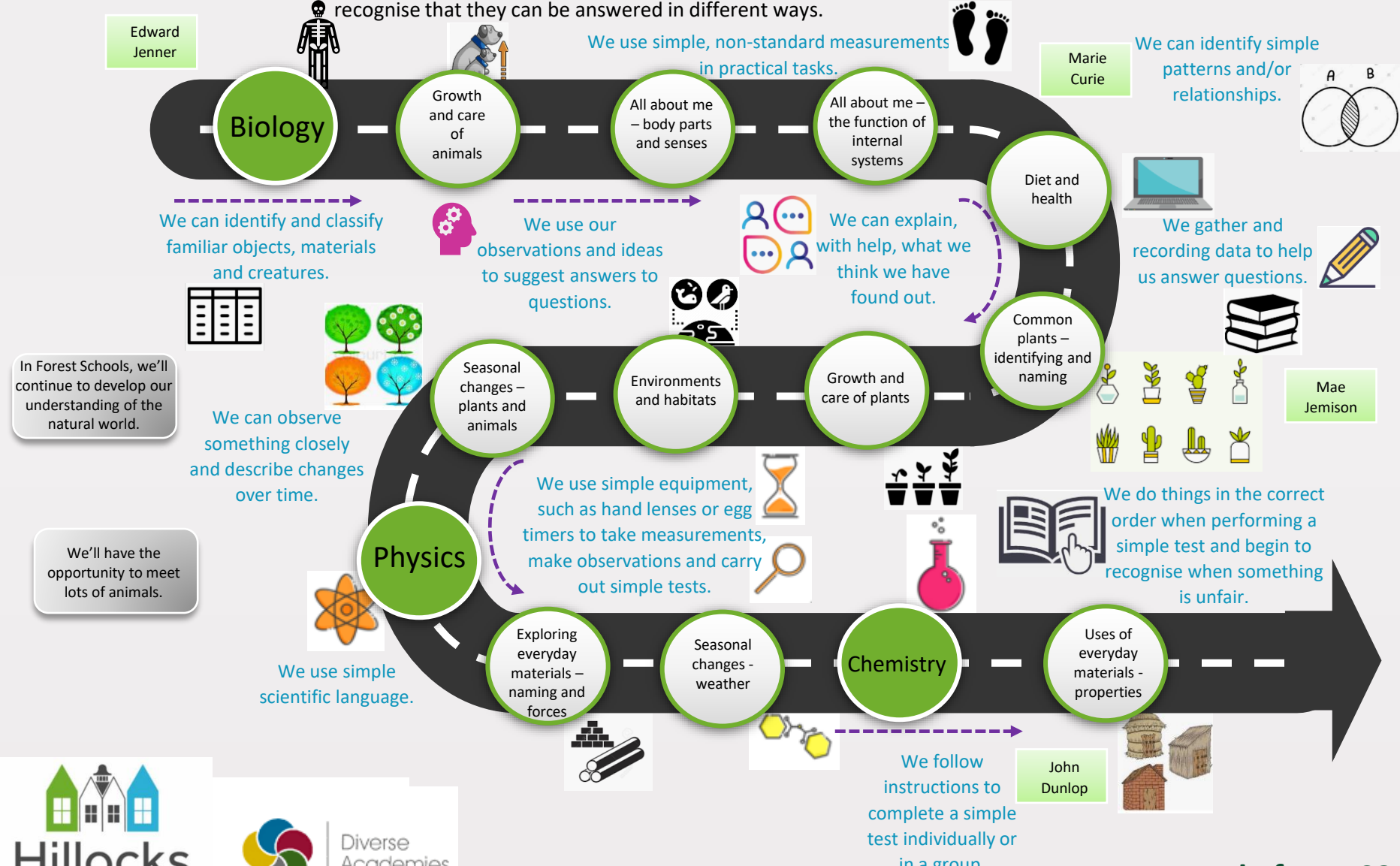
We show understanding of the need for safety when tackling new challenges, and we consider and manage some risks.



We use talk to organise, sequence and clarify our thinking, ideas, feelings and events.

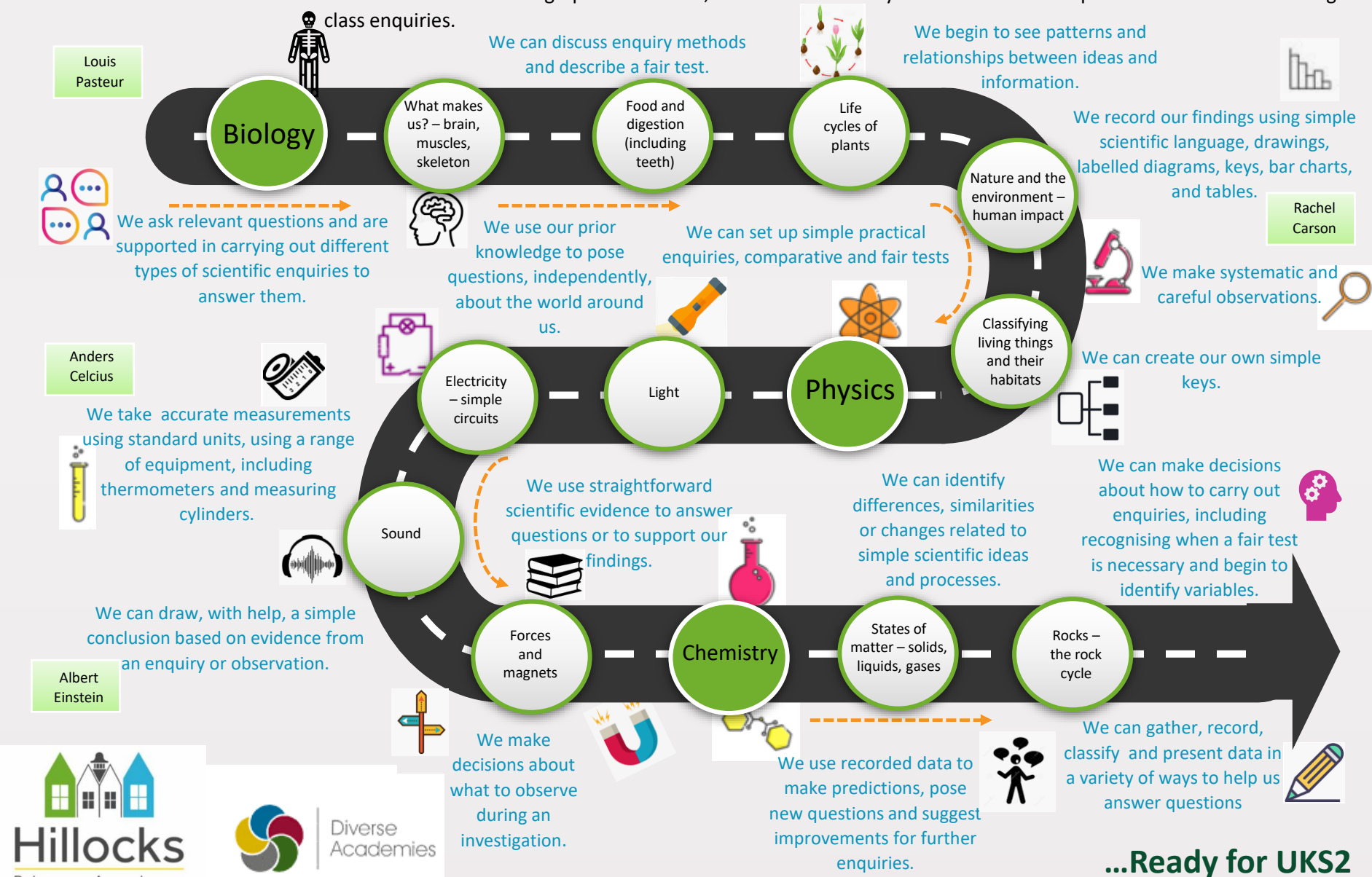
What does Science look like in KS1?

The Journey Continues... In Years 1 and 2, we realise that science is how we come to understand the world around us. We learn about things we experience everyday, such as our bodies, the natural world and materials. We are taught to observe objects, materials and living things carefully and we describe what we see. We ask simple questions about the things we notice and we recognise that they can be answered in different ways.



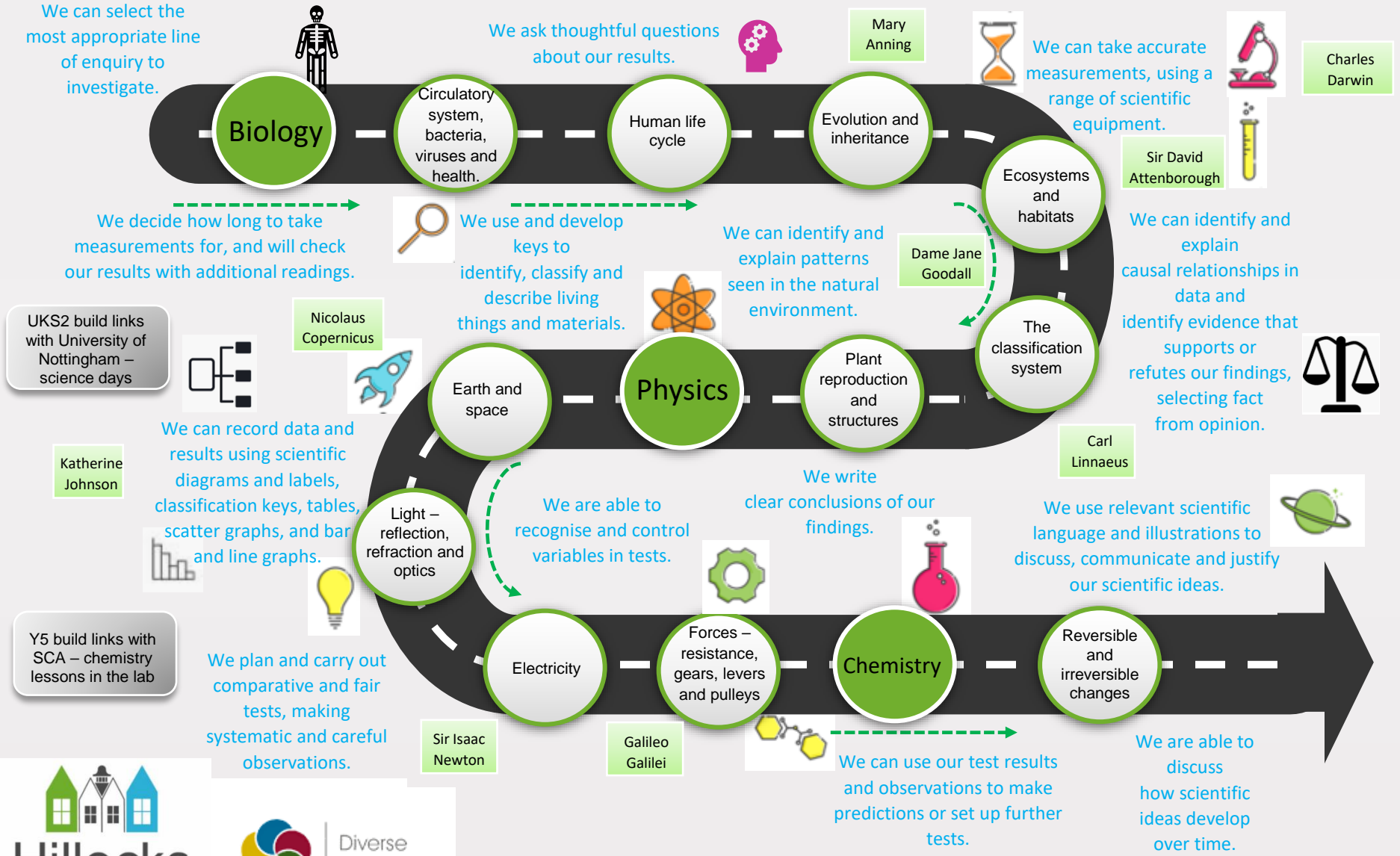
What does Science look like in LKS2?

The Journey Continues... In Years 3 and 4, we become accurate and careful observers and recorders of both our investigations and findings. We know a range of ways our scientific questions can be answered, and we're supported to test out our own ideas. We learn how to create tables and graphs of our data, and can write clearly about what we've experienced and noticed during class enquiries.



What does Science look like in UKS2?

The Journey Continues... In Years 5 and 6, we become independent scientists. We learn to use our prior knowledge to create hypotheses, thinking carefully about what we already know and applying knowledge of increasing complexity. We have reached the point in our journey where we will make our own decisions about how to investigate and present a range of scientific concepts.



	KS1 Years 1 & 2	LKS2 Years 3 & 4	UKS2 Years 5 & 6
Significant scientists	Mae Jemison John Dunlop	Marie Curie Charles Macintosh	Louis Pasteur Albert Einstein
Animals including humans	Growth & care Diet & health	All about me— body parts and senses	Classification Digestion & teeth Nutrition
Ecology and Conservation	Environments & habitats	Human impact	Interdependence
Evolution and inheritance		What are fossils?	Adaptation & variation Tree of Life The fossil record
Plants	Common plants – deciduous & evergreen	Growth & care— basic needs	Life cycles (including seed dispersal.) Vascular & non-vascular
Space	The moon	Names of planets	Gravitational force Planetary Motion The Big Bang
Electricity	Safety with electricity & appliances	Series circuits	Circuit symbols Series & parallel Conductors & insulators
Forces	Pushes, pulls and twists		Magnetism Friction
Seasonal Changes	Effects of seasons on animals & plants	Weather	
Light		Formation of shadows	Light sources How does light travel?
Sound		How do we hear?	The structure of the ear How does sound travel?
Rocks and soils		The rock cycle	Weathering & erosion
States of matter & materials	Properties of materials Uses of everyday materials	Solids, liquids & gases	Freezing & melting The water cycle

Carl Linnaeus
Galileo Galilei

Mary Anning
Charles Darwin

Human life cycle
The classification system

Bacteria & viruses
Circulatory system

Ecosystems
Climate Change

Adaptation & variation
Tree of Life
The fossil record

Reproduction & structures

Gravitational force
Planetary Motion
The Big Bang

More complex circuits
Circuit diagrams with standardised symbols

Resistance in air & water
Gears, levers & pulleys

Reflection, refraction & optics
The structure of the eye

Reversible & irreversible changes