| Science KS3 Assessment Framework | | | | | |
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| | Beginning | Working Towards | Expected | Exceeding | Excelling |
| | Grade 1 | Grade 2-3 | Grade 4-5 | Grade 6-7 | Grade 8-9 |
| Sound & Light | I can: | l can: | l can: | l can: | I can: |
| | Know that sound is a wave caused by vibrations | State the speed of sound and compare this to the speed of light | Describe how the speed of sound is affected by the medium | Explain why the speed of sound is affected by the medium | Calculate the speed of sound in different media |
| | State that waves transfer energy | Label wave diagrams with peaks, troughs and amplitude | Describe how amplitude affects the loudness of a sound | Explain the effect of absorption and reflection on sound waves | Use wave diagrams to decipher amplitude |
| | Know that different organisms have different auditory ranges | Recognise the link between frequency and wavelength | Describe how frequency affects the pitch of a sound | Convert hertz into kilohertz and v.v. | Use wave diagrams to decipher frequency, wavelength and time period |
| | Name some parts of the ear | Describe the path of sound through the ear | Describe how the ear converts sound waves into electrical signals | Explain ways in which the ear and hearing can be damaged | Propose a method, including variables, to test the effectiveness of different ear defenders |