

## **Science/Investigation Area Progression Map**

Behaviour	Observe	Investigate/ Experiment	Test	Resources to facilitate play
Extended skill	<ul> <li>Closely observes experiments over a number of days</li> <li>Discusses what their observations tell them</li> <li>Seeks out things to observe to find things out</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Records their findings in their own way</li> <li>Makes decisions about what will be the most effective resources to use to carry out experiment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tests ideas and theories</li> <li>Plans what they will do next based on their findings</li> </ul>	Sorting trays, collecting pots, Cameras Notebooks, notepads, clipboards
Developing Skill	<ul> <li>Observes something with interest.</li> <li>Notices and comments on change in their environment, outdoors</li> <li>Asks questions about what they have observed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses appropriate resources to carry out chosen test</li> <li>Formulates a hypothesis about what they think will happen and why</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Plans a test - considering what it is that they want to find out</li> <li>Thinks about how they can find out the answer to their question</li> </ul>	Mirrors Pull/push toys Range of materials Range of objects Springs, spinners Timers Magnets
Emerging Skill	<ul> <li>Observes the immediate world around them</li> <li>Comments on what they can see</li> </ul>	Explores cause and effect	<ul> <li>Explores cause and effect but changes a variable (e.g.:- Floating and sinking - will it float if there is more water?)</li> </ul>	Goggles, magnifying glasses, binoculars Range of materials Range of interesting objects