	Content	Concepts	Connections	Competencies
Autumn	 Cells Identify and describe the functions of the cell wall, cell membrane, cytoplasm, nucleus, vacuole, mitochondria and chloroplast. Identify similarities and differences between plant and animal cells Recall the characteristics of living organisms (MRS GREN) Explain that some organisms are unicellular and some multicellular Describe some examples of unicellular organisms and their structural features and adaptations to perform functions of MRS GREN Explain the role of specialised cells in multicellular organisms. Recall definition of and give examples of tissues, organs of organ system. Classify bacteria and fungi as microorganisms and that microorganisms share the characteristics of other living things. Recall the 5 kingdoms and their key characteristics. 	 That cells are the fundamental unit of living organisms. What is a living organism Some organisms are single celled. The role of diffusion in the movement of material in and between cells. The hierarchical organisation of multicellular organism from cells to tissues to organs to systems to organisms. The hierarchical nature of classification of living things into Kingdoms according to similarities and differences (Cell structures) 	Physics – use of lenses to magnify objects Technology enables us to extend our knowledge of living organisms Maths – time keeping, rules, magnifying and graphing skills. English – peer assessment, rules. Artistic PE risk taking, decision making, rules, peer assessment, communication.	 Set up and use a light microscope. Preparation of slides for use with the light microscope. Draw cells from a light microscope. Draw and label structural features of plant, animal cell and unicellular organisms. Label a diagram of organs and organ systems.

Spring	Reproduction	
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- Describe and label the structure and function of the male and female human reproductive systems.
- Explain how the egg and sperm are specialised cells.
- Describe how fertilisation occurs.
- Explain how the fertilised embryo grows by cell division to form a blastula and then a foetus and how the foetus develops until birth.
- Describe the role of the placenta in the exchange of materials between mother and foetus and the effect of maternal lifestyle on the foetus
- Describe the changes that occur in puberty and explain the differences between girls and boys.
- Describe the menstrual cycle.
- Explain how reproduction varies in the different vertebrate groups and analyse relationships between number of offspring, reproduction rate and survival rates

- All living things reproduce and grow.
- The role of diffusion in the movement of material between foetus and mother
- Growth in animals occurs by cell division
- Life cycles of organisms
- Sexual reproduction in humans and other organisms
- Growth and development in humans
- The role of diffusion in the movement of material between foetus and mother

Maths – graphing skills, equations, decimal places, line and bar graphs.

~PSHE – social skills, sex education.

Biology KS3 Topic 1 Cells:

- specialised cells, tissues and organ systems
- movement of substances by diffusion

- Label diagrams of the male and female human reproductive organs
- Annotate diagrams of sperm and egg cells to describe specialised features
- Identify which substances are exchanged between mother and foetus via the placenta
- Use data to analyse relationships between number of offspring, reproduction rate and survival rates

summer

- ECOLOGY
- Recognise different habitats and predict what organisms would live there.
- Define ecological words such as ecosystem, producer, herbivore, carnivore, prey, and predator.
- Identify the producers and consumers in a food chain.
- Be able to draw a food chain with the arrows in the correct direction
- Recall how food chains are all linked into a food web.
- Analyses the feeding relationships shown in a food web.
- Show understanding of the interactions between species by explaining how changes in one part of a food chain may affect another.
- Be able to draw and label a flower.
- Describe the differences between an insect and wind pollinated plant.
- Recall different types of seed and different methods of seed dispersal.
- Explain the reasons for seed dispersal with regard to competition.
- Recall the factors that affect microbial growth.
- Investigate the factors that affect microbial growth.
- Outline the events that occur during the carbon cycle.

- Understand that the arrows in a food chain show the energy flow NOT who eats who.
- What is a food web? Why is it a better model of the ecosystem than a food chain?
- The effect that one organism has on the food web, especially when it is removed – other species declining, prospering or maintaining balance.
- The concept of competition between species for resources.
- That pollination, fertilisation and seed dispersal are different processes within the plant.
- Explain how a small amount of toxin at the bottom of the food chain can have catastrophic effects at the top of the food chain.
- What is conservation?
- Concept that Energy flows through food chains and is lost (as heat) but that matter (elements must be cycled)

German – key terminology,

Maths- calculations or means. And energy flow.

Geography – environmental impacts.

- Draw a food web and chain.
- Show what happens when one species is removed or added to the food web.
- Draw and label structural of an insect pollinated flower.
- Plan an investigation into the dispersal of seeds "Design a seed that travels the furthest".
- Grow a seed into a plant.
- Plan investigations identifying variables to vary and control and writing clear methods and risk assessments
- Collect, and analyse data appropriate to the task.
- Evaluate data in terms of limitations and improvements related to reliability, accuracy and validity.

Identify the organisms involved in decompositions and describe the role of decomposers in the carbon	
cycle.	
 Suggest how the impact of humans may affect the carbon cycle. 	
 Identify different ways that humans influence the ecosystem. 	
 Describe the case studies of DDT poisoning in birds and mercury poisoning in fish. 	