	Content	Concepts	Connections	Competences
Autumn	Describe the roles of the skeleton.	Adaptation	Levers, forces/ moments in	
Body Systems	Recall the structure of the human		physics.	
	skeleton and name key bones in the	The relationship between		
	skeleton.	structure and function.		
	Outline the roles of ligaments and		Rates in physics $ ightarrow$ speed	
	tendons.	Use of models to explain		
	Describe the structure of a synovial joint.	biological phenomena		
	Describe different types of joint and			
	explain how they affect movement (ball		Art	
	and socket and hinge)	Skeletal systems allow	Autumn term	
	Outline the different types of muscles	movement and provide	Nature and design topic	
	found in the body.	support.	Link to spring term work on	
	Explain how muscle contraction causes		figure a proportion	
	movement of bones.	Muscles can only contract		
	Investigate the force exerted by different	and so must usually work in		
	muscle groups.	antagonistic pairs.		
	Describe the structure of the human	Diffusion		
	lungs.	The importance of		
		concentration gradients in		
	Define diffusion and explain the factors	diffusion		
	that affect the rate of gas exchange/			
	diffusion.	Gas exchange surfaces		
		increase surface area for		Draw a labelled diagram of
	Describe the structure of the alveolus	diffusion		the lungs and an alveolus.
	and explain its adaptations for gas			<b>_</b>
	exchange.	Cellular respiration is a		To be able to critically
		chemical reaction inside		analyse the data collected
	Describe now breathing in and out	cells that releases energy for		trom limited samples. (e.g.
	occurs (mechanism of ventilation)	the cell to use.		lung volumes within 1 class)

Compare the composition of inhaled a	nd The relationship between	To be able to analyse and
exhaled air.	volume and pressure	select appropriate data from
Suggest explanations for the reasons for	or 🛛	secondary sources.
these differences.	Cause and effect. (exercise	
	vs breathing rate)	
Investigate lung volumes.		
Investigate the relationship between	The concept of rate of	
exercise and lung capacity.	reaction.	
Describe the effects of smoking and	That Microbes can be used	
asthma on gas exchange.	by humans to make useful	
	substances (fermentation)	
Analyse data related to smoking and	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
cancer.		
Suggest reasons for the effects that		
smoking has on the health of smokers.		
Recall the word and symbol equation f	or	
aerobic and anaerobic respiration.		
Distinguish between breathing and		
respiration		
Describe the roles of energy within cell	ls.	
Recall the formula for anaerobic		
respiration in humans and compare it t	to	
aerobic respiration		
Investigate the effect of exercise on the	e	
body including heart rate and breathin	g	
rate.		

	Explain the changes that occurs during and after exercise including the idea of oxygen debt. Recall the formula for anaerobic respiration in micro-organisms (yeast) Outline the uses of microbes in food production using fermentation Investigate the effect of a factor on the respiration of yeast Describe the effect and explain it in terms of respiration.			To be able to evaluate data collected from practical work including the effect of exercise and fermentation by microbes in relation to its reliability, accuracy and valididity.
Spring Genetics and evolution	1 Recognise the wide variety of living organisms in the world and the need to be able to classify them into different groups based on their similarities/ differences. Classify animals into the major taxonomic groups for both vertebrates and invertebrates. Define the term species	1	RS ethics? E.g. biodiversity Art body forms/ body measurements. MATHS – discrete and continuous date, norm distribution curves, bar charts.	Record process and present data relating to variation. Analysing evidence for evolution.

Identify ways in which organisms of the same species may differ from one another.	The concept of a species as a distinct group of organisms	
Classify types of variation as either continuous or discontinuous Collect data to show continuous and discontinuous variation.	The Gene as the unit of inheritance.	
Explain the different causes for the 2 types of variation in terms of the environment and genetics. 2 Explain why identical twins show the same characteristics		
Describe the link between a cell, nucleus, chromosome and gene.		
Outline the structure of DNA		
Recall the history of the discovery of its structure		
Explain how inheritance (nature) and environment (nurture) act together to produce an individual's characteristics.	The universality of DNA to all organisms and its role as a code.	Draw diagrams to show the arrangement/ location of nucleus, chromosomes, DNA and Gene
3	The concept of using models to explain complex ideas or structures (Crick and	Label parts of the DNA molecule.

Recognise that all living things reproduce	Watson's work on DNA		
and that reproduction can be asexual or	structure.		
sexual.			
	The idea that many scientific		
Give the similarities and differences	discoveries are the result of		
between cell division and sexual	collaboration between		
roproduction	individuals and groups of		
reproduction			
	scientists. (Crick, Watson		
Outline how cells divide during mitosis.	and Franklin)		
Explain why sperm and eggs contain only	The idea of Cell division as		
half the amount of genetic material that	the mechanism of growth of		
is found in the other cells of an	multicellular organisms		
organism	0		
State what is meant by a mutation			
State what is meant by a mutation.			
Evaloin how the inheritance of			
Explain now the inneritance of			
characteristics is controlled by			
dominant and recessive alleles			
Describe some genetic disorders			
Predict or explain the outcomes of			
genetic crosses between different			
individuals using genetic diagrams.			
Give examples of how variation within a			
nonulation may affect the survival of an			
individual			
Identify factors that may affect the			
identity factors that may affect the			
survival of an organism.			
		MATUS probability	
		iviATHS – probability.	

Explain how Natural selection may lead to changes in the variation seen in a population. Explain how natural selection may lead to evolution.		Use basic genetic grosses to show how sex is determined and how simple dominant or recessive characteristics are inherited.
Define what is meant by artificial selection.		
Outline characteristics that animals and plants may be selected for.		
	The importance of variation	
Describe what is meant by the term extinction.	The concept of evolution.	Use the idea of natural
Explain why some species have or may become extinct.	The importance of time in evolution.	selection to explain why a species may change over time
Suggest reasons why the number of species becoming extinct is increasing.	That ideas/ hypotheses take time to become accepted or for old theories to be	
Define the term Biodiversity.	rejected. That this requires evidence to support them or	
Explain why biodiversity is important.	falsify them. (with regard to Darwin's theory of	
Outline how Biodiversity can be	evolution)	
increased or maintained through conservation and the use of seed banks.		

Summer	Can identify organisms that are	The concept of Biodiversity and its importance for future generations The concept of extinction (and the importance of it)		Can identify a living
Everything from plants!	classified as plants including: Mosses Ferns Conifers and Angiosperms Can explain why these organisms are classified as plants. To identify that some organisms are photosynthetic but are not classified as plants (e.g. algae and cyanobacteria)	organisms depending on certain characteristics	Physics Year 7 light colours and absorption/ reflection. Possible geography links to afforestation/ deforestation???	Can label a diagram of a typical plant and state the
	Describe the structure of a typical angiosperm, roots, stem, leaves Are all parts green? The leaves and parts above ground are green. Describe and explain the structure of a leaf and adaptations for photosynthesis. Recall the word and symbol equation for photosynthesis	Division of labour within a whole organism Principles of gas exchange and diffusion.	Link to year 7 work on the different organs and systems in the human body	function of each part Labelling and annotation of diagrams Use equipment safely to carry out experiments to test leaves for starch.

Investigate photosynthesis through testing for the presence of starch in leaves.	Relating structure to function		
Recall the key factors needed for photosynthesis	Using sunlight energy to make sugars/food The green parts contain		
Investigate the factors needed for photosynthesis	chlorophyll that absorbs light energy to use for P/S		
Explain why light, carbon dioxide, chlorophyll and water are needed by plants	Sugars can be changed into storage molecules/starch		
Suggest how changing these factors may affect the growth of the plant	The use of Biochemical		
Suggest how differences in the rate of photosynthesis may affect competition between plant species. (link to ecology Yr 7)	of photosynthesis (iodine starch test)		Application of ideas to novel situations. Synthesis skills.
Explain why some species of plants grow in different places or at different times of the year		Yr 7 Ecology competition.	
Recall the events in the carbon cycle from year 7			different areas of biology.
Explain how the rate of photosynthesis limits food chains and the carbon cycle	The concept of inter and		
may affect the carbon cycle.	intraspecific competition.		

		Synthesis and application of ideas.
	Year 7 Ecology: carbon	
	cycle.	