

Year 7 Learning Journey

Autumn Term

Introduction to lab safety

Core knowledge

- 1. Identify and describe the main hazards in a laboratory.
- 2. Explain how to work safely and minimise risks of working in a laboratory.
- 3. Name and identify a variety of hazard symbols.
- 4. Understand how scales can be used for making accurate measurements.

Learning Checkpoints

Learning Checkpoint Title	Attempt 1		Attempt 2 / Extend	
	Mark	RAG	Mark	RAG
Learning Checkpoint 1 – Safety & Scales				

Key Vocabulary
Tier 2
Identify, State, Suggest
Tier 3
Hazard, Risk, Remedy, Safety, Axis, Symbol



Year 7 Learning Journey

Spring

The Particle Model

Core knowledge

- 1. Name the three states of matter and give examples of each state.
- 2. Use diagrams to represent the arrangement of particles in the three states of matter.
- 3. Describe the arrangement of particles in each state of matter.
- 4. Describe the properties of the three states of matter.
- 5. Use the particle theory to explain the properties of the three states of matter.
- 6. Explain why materials expand and contract when the temperature changes.
- 7. State what is meant by density and recall its units.
- 8. **Key Practical Skill:** Describe how to measure the density of regular and irregular objects.
- 9. Recall and use the formula relating mass, volume and density.
- 10. Name the changes of state and describe what happens to particles during changes of state.
- 11. Recall that a substance does not change temperature while it is changing state.
- 12. Interpret graphs that show how the temperature of a pure substances changes as it is
- 13. Maths Skill: Convert between nanometres and metres.
- 14. State what is meant by diffusion.
- 15. Use the particle theory to explain diffusion in liquids and gases.
- 16. Key Practical Skill: Write and test a hypothesis.
- 17. State what is meant by gas pressure.
- 18. Describe the cause of gas pressure using the particle theory.
- 19. Explain some of the effects of air pressure and the ways in which gas pressure can be

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LC2				

Key Vocabulary

Tier 2

Recognise, Identify, Illustrate, Define, Describe

Tier 3

Gas, Solid, Liquid, Density, Mass, Volume



Year 7 Learning Journey

Summer

Atoms, elements, molecules and compounds

Core knowledge

- 1. State what an atom is and describe the difference between an atom and a molecule.
- 2. Give definitions for elements, compounds and mixtures.
- 3. Draw and interpret particle diagrams to represent elements, compounds and mixtures.
- 4. Write and identify the chemical symbols for common elements.
- 5. Use the periodic table to look up symbols for elements.
- 6. Identify where metals and non-metals are found in the periodic table.
- 7. Describe the properties of metal and non-metal elements.
- 8. Relate the uses of different elements to their properties.
- 9. Name simple compounds formed between two elements.
- 10. Describe how compounds are formed.
- 11. Describe the observations that indicate a chemical reaction is taking place.
- 12. Describe what a thermal decomposition reaction is.
- 13. Identify the products and reactants in a chemical reaction using a word equation.
- 14. Write word equations for chemical reactions.

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LC1				
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Key Vocabulary

Tier 2

Relate, Identify, Memorise, Observe, Interpret

Tier 3

Atom, Molecule, Elements, Compounds, Mixtures, Products, Reactants



Year 7 Learning Journey Spring Term

Mixtures and Separation

Core knowledge

- 1. Name the three states of matter and give examples of each state.
- 2. Describe what suspensions and colloids are.
- 3. Classify mixtures as suspensions, colloids or solutions.
- 4. **Key Practical Skill**: Identify the apparatus needed to separate an insoluble solid from a liquid and describe the method you would use.
- 5. Draw diagrams to show the apparatus used to separate mixtures.
- 6. Define the terms 'saturation' and 'solubility' and investigate the effect of temperature on solubility.
- 7. **Key Practical Skill**: Identify the apparatus needed to separate a soluble solid from a liquid and describe the method you would use.
- 8. Identify hazards and risks associated with experiments and describe how to minimise the risk.
- 9. Describe what happens in evaporation and boiling and describe the differences between the two processes.
- 10. Use the process of paper chromatography to separate inks in a sample pen.
- 11. Describe how chromatography is used to separate inks and interpret a chromatogram.
- 12. Explain how distillation can be used to separate a solvent from a solution and give examples of where distillation is used.

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Key Vocabulary

Tier 2

Separate, Summarise, Suspend, Saturate, Solution

Tier 3

States, Matter, Separate, Chromatography, Distillation, Solvent, Solute, Solution