#### Year 6 – Term 3

# SCIENCE How responsible are we for our own health?



### **National Curriculum Links:**

Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.

Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.

Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

## **Essential Prior Learning:**

Our heart pumps our blood through our blood vessels in order to keep us alive.

Humans need to eat in order to get the nutrients we need as we cannot make our own food.

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## **Progression in Skill:**

Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat recordings when appropriate. Report and present findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentation.

# **Long-term Memory Knowledge:**

The heart pumps blood in the blood vessels around the body.

In the lungs, oxygen goes into the blood and carbon dioxide is removed.

Nutrients, water and oxygen are transported in the blood to the muscles and other parts of the body where they are needed.

Carbon dioxide is carried by the blood back to the heart and then the cycle starts again as it is transported back to the lungs to be removed from the body.

Diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle have an impact on the way our bodies function: a balance in each is needed to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Repeat measurements can give greater accuracy, reducing the possibility of random errors.

Key Vocabulary		
	made up of the heart, blood and	
	blood vessels; the body's delivery	
circulatory	system: delivering nutrients, water,	
system	and oxygen to the body's cells and	
	carrying away wastes (e.g., carbon	
	dioxide) that the cells produce	
blood vessel	a tubular structure carrying blood	
	through the tissues and organs; a	
	vein, artery, or capillary	
artery	A blood vessel which conveys	
	oxygenated blood from the heart to	
	all parts of the body	
vein	A blood vessel which carries oxygen-	
	depleted blood towards the heart	
heart rate	the number of times your heart	
	beats in a minute	
nutrient	a substance that provides	
	nourishment essential for the	
	maintenance of life and for growth	

capillary	tiny blood vessels that connect veins
	and arteries
heart valve	a flap that ensures blood flows in
	one direction only
ventricle	a main chamber in the heart
atrium	an upper cavity in the heart
clotting	When blood is exposed to the air, it
	coagulates to stop excessive
	bleeding.

Progression in Resources:	
Heart Rate Monitor	
Oximeter	

Relevance	
Now	Children understand there is a connection between our diet, exercise and lifestyle and our health; they begin to take responsibility for making healthier choices.
Future	As adults, children recognise what a healthy lifestyle consists of and can make appropriate choices for themselves and others in their family; they understand what their body feels like when it is healthy and can recognise changes that may require medical treatment.
Aspiration	A career in health and fitness is chosen – doctor, nutritionist, personal trainer, etc. or work in research, investigating why some people's bodies react differently to the same lifestyles, for example.