

SCIENCE

The Key Stage 3 Science Curriculum is studied for three years where learners are given the opportunities through investigations and research and to:

- Pursue independent enquiry.
- Use real-life examples as a basis for finding out about science.
- Study science in local, national, and global context and appreciate the connections between these.
- Use creativity and innovation in science.

All students study science at Fir Vale School. At Key Stage 3, students follow The Exploring Science Scheme of Work. This helps to develop their scientific skills and knowledge in preparation for their GCSE.

Year 7 pupils are placed into ability set classes. These classes are assessed rigorously throughout the year in Years 7, 8 and 9 to ensure accurate allocation of pupils. Assessment is based on end-of-topic tests, extended homeworks and scientific investigations.