Year 10	Substantive Knowledge	Disciplinary Knowledge	Assessment
Year 10 Half-term 1 Bonding and structure Organisation	C2 – Bonding, Structure and properties of Matter Describe the arrangement and movement of the particles in the three different states of matter. Describe why changes of state happen using ideas about particles, energy and bonding. Predict the physical state of a substance at a certain temperature when given information about its melting and boiling points. Describe the link between the melting and boiling points of materials and the strength of the bonds between their particles. Describe some limitations of the particle model.	 ✓ Application of substantive knowledge within different scenarios ✓ Problem solving ✓ Constructing explanations ✓ Analysing data and patterns ✓ Linking Science to real life application 	Assessment Exam style Assessment at the end of the unit Homework In class assessment
	 State what an ion is and describe how they are formed. State the charges on the ions of elements in groups 1,2, 6 and 7. Describe how an ionic bond forms. Draw dot and cross diagrams to show this. 		

Describe what an ionic compound
is made of and how these are
arranged.
Explain why ionic compounds
have high melting and boiling
points.
Explain why ionic compounds
only conduct electricity when
they are molten or in solution.
Describe what a covalent bond
is. Draw dot and cross diagrams
to show this.
Describe what a molecular
substance is.
Explain why they have low
melting and boiling points.
Describe what a polymer is. Draw
the symbol used to represent a
polymer.
Explain why polymers have higher
melting points than other
molecular substances.
Describe the structure of
diamond. Explain why diamond
has very high melting and boiling
points, is very hard, and does not
conduct electricity.
Describe the structure of silicon
dioxide. Explain why it has lower

melting and boiling points than diamond. Describe the structure of graphite. Explain why graphite has very high melting and boiling points, is soft, and does conduct electricity. Explain the properties of graphene using ideas about its structure and bonding. Describe what a fullerene is and give some examples of their uses. Deduce the chemical formula of a compound from a diagram of its structure. Describe the limitations of using dot and cross, ball and stick and two dimensional diagrams to represent ionic and covalent compounds. Describe the structure of metals. Explain why metals are good conductors of heat and electricity, have high melting and boiling points, and are malleable. Describe what an alloy is and explain why they are harder than most pure metals.	
 Describe what an alloy is and explain why they are harder than 	

Triple Science only. Describe what a nanoparticle is. State some of the concerns about using nanoparticles in modern technology (nanotechnology). • Evaluate the use of an example of nanotechnology when given appropriate information. AQA B2 - Organisation • State what metabolism means and the importance of enzymes to metabolism. • State what enzymes are and ✓ Application of substantive knowledge ☐ Exam style Assessment at the end of describe how they work (lock and within different scenarios the unit key model). ✓ Problem solving ☐ Homework • Explain how and why temperature and pH can affect ✓ Constructing explanations ☐ In class assessment the rate of enzyme activity. ✓ Analysing data and patterns Describe how to investigate the effect of changing the pH or ✓ Linking Science to real life application temperature on the activity of an enzyme. Describe a variety of cells, tissues and organs in plants and animals. Name and label the different organs in the digestive system.

communicable diseases. State examples of each type of disease.

Describe the functions and	
adaptations of each one. This	
includes the production and	
functions of amylase, proteases,	
lipases and bile.	
 Describe how to carry out the 	
food tests – starch, sugar and	
protein.	
Describe the organs in the human	
respiratory system including their	
functions and adaptations.	
 Describe the organs in the human 	
circulatory system including their	
functions and adaptations.	
 Name the four components of 	
human blood and describe the	
function of each.	
 Describe the adaptations of red 	
and white blood cells to their	
functions.	
 Describe the different types of 	
cardiovascular disease and	
treatments for each.	
 State what good health means 	
and different factors that can	
affect your health.	
 Describe the difference between 	
communicable and non-	

- State risk factors that can contribute to poor health and identify risk factors that have a proven causal mechanism for a disease.
 Identify a correlation between a risk factor and the incidence of a disease from a scatter diagram.
- Explain the importance of using an appropriate sample of the population to obtain scientific evidence linking a risk factor to a disease.
- Describe how different diseases can interact to cause further health problems.
- Explain the effects of certain life style choices on the incidence of non-communicable diseases within a population.
- Describe what cancer is and the difference between benign and malignant cells.
- Explain how the structures of different plant tissues are related to their functions.
- Describe the meaning of transpiration and explain what the transpiration stream is. State

	factors that can affect the rate of transpiration. Describe what translocation means and explain why translocation is necessary in plants		
Half-term 2 Electricity infection and response	 Name and label the different types of pathogens (viruses, bacteria, protists and fungi that cause diseases). State the different ways in which bacteria and viruses cause disease symptoms. Describe the different ways in which pathogens can be spread. Describe ways in which the spread of pathogens can be prevented. Describe the causes and symptoms of salmonella, gonorrhoea, rose black spot and malaria. 	 ✓ Application of substantive knowledge within different scenarios ✓ Problem solving ✓ Constructing explanations ✓ Analysing data and patterns ✓ Linking Science to real life application 	 □ Exam style Assessment at the end of the unit □ Homework □ In class assessment

State how the skin, nose, trachea,
bronchi and stomach protect
against pathogens.
Describe how white blood cells defend against not become
defend against pathogens.
Describe how can you become
immune to a disease by natural
processes.
Describe the process of
vaccination and explain how a
vaccine causes immunity.
State the benefits of herd
immunity.
State what antibiotics are.
State the causes and problems of
antibiotic resistance.
State the purpose of using pain
killers and anti-virals, and why
anti-viral drugs are difficult to
develop.
State the traditional sources of
digitalis, aspirin and penicillin.
Explain why new drugs must be
tested for toxicity, efficacy and
the correct dosage.
Explain why preclinical trials are
done and how they are done.
Explain why clinical trials are
done and how they are done.

P2 – Electricity

- Describe Charge and flow of charge, How it link to current and what is meant by 1 ampere?
- Describe Potential difference, resistance and current and how they are measured in a circuit
- Describe the relationship between PD, current and resistance (Ohm's law).
- Describe the practical procedure for investigating the relationship between current and voltage in bulbs, resistors and diodes.
- Know where to use different types of resistor and how the resistance changes.
- Know what different circuit symbols mean.
- Describe the difference between a series and a parallel circuit.
- Describe the practical procedure for investigating how changing either the length of a wire, or adding resistors in series or parallel, affects the overall resistance of a circuit.
- Describe why adding resistors in series increases overall resistance

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but adding resistors in parallel	
decreases overall resistance.	
 Describe the energy transfers 	
that take place in some common	
electrical appliances.	
Use power ratings to calculate	
the work done by electrical	
appliances.	
Describe the different ways of	
generating mains electricity with	
pros and cons of each.	
Describe the difference between	
direct PD and alternating PD.	
Describe the structure of the	
national grid, including the	
reasons why transformers are	
used.	
Describe the three core cable and	
mains electricity in the UK	
Explain why the live wire remains	
dangerous even when an	
appliance is switched off.	
Explain in terms of PD and	
current what happens when	
someone receives an electric	
shock.	
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	 Describe what is meant by static charge. Describe how and why an object becomes charged. Describe and draw the electric field around a charged object. Describe and explain the forces that act on an object placed in an electric field. Explain why sparking might occur between two objects. 		
Half-term 3	B4 – Bioenergetics		
Bioenergetics Quantitative Chem change (runs into HT4 by up to 2 weeks)	 State examples of molecules made during metabolism (starch, glycogen, cellulose, lipids, proteins) and name the smaller molecules that each one is made of. Describe how the body breaks down and excretes excess protein. Describe what cellular respiration is and explain why it is vital to all types of life. Explain why cellular respiration is important to metabolism. 	 ✓ Application of substantive knowledge within different scenarios ✓ Problem solving ✓ Constructing explanations ✓ Analysing data and patterns ✓ Linking Science to real life application 	 □ Exam style Assessment at the end of the unit □ Homework □ In class assessment

Describe aerobic respiration and	
state where it takes place.	
Recall the word and chemical	
equations for aerobic respiration.	
Describe anaerobic	
respiration. State where it takes	
place.	
Recall the word equation for	
anaerobic respiration.	
Compare aerobic with anaerobic	
respiration in terms of the	
quantity of oxygen used and the	
energy and products produced.	
Describe anaerobic respiration in	
bacteria and yeast cells	
(fermentation).	
State examples of how we make	
use of this.	
Recall the word equation for	
fermentation.	
Describe and explain the effects	
of increasing the rate of exercise	
on the rate of respiration in	
muscle cells.	
Describe what oxygen debt	
means and how the body corrects	
this.	
Describe photosynthesis. State	
where it takes place.	

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Recall the word and chemical		
equations for photosynthesis.		
Measure and calculate the rate of		
photosynthesis in a plant.		
State the useful product of		
photosynthesis.		
Describe four or more ways that		
plants use this chemical.		
Explain why plants need to		
absorb nitrate ions from the soil.		
Describe how to investigate the		
effect of light intensity on the		
rate of photosynthesis in		
pondweed.		
State the factors that can affect		
the rate of photosynthesis.		
 Explain why these different 		
factors affect the rate of		
photosynthesis.		
Recognise limiting factors when		
given a graph showing the rate of		
photosynthesis.		
 Use the inverse square law to 		
predict how doubling the		
distance from a light will affect		
the rate of photosynthesis in a		
plant.		
Apply knowledge of how limiting		
factors work to describe how to		

grow crop plants in a greenhouse in the most economical way. C3 – Quantitative Chemistry Describe the law of conservation of mass. Explain why chemical equations must be balanced. State what Mr is and how to calculate it when given a chemical formula. State the value for Avagadro's constant and Describe what Avagadro's constant tells you. Calculate the numbers of different atoms in a compound when given the number of mols of the compound.	 ✓ Application of substantive knowledge within different scenarios ✓ Problem solving ✓ Constructing explanations ✓ Analysing data and patterns ✓ Linking Science to real life application 	 Exam style Assessment at the end of the unit Homework In class assessment

Convert the given masses of
chemicals in a reaction to mols
and then use the ratio of moles to
balance the equation.
Describe what is meant by a
reactant that is 'in excess' and a
reactant that is 'limiting'.
Calculate the mass of a specified
product when given the masses
of the reactants and the balanced
chemical equation for the
reaction.
Describe the circumstances
needed for an apparent loss of
mass to happen during a chemical
reaction. Describe in terms of
atoms or molecules why mass
seems to be lost under these
circumstances.
Describe what concentration
means and state the unit for
concentration.
Recall and use the mathematical
formula linking mass,
concentration and volume.
Describe in terms of the mass of
the solute, and the volume of the
solvent, how to increase or

decrease the concentration solution.	f a	
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 Use theoretical and actual y to calculate the percentage of a chemical reaction. Give reasons why chemical reactions never have a 1009 yield. Describe what atom economic means. Calculate the atom economic chemical reaction. Justify why a particular chemical reaction. Justify why a particular chemical reaction. Calculate the given appropriate information about the reaction in mol/dm3 when good appropriate information. Calculate the concentration unknown solution by using good given about another solution it fully reacts with. 	ireld / of a ical ate on fa / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /	

 State the volume of 1 mol of a gas at room temperature and pressure. Calculate the volume of a gas when given its Mr and mass. Use balanced chemical equations and other given data to calculate the volume of a gas involved in the reaction. 		
 Describe oxidation and reduction in terms of loss or gain of oxygen, and describe what happens during a redox reaction. Describe oxidation and reduction in terms of loss or gain of electrons, and describe what happens during a redox reaction. Explain why some metals form ions more easily than others and link this to the reactivity of metals. Write word equations for the reactions of a variety of metals with water, sulfuric acid and hydrochloric acid. 	 ✓ Application of substantive knowledge within different scenarios ✓ Problem solving ✓ Constructing explanations ✓ Analysing data and patterns ✓ Linking Science to real life application 	 Exam style Assessment at the end of the unit Homework In class assessment

reaction. Include the relevant

 Explain how displacement reactions be used to compare th 	e	
reactivity of two different		
metals. Give an example and		
write an ionic equation to		
represent it.		
 Describe the reactions between 		
an acid and (a) an alkali (b) a bas	e	
and (c) a metal carbonate.		
 Name the salts produced by 		
hydrochloric, sulfuric and nitric		
acids.		
Name the salt produced by a		
reaction when given the names	of	
the reactants.		
Deduce the formula of a salt		
when given the ions that react to		
produce it		
Describe the practical procedure		
for preparing a pure, dry sample		
of a salt.		
State the aqueous ions produced buggide and bugglish		
by acids and by alkalis.		
Describe the difference between strong asid and a consentrate		
a strong acid and a concentrated acid.		
Describe what happens to the		
ions produced by the acid and		
alkali during a neutralisation		
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chemical equation tha	shows		
this.			
Describe ways to iden	fy the pH		
of a solution.			
Describe the pH scale	nd how it		
links to the concentration	on of the		
ions in the solution.			
Describe what electro	rtes are		
and why are they able			
electricity.			
State what forms at each state what forms at each state what forms at each state when the s	ch		
electrode during the e			
of a molten compound	-		
State what could form			
electrode during the e	ectrolysis		
of an aqueous solution	-		
rules for what forms a			
electrode.			
Identify which chemic	l species		
are reduced and which	are		
oxidised at the electro	les during		
electrolysis.			
Write balanced half ed	uations for		
the formation of the fo	llowing		
substances at the elec	rodes		
during electrolysis: Wa	ter,		
Hydrogen, Chlorine, Zi	ıc.		
Predicting the product	s of the		
electrolysis of an aque	ous		
solution.			

	 Explain why different types of metal require different methods to extract them from their ores. Describe how aluminium is extracted from its ore. Include details of why a mixture is used as the electrolyte and why the positively charged electrode must be continually replaced. 		
	 Describe the procedure for carrying out a titration. Using titration to calculate the concentration of an unknown acid or alkali. Calculate the concentration of an unknown acid or alkali in mol/dm3 or g/dm3 from the results of a titration experiment. 		
Half-term 4 Energy change	C5 – Energy changes • Describe exothermic and endothermic reactions in terms	 ✓ Application of substantive knowledge within different scenarios ✓ Problem solving 	Exam style Assessment at the end of the unitHomework

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particle model	of the temperature change of the surroundings. State examples of exothermic and endothermic reactions. Investigate how a chosen variable affects the temperature change in a chemical reaction. Describe what the activation energy in a chemical reaction means. Draw energy level diagrams to represent exothermic and endothermic reactions. State whether energy is released or absorbed when bonds are broken. State whether energy is released or absorbed when bonds are formed. Describe exothermic and endothermic reactions in terms of the energy involved in breaking and making bonds. Explain how to use the different energy values involved in the breaking of bonds and the forming of bonds to calculate the overall energy change during a chemical reaction. Use diagrams showing the bonds in the reactants and products, as well as information about bond	✓ Constructing explanations ✓ Analysing data and patterns ✓ Linking Science to real life application	□ In class assessment

energy, to calculate the energy change during a chemical reaction and decide whether it was exothermic or endothermic. Triple Science only. Know the structure of a simple cell and battery. Describe the factors that affect the voltage supplied by a cell. Describe why alkaline batteries are non-rechargeable but other types of battery can be recharged. Give a simple description of how a hydrogen fuel cell works. Evaluate the use of a hydrogen fuel cell compared to other types of cell. Write half equations for the reactions that take place at the electrodes in a hydrogen fuel cell.		
 P3- particle model Describe Internal energy- What is it? List the three states of matter in order of internal energy. 	 ✓ Application of substantive knowledge within different scenarios ✓ Problem solving ✓ Constructing explanations 	 Exam style Assessment at the end of the unit Homework In class assessment

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 Draw simple diagrams to represent the particles in the three states of matter. Describe the arrangement and movement of particles in the three states of matter. Describe and calculate specific heat capacity. Describe and calculate specific latent heat (fusion and vaporisation). Interpret graphs showing the temperature of a substance during heating and changes of state. Describe and calculate density. Describe the practical procedure for calculating the density of either a regularly shaped or an irregularly shaped object. Explain how the motion of the particles of a gas are related to both its temperature and pressure. Explain the relationship between 	✓ Analysing data and patterns ✓ Linking Science to real life application
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	 Explain why increasing the volume of a gas at a fixed temperature causes a decrease in pressure. Mathematically calculate pressure or volume changes in gases when given appropriate information. Describe how work is done on a gas and explain the effect this has on the temperature of the gas. End of year exam prep for full paper 1 Bio, Chem, Phys 		
Half-term 5	P4- Atomic structure		
Atomic structure Chemical Analysis	 Describe the basic structure of an atom and use given data to draw one. State the typical sizes of an atom and a nucleus. Describe what an isotope is. Describe the history of the atomic model and explain why the model has changed over time. 	 ✓ Application of substantive knowledge within different scenarios ✓ Problem solving ✓ Constructing explanations ✓ Analysing data and patterns ✓ Linking Science to real life application 	 Exam style Assessment at the end of the unit Homework In class assessment

 Describe what ionisation me 	ans	
and why it happens.		
 Explain why some isotopes 	re	
radioactive (radioisotopes).		
Describe what nuclear deca	,	
means.		
Give different examples of		
nuclear radiation		
For Alpha radiation- describ	e the	
structure and properties an		
to write a balanced decay		
equation.		
For Beta radiation- describe	the	
structure and properties an		
to write a balanced decay		
equation.		
For Gamma radiation- description	he	
the structure and propertie		
Describe how to measure the properties.		
activity and count rate of a		
radioactive source.		
Be able to convert count rai	into	
activity (Bq).		
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 Describe what is meant by life. 	all	
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Link the concept of half life random nature of radioactic		
random nature of radioactiv	e	
decay.		

- Calculate the half life of a radioisotope when given appropriate information.
- Calculate the decline in the activity of a radioisotope as a ratio after a specified number of half lives.
- Describe what radiation dose means and compare the hazards of irradiation and contamination.
- Describe some precautions that can be taken to reduce the risk of irradiation.

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- Describe the meaning of background radiation and state several sources.
- Give reasons why different people receive different doses of background radiation.
- Explain why the hazard associated with a radioisotope depends on its half life.
- Evaluate the risk of using nuclear radiation in medicine to explore internal organs or destroy unwanted tissue.

 Describe the process of nuclear fission. Draw and interpret diagrams showing nuclear fission, including the possibility of a chain reaction. Explain how nuclear fission is used and controlled to produce energy in a nuclear reactor. Describe the process of nuclear fusion. C8- Chemical analysis		
 Describe what is meant by a 'pure substance'. Use data about mp and bp to distinguish pure substances from impure substances. Describe what a 'formulation' is and give examples of useful formulations. Explain in detail how paper chromatography separates mixtures. Explain how chromatography can be used to identify pure and impure substances. Interpret chromatograms and use them to calculate Rf values. 	 ✓ Application of substantive knowledge within different scenarios ✓ Problem solving ✓ Constructing explanations ✓ Analysing data and patterns ✓ Linking Science to real life application 	 Exam style Assessment at the end of the unit Homework In class assessment

 Using paper chromatography to separate colours and calculate Rf values. Describe how to test for the presence of Hydrogen, Oxygen, Carbon dioxide and Chlorine. 	
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 Identify different metal ions using the results of flame tests. Describe the precipitate formed when sodium hydroxide reacts with a range of different ions Write balanced equations to represent the reactions that produce the precipitates. Describe the test used to identify Carbonate ions, Halide ions and Sulfate ions. Using a range of chemical tests to identify ions in solution. State advantages of instrumental methods for detecting the presence of ions over the simpler tests described in this topic. Describe how the instrumental method called flame emissions spectroscopy works. 	

Half-term 6			
Ecology	<u>B7 – Ecology</u>		
	 Describe what an ecosystem is. Describe the different levels of organisation in an ecosystem. State the things that plants compete for, and that animals compete for in a community. Describe several different examples of interdependence in a community. Describe what a stable community is. State different abiotic factors in an ecosystem and predict the effects on the a community if any of these change. State different biotic factors in an ecosystem and predict the effects on the a community if any of these change. Describe the three possible ways in which organisms can be adapted to survive in their habitat. Use sampling techniques to investigate the numbers and distribution of an organism. 	 ✓ Application of substantive knowledge within different scenarios ✓ Problem solving ✓ Constructing explanations ✓ Analysing data and patterns ✓ Linking Science to real life application 	□ Exam style Assessment at the end of the unit □ Homework □ In class assessment

Describe what food chains and	
food webs show.	
 Describe the meanings of 	
'producer', and 'primary',	
'secondary' and 'tertiary'	
consumers.	
Explain why predator and prey	
numbers rise and fall in cycles.	
Describe how the carbon cycle	
shows the recycling of carbon in	
the environment.	
Describe how the water cycle	
shows the recycling of water in	
the environment.	
Describe the role of microbes in	
recycling materials in the	
environment.	
Describe the meaning of	
'biodiversity' and give reasons	
why biodiversity is important.	
Explain why pollution levels are	
increasing and give three	
examples of how pollution can	
occur.	
State different ways in which	
humans reduce the amount of	
land available to wildlife.	
 Describe the negative impacts of 	
peat bog destruction.	

- Describe the main reasons for large scale deforestation and the environmental consequences of this.
- Describe why global warming is happening, why most scientists are sure that it is caused by humans, and some of the biological consequences of it.
- Describe five programmes that have been put in place to reduce the negative effect of human impact on ecosystems and biodiversity.

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- Describe how variations in temperature, water and oxygen can affect the rate of decay.
- Explain why gardeners try to achieve the optimum levels for decay.
- Describe how decay can be used in a biogas generator.
- Investigate the effect of temperature on the rate of decay of fresh milk.

factors that are a threat to it.

 Explain how and why environmental changes can affect the distribution of species in an 	
ecosystem.	
 Describe the four trophic levels 	
found in food chains.	
 Describe how decomposers break 	
down dead plant and animal	
matter.	
 Describe what a pyramid of 	
biomass shows.	
 State the typical percentage 	
values of both the energy	
transferred by plants from	
sunlight and between each	
trophic level in a food chain.	
 Construct a pyramid of biomass 	
when provided with appropriate	
data.	
 Explain why only a small proportion of biomass is passed 	
from one trophic level to the	
next.	
Explain the impact that the loss of	
biomass has on the numbers of	
organisms found at each trophic	
level in a food chain.	
Describe what is meant by food	
security and state some biological	

 Describe how the efficiency of farming animals for food is increased and explain why this is an ethical issue. Describe some of the steps that have been taken to improve the sustainability of fisheries. Describe some applications of biotechnology that are being used to help provide food to the growing world population 		
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Year 11	Substantive Knowledge	Disciplinary Knowledge	Assessment
Half term 1 Rates and homeostasis	 State two ways to calculate a mean rate of reaction. Select the appropriate units for measuring the rate of a reaction. Calculate the mean rate of a reaction using numerical data or a graph. Calculate the rate of a reaction at a specific time by using the gradient of a tangent Describe how five different factors affect rate of reaction. Explain collision theory and link this to rate of reaction. Use collision theory to explain why each factor (except a catalyst) affects rate of reaction. Explain why catalysts increase rate of reaction and label this on an energy level diagram. Investigate how changing the concentration of a reactant affects the rate of a reaction. State what a reversible reaction is and be able to draw the symbol representing this. 	 ✓ Application of substantive knowledge within different scenarios ✓ Problem solving ✓ Constructing explanations ✓ Analysing data and patterns ✓ Linking Science to real life application 	□ Exam style Assessment at the end of the unit □ Homework □ In class assessment

 Describe the energy changes that can take place in a reversible reaction. Explain what equilibrium means and describe the condition required for equilibrium. Use Le Chatelier's principle to predict and explain the effects on the equilibrium position if there is a change to the concentration of a reactant or product, temperature or pressure. B5 – Homeostasis 		
 Describe the meaning of homeostasis. State three conditions in the human body that are controlled by homeostasis. Describe the three features of a control system. Compare nervous responses to chemical responses. Describe the structure of the nervous system and how it is adapted to its function. Describe what a reflex action is and explain why reflex actions are important. 	 ✓ Application of substantive knowledge within different scenarios ✓ Problem solving ✓ Constructing explanations ✓ Analysing data and patterns ✓ Linking Science to real life application 	 Exam style Assessment at the end of the unit Homework In class assessment

 List the steps in a reflex arc in the correct order. State the functions of sensory, relay and motor neurons. Describe what a synapse is and how the nerve impulse passes from neuron to neuron. Investigating the effect of a factor 	
relay and motor neurons. • Describe what a synapse is and how the nerve impulse passes from neuron to neuron.	
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from neuron to neuron.	
Investigating the effect of a factor	
on human reaction time.	J
Describe generally how glands,	
hormones and target organs work	
together.	
Identify the position of the major	
glands in the human body.	
Describe the role of the pituitary	
gland and explain why it is called	
the master gland.	
Describe how the homeostasis of	
glucose works.	
Describe the causes and	
treatments of both type 1 and	
type 2 diabetes.	
Describe what happens when	
blood glucose concentration	
drops too low.	
Describe how the negative	
feedback cycle between insulin	
and glucagon controls blood	
glucose levels.	

 Describe the roles of oestrogen and testosterone. State the glands that produce LH, FSH, oestrogen and progesterone. Describe the roles of LH, FSH, oestrogen and progesterone in the menstrual cycle. Describe the interactions of LH, FSH, oestrogen and progesterone in the menstrual cycle. Explain how a variety of hormonal and non-hormonal methods of contraception work. Describe positive and negative aspects for each different form of contraception. Describe how hormonal treatment and IVF can be used to treat infertility. 	
treatment and IVF can be used to	
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 Identify key areas of the brain on 	
a diagram and describe what each	
area is responsible for.	
 Explain the difficulties of 	
investigating some areas of brain	
function, or of treating brain	
diseases or damage.	
 Describe how neuroscientists 	
have been able to map some	
areas of brain function.	
 Label a diagram of the eye. 	
 Describe the functions of each 	
part of the eye.	
 Describe the process of 	
accommodation in the eye and	
explain how it allows the eye to	
focus on near and far objects.	
 Describe the conditions of myopia 	
and hyperopia.	
 Describe how these eye 	
conditions can be treated.	
 Interpret ray diagrams showing 	
these two conditions and	
demonstrate how spectacle	
lenses correct them.	
 Describe how body temperature 	
is monitored.	
 Describe how homeostasis causes 	
the body to respond to both an	

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	increase and a decrease in its
	temperature.
•	Explain how these responses lead
	to either an increase or a
	decrease in the temperature of
	the body.
•	Explain in terms of osmosis why
	the concentration of ions in the
	blood is important to cell
	function.
•	Describe how water, ions and
	urea are lost by the skin, lungs
	and kidneys.
•	Describe how and why the liver
	removes excess amino acids from
	the blood.
•	Describe how the kidneys
	produce urine and understand
	why the contents of urine are not
	always the same.
•	Describe the effect of the
	hormone ADH on the
	permeability of kidney tubules.
•	Explain how the pituitary gland
	and kidneys work together in the
	process of water homeostasis.
•	Describe how kidney transplants
	or dialysis can be used to treat
	patients with kidney failure.

	 Describe how plant hormones cause both phototropism and geotropism. Describe the roles of gibberellins and ethene in plants. Investigate the effects of light or gravity on the growth of newly germinated seedlings. Describe how plant hormones are used in the agricultural, horticultural and food industries. 		
Half term 2 Organic and Forces	 Describe how crude oil was formed and why it is a finite resource. Describe what crude oil is composed of. Describe the meanings of 'hydrocarbon' and 'alkane'. State the general formula used for the alkanes in the homologous series. Know the names and formulae of the first four hydrocarbons in the homologous series. Describe what a 'fraction' means in relation to crude oil. 	 ✓ Application of substantive knowledge within different scenarios ✓ Problem solving ✓ Constructing explanations ✓ Analysing data and patterns ✓ Linking Science to real life application 	 Exam style Assessment at the end of the unit Homework In class assessment

	State a variety of uses for the	
•	State a variety of uses for the fractions separated out from	
	crude oil.	
	Explain how fractional distillation	
	is used to separate crude oil into	
	fractions.	
•	Describe the properties of	
	hydrocarbons that are affected by	
	increasing molecule length.	
•	Link the properties of	
	hydrocarbons to how appropriate	
	they would be to use as fuels.	
•	Write word and balanced	
	chemical equations for the	
	combustion of hydrocarbons.	
•	Describe the meaning of	
	'cracking' in relation to	
	hydrocarbons.	
•	Describe the processes of	
	catalytic cracking and steam	
	cracking.	
•	State the products of cracking and their uses.	
	Give examples of why cracking is	
	a useful process in modern	
	society.	
	Describe how to test for the	
	presence of an alkene.	
	Balance a given chemical	
	equation for cracking.	
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carboxylic acid molecules. State the chemical formula of each. Know why carboxylic acids are examples of weak acids. Describe what happens during addition polymerisation. Describe how to recognise an addition polymer when shown the monomers that is has been made from. Draw a diagram to show the process of addition polymerisation. Describe what happens during condensation polymerisation. Describe what happens during the condensation polymerisation of amino acids. Name the monomers that make up DNA, proteins, starch and cellulose		
<u>P5 – Forces</u>	 ✓ Application of substantive knowledge within different scenarios 	Exam style Assessment at the end of the unit
Give definitions for, and examples	✓ Problem solving	☐ Homework
of, contact and non-contact forces.	✓ Constructing explanations	☐ In class assessment
Give definitions for, and examples	✓ Analysing data and patterns	
of, vector and scalar quantities.	✓ Linking Science to real life application	

•	Represent vector quantities on a
	diagram by using arrows of an
	appropriate length and direction.
•	Describe the relationship
	between gravity, mass and
	weight.
•	Describe what is meant by an
	object's centre of mass.
•	Describe what is meant by a
	'resultant force'.
•	Calculate the resultant of two
	forces acting in a straight line.
•	Describe Newton's first law and
	the effect of resultant forces on
	motion.
•	Describe Newton's second law.
•	Calculate acceleration using
	information about mass and
	velocity.
•	Explain why terminal velocity is
	reached by objects moving in a
	fluid (eg air or water).
•	Investigate the effect of varying
	either the resultant force or the
	mass on the acceleration of an
	object.
•	Describe Newton's third law and
	how this leads to movement.
•	Calculate the work done by a
	force on a moving object.
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	Describe why a joule can also be called a newton metre.
	Describe the meaning of spring
	constant.
	Describe the difference between
	elastic and inelastic deformation.
	Calculate the spring constant of a
	spring from given data or a graph
	of force vs extension.
	Investigate the relationship
	between force and extension in a
	spring.
	Describe the difference between
	distance and displacement.
	Describe the difference between
	speed and velocity.
	State the typical speeds for
	walking, running cycling, other
	vehicles and sound.
	Describe the difference between
	average speed and instantaneous
	speed.
	Collect data about distance and
	time to calculate the average
	speed of a moving object.
	Draw and interpret distance/time
	graphs and use the gradient of
	the line to calculate the speed.
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	 Draw and interpret velocity/time graphs and use the gradient of the line to calculate acceleration. Describe what thinking distance, breaking distance and stopping distance mean. State the typical range of reaction times of a human being. Evaluate the effectiveness of different methods of measuring human reaction time. State several factors that can affect thinking distance. State several factors that can affect braking distance. Describe the energy transfer that takes place as a vehicle's brakes reduce its speed. Explain why large deceleration caused by brakes can be dangerous. 		
Half term 3 Inheritance, Waves and magnetism	Describe the differences between sexual and asexual reproduction.	 ✓ Application of substantive knowledge within different scenarios ✓ Problem solving 	Exam style Assessment at the end of the unit

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 Use punnet square diagrams to 		
calculate the probability of		
inheriting a particular phenotype.		
State examples of characteristics		
controlled by a single gene or by		
multiple genes.		
Know the causes and symptoms		
of polydactyly and cystic fibrosis.		
Describe embryo screening and		
state some of its positive and		
negative aspects.		
Describe the inheritance of		
gender in humans.		
Describe the causes of variation		
in living organisms.		
Describe how mutation leads to		
genetic variation.		
Explain why mutations rarely lead		
to evolution even though they		
happen all of the time.		
 Describe the meaning of 'species'. 		
Explain how evolution by natural		
selection works to create a new		
species.		
Describe how selective breeding		
is carried out.		
State some uses and drawbacks		
of selective breeding.		

•	Describe the meaning of 'genetic engineering'.
•	Describe the steps in the genetic
	engineering process.
•	State some uses and concerns
	about genetic engineering.
•	Describe how the fossil record
	and antibiotic resistant bacteria
	are evidence of evolution.
•	State three different examples of
	fossil types.
•	State two reasons why the fossil
	record is incomplete.
•	Describe the meaning of
	'extinction' and some factors that
	lead to extinction.
•	Explain why bacteria can evolve
	quickly.
•	Describe how bacteria become
	resistant to antibiotics.
•	State three ways to reduce the
	rate at which bacteria are
	becoming resistant.
•	Explain why scientists can't easily
	make new antibiotics to tackle
	the problem.
•	Describe how Linnaeus classified
	living organisms.

- Explain why this was eventually rejected and replaced with the three domain system.
- Describe the meaning of 'extremophile' and give some examples.
- Use evolutionary trees to decide how closely related different living organisms are.

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- Describe in detail the structure of DNA in terms of nucleotides.
- Describe the difference between coding and non-coding DNA.
- Describe the process of protein synthesis.
- Describe the roles of ribosomes and carrier molecules in protein synthesis.
- Explain why different genes code for different proteins.
- Explain why the correct amino acids sequence in a protein is important to its final, folded structure.
- Explain why a change in the base sequence of a gene (mutation) in

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coding DNA can lead to a change in the protein that the gene codes for, but does not always do so Describe the possible effect of a mutation in non-coding DNA. Describe the cloning processes and uses of tissue culture, cuttings, embryo transplants and adult cell cloning. Describe how Charles Darwin developed his Theory of Natural Selection, and the influence of Alfred Russell Wallace on Darwin's work. Explain why it took a very long time for Darwin's theory to be accepted by the scientific community Describe the process of speciation. Describe the work of Gregor Mendel and his conclusions. Describe specific stages in the development of our understanding of genetics since the discoveries of Mendel.

P6 – Waves ✓ Application of substantive knowledge Describe what a wave does in within different scenarios terms of energy and matter. ☐ Exam style Assessment at the end of Describe the difference between Problem solving the unit a longitudinal and a transverse ✓ Constructing explanations wave. Homework Give examples of longitudinal and ✓ Analysing data and patterns ☐ In class assessment transverse waves. • Use the wave equation to ✓ Linking Science to real life application calculate the speed of a wave. Measure the frequency, wavelength and wave speed of waves in water and solids. Describe what is meant by an electromagnetic wave. • Explain why atoms can produce electromagnetic waves. State the properties common to all types of electromagnetic wave. • List the different electromagnetic waves in the order they are found in the electromagnetic spectrum. Place the electromagnetic waves in order of either wavelength, frequency or energy transferred. Describe what is meant by radiation dose and state the factors that it depends on.

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 Explain why high energy 		
electromagnetic waves are		
hazardous.		
State uses of each type of		
electromagnetic wave.		
 Explain why each type of 		
electromagnetic wave is suitable		
for its uses.		
 Describe how radio signals are 		
produced and received during		
communication.		
 Describe the meanings of absorb, 		
transmit, reflect and refract.		
Explain what happens to an		
object in terms of energy when it		
absorbs an electromagnetic wave.		
Give examples of how different		
materials absorb, reflect and emit		
radiation of different		
wavelengths.		
 Investigate the amount of 		
infrared radiation absorbed or		
emitted by different surfaces.		
 Draw a ray diagram to show how 		
a light ray is refracted as it passes		
through a clear plastic block.		
 Explain in terms of wavelength 		
and wave speed why the		
refraction of waves takes place.		

Draw a wave front diagram to show the refraction of a wave as it crosses a boundary.	
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 Construct a ray diagram to show the reflection of a wave at a surface. Investigate the reflection and refraction of light by different surfaces and substances. Describe how a sound wave travels through a solid material. Describe what happens when a sound wave in air reaches a solid surface such as the ear drum. Explain why human hearing is limited to a certain frequency range. State this frequency range. Describe how ultrasound and echo location techniques work Describe the two different types of seismic waves. Explain how seismic waves have been used to reveal the internal structure of the Earth. State the difference between a concave and a convex lens. 	

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•	Draw the symbols used to represent concave and convex lenses. Explain how both types of lens form an image.		
•	Draw labelled ray diagrams to show light rays passing through both types of lens.		
•	Identify an image as being either real or virtual.		
•	Calculate the magnification produced by a lens.		
•	Describe the difference between specular reflection and diffuse reflection (scattering).		
•	Explain in terms of absorption and reflection why different objects have a variety of colours.		
•	Explain in terms of absorption and transmission how colour filters work.		
•	Describe the link between an object's temperature and how much infrared radiation it emits.		
•	Describe what is meant by a perfect black body.		
•	Interpret diagrams to explain how the balance of incoming radiation absorbed and emitted affects the temperature of the Earth's surface and atmosphere.		

P7 – Magnetism and Electromagnets ✓ Application of substantive knowledge Describe what is meant by a magnetic field. within different scenarios ☐ Exam style Assessment at the end of Explain how to use a plotting ✓ Problem solving the unit compass to plot a magnetic field around a bar magnet. ✓ Constructing explanations ☐ Homework Draw and label a diagram to show ✓ Analysing data and patterns ☐ In class assessment the magnetic field around a bar magnet. Explain the difference in the force ✓ Linking Science to real life application of magnetism at different positions in a magnetic field. Describe the difference between a permanent magnet and an induced magnet. Describe what possible outcomes happen when both a permanent magnet and an induced magnet are placed near to another permanent magnet. Explain how magnetic compasses provide evidence that the Earth's core is magnetic. Describe the magnetic field produced by a straight wire when a current flows through the wire.

- Use Fleming's right hand rule to deduce the direction of the magnetic field around a straight wire.
- Describe what a solenoid is, and how to convert a solenoid to an electromagnet.
- Draw and label a diagram to show the magnetic field around a solenoid.
- State three ways in which the strength of an electromagnet can be increased.
- Explain how a current carrying conductor (eg wire) moves by the motor effect.
- State three factors that increase the size of the force on the conductor during the motor effect.
- Apply a given equation to calculate values in questions involving the motor effect.
- Use Fleming's left hand rule to answer questions involving the motor effect.
- Use the motor effect to explain the rotation of a wire

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• Interpret diagrams to deduce how electromagnetic devices work.

- Use the motor effect to explain how loudspeakers and headphones work.
- Explain how a magnet can be used to induce a potential difference in a wire.
- State factors that affect the size of the induced potential difference.
- State factors that affect the direction of the induced potential difference.
- Explain how the generator effect is used in dynamos.
- Draw and interpret graphs showing the potential difference generated against time.
- Use the generator effect to explain how a microphone works.
- Describe the structure of a transformer.
- Explain how an alternating potential difference is induced in the secondary coil of a transformer.
- Explain why transformers can only work if the input current is alternating not direct.
- Explain how the ratio of primary coils to secondary coils changes the potential difference in a transformer.

	 Use a given equation to complete calculations relating to potential difference changes in transformers. Calculate the output power of a transformer and use this value to calculate the input current. Explain how the reduced output current of a step up transformer improves the efficiency of energy transfer in the national grid. 		
Half term 4 Chemical Analysis, Chem of atmosphere and using resources	 C8- Chemical analysis Describe what is meant by a 'pure substance'. Use data about mp and bp to distinguish pure substances from impure substances. Describe what a 'formulation' is and give examples of useful formulations. Explain in detail how paper chromatography separates mixtures. Explain how chromatography can be used to identify pure and impure substances. Interpret chromatograms and use them to calculate Rf values. 	 ✓ Application of substantive knowledge within different scenarios ✓ Problem solving ✓ Constructing explanations ✓ Analysing data and patterns ✓ Linking Science to real life application 	 Exam style Assessment at the end of the unit Homework In class assessment

	 Using paper chromatography to separate colours and calculate Rf values. Describe how to test for the presence of Hydrogen, Oxygen, Carbon dioxide and Chlorine. 	
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	 Identify different metal ions using the results of flame tests. Describe the precipitate formed when sodium hydroxide reacts with a range of different ions Write balanced equations to represent the reactions that produce the precipitates. Describe the test used to identify Carbonate ions, Halide ions and Sulfate ions. Using a range of chemical tests to identify ions in solution. State advantages of instrumental methods for detecting the presence of ions over the simpler tests described in this topic. Describe how the instrumental method called flame emissions spectroscopy works. 	

C9 – Chemistry of the atmosphere ✓ Application of substantive knowledge ☐ Exam style Assessment at the end of • Describe the composition of the atmosphere for the last 200 within different scenarios the unit million years. Problem solving ■ Homework Explain why evidence for the earliest atmosphere of the Earth ✓ Constructing explanations ☐ In class assessment is limited. ✓ Analysing data and patterns Describe the changes to the atmosphere in the first billion ✓ Linking Science to real life application years of the Earth's existence. Explain why nitrogen levels then increased and carbon dioxide levels decreased. State when algae and plants evolved and describe their impact on the atmosphere. Describe how limestone, coal, crude oil and natural gas were formed. Explain the effects of their formation on the composition of the atmosphere. Name three different greenhouse gases. Describe the greenhouse effect in terms of the interaction of short and long wavelength radiation with matter. Explain why greenhouse gases are essential to all life on Earth.

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Describe two human activities that increase the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere.		
Describe two human activities that increase the amount of methane in the atmosphere.		
 Explain why peer reviewed evidence has been important in climate change science. 		
 Explain why the evidence for climate change is still uncertain. 		
 Describe four potential effects of global climate change. 		
Describe the scale, risk and environmental implications of global climate change.		
Describe what is meant by the term 'carbon footprint'.		
Describe some actions that can be taken to reduce a carbon footprint.		
 Give reasons why these actions may be limited. 		
State some sources of atmospheric pollutants.		
State the names of the major atmospheric pollutants.		
Describe how carbon monoxide, soot (carbon particulates), sulfur dioxide and oxides of nitrogen are produced by burning fuels.		
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 Predict the products of combustion of a fuel given appropriate information about the composition of the fuel and the conditions in which it is used. Describe and explain the problems caused by carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide and particulates. 		
 State the major uses of resources by humans. State the uses of resources obtained naturally or by agriculture. State the uses of resources obtained from the Earth, oceans or atmosphere. State examples of natural products that are supplemented or replaced by agricultural and synthetic products. Distinguish between finite and renewable resources when given appropriate information. Describe what 'potable water' is. Describe the process of producing potable water in countries with plenty of rainfall. 	 ✓ Application of substantive knowledge within different scenarios ✓ Problem solving ✓ Constructing explanations ✓ Analysing data and patterns ✓ Linking Science to real life application 	 □ Exam style Assessment at the end of the unit □ Homework □ In class assessment

 Describe how desalination can be 	
used to produce potable water in	
other countries.	
Analysis and purification of	
different water samples.	
Describe how sewage and	
agricultural waste water are	
treated.	
Describe how industrial waste	
water is treated.	
Explain why alternative methods	
of extracting metals are becoming	
increasingly necessary.	
Describe how phytomining and	
bioleaching can be used to obtain	
metal compounds.	
Describe ways in which the metal	
compounds can be processed to	
extract the metal.	
Describe what a life cycle	
assessment is used to assess.	
Describe the stages in the 'life	
and death' of a product that a	
LCA assesses.	
Explain why the results of LCAs	
can not always be trusted.	
Carry out simple comparative	
LCAs for shopping bags made	
from plastic and paper.	
State three ways to reduce the	
use of resources.	

- State four benefits of reducing the use of resources.
- Describe the negative impacts of obtaining raw materials from the Earth.
- State different materials that can either be reused or recycled. Describe the difference between reusing and recycling materials.

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- Give a definition of, and examples of, corrosion.
- Describe how different types of coating can be used to prevent corrosion.
- Explain why sacrificial protection prevents corrosion.
- Describe the composition and uses of each of these alloys; Bronze, Gold alloys,
- Steel, Aluminium.
- Describe how each of these ceramics is made and give a use for each one; Soda-lime glass, Borosilicate glass, Clay ceramics.
- Describe how LDPE and HDPE are produced from ethene.

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•	Describe the difference between the structures of thermosoftening and thermosetting polymers. Describe what composites are and give some examples of different composites.	
•	Describe the chemical reaction that takes place in the Haber process.	
•	State the sources of the reactants used in the Haber process.	
•	Describe how conditions in the Haber process are balanced to gain the most economically viable yield possible.	
•	Interpret graphs of reaction conditions vs rate of reaction in the Haber process.	
	Describe what NPK fertilisers are. Describe where the potassium found in NPK fertilisers is obtained from.	
•	Describe what must be done to phosphate rock to produce phosphate salts that are used in NPK fertilisers.	
•	Recall the names of the salts produced when phosphate rock is treated with sulfuric, nitric and phosphoric acid.	

Half term 5	B7 – Ecology		
Ecology	 Describe what an ecosystem is. Describe the different levels of organisation in an ecosystem. State the things that plants compete for, and that animals compete for in a community. Describe several different examples of interdependence in a community. Describe what a stable community is. State different abiotic factors in an ecosystem and predict the effects on the a community if any of these change. State different biotic factors in an ecosystem and predict the effects on the a community if any of these change. Describe the three possible ways in which organisms can be adapted to survive in their habitat. Use sampling techniques to investigate the numbers and distribution of an organism. Describe what food chains and food webs show. 	 ✓ Application of substantive knowledge within different scenarios ✓ Problem solving ✓ Constructing explanations ✓ Analysing data and patterns ✓ Linking Science to real life application 	 □ Exam style Assessment at the end of the unit □ Homework □ In class assessment

• Desci	ribe the meanings of
'prod	ducer', and 'primary',
'seco	ondary' and 'tertiary'
consu	umers.
• Expla	ain why predator and prey
numb	bers rise and fall in cycles.
• Desci	ribe how the carbon cycle
show	vs the recycling of carbon in
the e	environment.
• Desci	ribe how the water cycle
show	vs the recycling of water in
the e	environment.
• Desci	ribe the role of microbes in
recyc	cling materials in the
envir	ronment.
	ribe the meaning of
	liversity' and give reasons
	biodiversity is important.
· ·	ain why pollution levels are
	easing and give three
exam	nples of how pollution can
occui	
	e different ways in which
	ans reduce the amount of
	available to wildlife.
	ribe the negative impacts of
	bog destruction.
	ribe the main reasons for
large	e scale deforestation and the

environmental consequences of this. Describe why global warming is happening, why most scientists are sure that it is caused by humans, and some of the biological consequences of it. Describe five programmes that have been put in place to reduce the negative effect of human impact on ecosystems and biodiversity.
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 Describe how variations in temperature, water and oxygen can affect the rate of decay. Explain why gardeners try to achieve the optimum levels for decay. Describe how decay can be used in a biogas generator. Investigate the effect of temperature on the rate of decay of fresh milk. Explain how and why environmental changes can affect

the distribution of species in an	
ecosystem.	
Describe the four trophic levels	
found in food chains.	
Describe how decomposers break	
down dead plant and animal	
matter.	
Describe what a pyramid of	
biomass shows.	
State the typical percentage	
values of both the energy	
transferred by plants from	
sunlight and between each	
trophic level in a food chain.	
Construct a pyramid of biomass	
when provided with appropriate	
data.	
Explain why only a small	
proportion of biomass is passed	
from one trophic level to the	
next.	
Explain the impact that the loss of	
biomass has on the numbers of	
organisms found at each trophic	
level in a food chain.	
Describe what is meant by food	
security and state some biological	
factors that are a threat to it.	
Describe how the efficiency of	
farming animals for food is	

 increased and explain why this is an ethical issue. Describe some of the steps that have been taken to improve the sustainability of fisheries. Describe some applications of biotechnology that are being used to help provide food to the growing world population. 		
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