Topic	Evolution
Pre-school	 Talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects. (The World 30-50) Comment and ask questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world. (The World 30-50) Develop an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time. (The World 30-50)
Reception	 They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes. (The World 40-60) Children follow instructions involving several ideas or actions. They answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events. (Understanding ELG)
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	 Can they recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the earth millions of years ago? Can they recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents? Can they give reasons why offspring are not identical to each other or to their parents? Can they explain the process of evolution and describe the evidence for this? Can they identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution? Challenge Can they talk about the work of Charles Darwin, Mary Anning and Alfred Wallace? Can they explain how some living things adapt to survive in extreme conditions? Can they analyse the advantages and disadvantages of specific adaptations, such as being on two rather than four feet? Can they begin to understand what is meant by DNA?