Overview – Year 5 Summer 2 The Scientific Method

Lesson	Objectives	Scientific enquiry	Equipment list
1. What is the scientific method?	 Know how we ask questions in science Give examples of questions asked in science Investigate questions in science 	Design a comparative test	Various materials – carpet, cling film etc, ramp and something to lean it on
2. What are variables?	 Identify the different types of variables Plan an investigation using variables Carry out an investigation using variables 	Comparative test vinegar volcano	Tray small plastic bottle, baking soda, vinegar, balance, beaker
3. What is the best equipment for the job?	 Recognise a range of equipment Describe the function of a range of equipment Correctly use science equipment 	Comparative test – data logger	App with magnetometer, range of objects (including metallic objects)
4. Is the data reliable?	 Know how to collect accurate data Know how to collect precise data Generate repeatable data 	One stage of a fair test	Water, salt, beaker, stirring rod
5. How did the scientific method transform blood transfusions?	 Know an important discovery using the scientific method Describe the discovery using the scientific method Use knowledge to make a hypothesis 	Secondary research using the booklet Model – Demonstration of blood separation (using milk)	Whole milk, vinegar, strainer, cheesecloth, 3 beakers, fridge
6. How did the scientific method help us learn about chimpanzees?	 Know an important discovery using the scientific method Describe the discovery using the scientific method Use knowledge to make a hypothesis 	Research using the booklet, observation over time	Webcam live footage or alternative stated in notes