## THE WINTERTON FEDERATION MEDIUM TERM PLAN SCIENCE Spring 2 YEAR 6

Staying	Learning Objective	Activity – Switched On Science	STEM Activities	Success Criteria
Alice Session 1	To recognise the parts of the circulatory system. To understand the function of some of the parts of the circulatory	Quick Challenge:- Give the children a diagram of the human body with the organs on it and ask them to label as many as they can. Show a completed circulatory diagram of the body (Activity resource book page 11) and what the function is of each main organ in the		I can name parts of the circulatory system. I can explain the functions of these parts. I can understand how we can use a model to represent the
	parts of the circulatory system.	system – in this case, the lungs, heart, blood vessels and blood – may need to research. Annotate diagram. Set up an activity to shoe the blood traveling round the body. As the blood' then travels back to the lungs, The 'blood' then travels back to the heart, which pushes them out into and to the other parts of the body. The blood should visit the small intestine and pick up 'nutrients' and give this to body parts. The blood should pick up 'water' from the large intestine and give this to body parts as well. As the 'blood' travels to each body part, it exchanges 'oxygen' for 'carbon dioxide' and 'other wastes.' When the oxygen is used up, the blood then travels back to the heart and lungs to exchange the carbon dioxide and waste for new oxygenUse a diagram on the board to discuss how the blood flows through the body. Play a quick draw game, where you call out either a process, e.g. 'collect oxygen', or a function, e.g. 'pumps blood, transports nutrients, digests food, exchanges carbon dioxide for oxygen', etc. and children either call out or write the name of the organ on a		circulatory system.
		whiteboard to hold up.		

Session 2		Ask the children to place their fist where they	
		think their heart is. What clues do they have	
		that it is there? Explain that their fist is about	
		the same size as their heart. Discuss why it	
		might be located in the body and where it is.	
		Say that you have just found another heart in	
		your body – you must have two – put your	
		fingers on your temples and say you can even	
		hear it. Discuss whether this is another 'heart'	
		or not. Why can you hear it? How many other	
		places can you feel your heart and how can	
		you feel it? The children explore their	
		heartbeat and what it sounds like and where	
		else in the body you can feel it. They can use	
		a stethoscope and listen to their own heart	
		and each-others. Ask the children whether	
		they really do have more than one heart –	
		they will probably know that the beat in their	
		wrist and at their temples is their 'pulse', but	
		what is a pulse? Ask them to find at least two	
		pulses and ask what they are pushing against.	
		Demonstrate a pulse with a piece of rubber	
		tubing with a syringe, or turkey baster or	
		even a balloon filled with water attached at	
		the end. Squirt water gently down the tube.	
		Then get a child to put their finger down on	
		the tubing, but not all the way – what	
		happens when you pump the water this time?	
		You should be able to feel it move. When you	
		push on a vein or artery, you squash it against	
		bone and can feel the blood being pushed	
		and pumped by the heart. Discuss what the	
		heart is for and how you can feel your pulse.	
Session 3	To understand the need	Show a short video of a swimmer	I can explain simply why our
	for a healthy balanced	underwater – how long can they stay	heartbeat changes as we
	diet.	there? Do you think the swimmer has	exercise.
	To investigate some	bigger lungs than most people?	I can make careful measurements
	effects of exercise on the	Put up a challenge on the board: As you	and observations.
	body.	exercise your breathing increases but your	I can present my data in
	To take and record	heart rate stays the same. Say this is what	appropriate ways and explain

	measurements.	you believe and here are your results	why.
	To present data in	(have some fictitious results on the board	I can suggest whether evidence
	appropriate ways.	that prove what you are saying). Do they	supports or contradicts an idea.
	To use evidence to	agree with you? Explain that the children	
	support or refute an	have to prove you wrong or right and be	
	assertion.	scientific as you want facts and figures and	
		explanations of why. Discuss how the	
		results could have been improved from	
		your experiment – e.g. repeating them.	
		Discuss why this would be a useful idea.	
		How will you make sure that your results	
		are reliable? Need to rest between the	
		exercises and have more than one person	
		doing it and take the results from each	
		person. This is an increase in sample size.	
		In groups come up with ways in which	
		they can disprove your theory that your	
		heart rate doesn't increase when you	
		exercise. They need to carry out their	
		activity and produce a table of results that	
		can back up their ideas. Ask them to	
		present their results and their explanation	
		of why pulse and breathing rate increase.	
		This could be as a news reporter, talking	
		to an expert, or as a series of photographs	
		and captions if they research as well.	
		Discuss whether your ideas have changed	
		and how their data has convinced you that	
		you were wrong.	 
Session 4	To understand the need	Collect a range of images or empty packs of	I can identify the components of
	for a healthy balanced	simple foods and drugs, such as coffee, wine,	a healthy and varied diet.
	diet.	cigarettes, sugar, chocolate, cough mixture,	I can describe how diet affects
	To explain the effect of	aspirin. Discuss which are drugs and which	health.
	drugs on the body. To	aren't. They are all drugs, but some are	I can describe how ideas about a
	analyse data and suggest	medicines too.	healthy diet and lifestyle have
	now it supports ideas	Show the film 'Staying alive'	changed over time.
	about a healthy diet and	<pre>nttp://sos.lgfl.org.uk/topic.html?y=6&amp;t=2</pre>	i can recognise some harmful
	lifestyle.	pupil video and ask questions to stimulate	effects of drugs.
		discussion such as: Why do people who do	I can use data to support
		more physical activity tend to need to eat	explanations

	more? What kinds of food are good at	
	supplying energy? How does our body	
	respond to us doing physical activities? Why	
	do athletes need to manage their diets	
	carefully?	
	Carry out the data activity to consider the	
	numbers of smokers in UK (see page 31).	
	Calculate the cost of smoking a packet of 20	
	cigarettes in a day. Then if you added drinking	
	two pints of beer and a glass of wine every	
	night, how much would it cost? What could	
	you have bought with that money? In groups	
	make a short advert to show the dangers of	
	drugs and what to do if you are offered them.	
	They will need some time to research a few	
	drugs, e.g. cannabis, cocaine, cigarettes,	
	alcohol, etc. Each group could look at a	
	different drug. Encourage the children to	
	think of just one or two ideas. Make the	
	commercial no longer than 60 seconds long,	
	with a slogan if they can.	
	Discuss the requirements for a healthy life	
	and how these affect the entire body.	
	Children can look at the worksheets about life	
	expectancy and discuss how it has changed	
	over time, and why.	
Session 5	Show a range of foods and quickly ask if they	
	would provide all the nutrients needed in a	
	day? This recaps that they know what food	
	groups they should be eating. Is it better to	
	have them fresh or tinned or frozen or	
	processed? Look at the ingredients and the	
	now available symbols that tell you how	
	much fat, number of calories, etc. there are in	
	a food.	
	Explain that scientists are continually finding	
	out about what we need to eat. Many years	
	ago in France, children from poorer families	
	were dying much younger than those from	
	wealthier families. Can you decide why this	

is? What information would you need?	
Explain that wealthy families could afford	
bread and butter and milk, but poorer	
families only had potatoes and gravy from the	
little bit of meat they had. The potatoes did	
contain some vitamin C. just as the sailors	
needed, but the bread and butter didn't.	
What did the milk contain that the wealthy	
children did benefit from? (Calcium for teeth	
and bones.) What combination of foods	
would you suggest to ensure children had	
adequate vitamin C in their diets? What is	
vitamin C for? Research what vitamin C is for	
and what foods it is found in.	
Share the background to Orr's work on poor	
people and diets. Discuss the impact of	
smoking and drinking costs from the previous	
session and how this could make diets worse.	
Orr proved that children needed milk to	
drink. Use the worksheet to draw a graph	
about what Orr discovered about children	
needing milk. Answer the questions. Use the	
information gathered by Orr to produce	
evidence to write to the Prime Minister of the	
time, explaining why children should have	
milk. Include any other information you have	
gained about health and how your body	
works to back up your ideas.	