Unit Overview - Waves

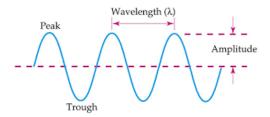
You will learn about:

- Different types of waves
- How waves behave
- Uses of waves
- The eye and ear

Skill focus:

• Evaluating information.

Target grade for tests:



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Key learning points	
Understand that our body can detect light, sound and infrared waves	
Identify key features in wave diagrams	
Describe the links between frequency/pitch and amplitude/volume	
Explain echoes	
Evaluate the different methods of correcting vision defects	
Describe refraction	
Explain reflection using ray diagrams	
State the law of reflection	
Explain the difference between: transparent and translucent	
State that coloured light is part of a spectrum and understand how	
colours are created	
Understand the structure and function of the eye and the ear	

Links to other subjects:

Maths

- Reflection.
- Use prefixes for units when handling large numbers
- Interpreting data in tables
- Measuring and recording angles
- Spotting trends in data

SMSC

Explore the links between radio masts, mobile phones and cancer.

Numeracy

- Use prefixes for units when handling large numbers
- Interpreting data in tables
- Collect valid data by accurately measuring and recording angles
- Spotting trends in data

Literacy

• Write an evaluation of a process or procedure based on information that you are provided with.

Key Words

Vibration
Longitudinal wave
Volume
Pitch
Amplitude
Wavelength
Frequency
Vacuum
Oscilloscope
Absorption
Auditory range
Echo
Hertz

Incident ray Reflected ray Normal Angle of reflection Angle of incidence Refraction

Decibels

Absorption Scattering Transparent Translucent Opaque Convex lens Concave lens