Unit Overview – Cell Biology

You will learn about:

- How scientists have developed their understanding of cell structure and function.
- How we develop into a complex organism from just a fertilised egg cell.
- Why it is important to study microorganisms and how we grow them in the lab and commercially.

You will be able to:

• Prepare plant and animal cells and observe them using a light microscope.

Key learning points	
Plant and animal cells (Aerobic respiration + photosynthesis)	
Cell Specialisation	
Magnification	
Culturing microorganisms	
Cell Division Mitosis	
Cancer	
Stem cells	
Primitive cells	
Transport in cells	
Osmosis	
RP Using a light microscope	
Culturing microorganisms (Triple)	
RP Investigate the effect of antibiotics on bacteria growth (Triple)	

Links to other subjects:

SMSC

- Explain every day and technological applications of science; evaluate associated personal, social, economic and environmental implications; and make decisions based on the evaluation of evidence and arguments.
- Appreciate the power and limitations of science and consider any ethical issues which may arise.

Literacy

- Use scientific vocabulary, terminology and definitions.
- Make and record observations
- Present reasoned explanations including relating data to hypotheses.

Numeracy

- Make estimates and explain why they may be important.
- Describe how to use ratio and proportion to calibrate a microscope.
- Convert numbers from decimal to standard form, and vice versa.

Key Words

Plant Cell

Animal Cell

DNA, chloroplast, chlorophyll, chromosome, eukaryotic, magnification, mitochondria Ribosome, scanning electron microscope, electron microscope, scale, genome, nucleic acid, plasmid, prokaryotic, cell division, chromosomes, growth, mitosis, nucleus, tissue, stem cell, embryonic, gene, meristems, active transport, diffusion Photosynthesis Respiration