Science - Sound

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National Curriculum programme of study:

Pupils should be taught:

- identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating
- recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear
- find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it
- find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it
- recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases

'Sticky' Knowledge

- Sound is a type of energy. Sounds are created by vibrations. The louder the sound, the bigger the vibration
- The size of the vibration is called the amplitude. Louder sounds have a larger amplitude, and quieter sounds have a smaller amplitude.
- Sound can travel through solids, liquids and gases. Sound travels as a wave, vibrating the • particles in the medium it is travelling in. Sound cannot travel through a vacuum.
- Sound energy can travel from particle to particle far easier in a solid because the vibrating • particles are closer together than in other states of matter.
- Inside your ear, the vibrations hit the eardrum and are then passed to the middle and then • the inner ear. They are then changed into electrical signals and sent to your brain. Your brain tells you that you are hearing a sound.



Key Vocabulary

Vibration	A quick movement back and forth
Volume	The loudness of a sound
Ear	An organ used for hearing
Soundproof	To prevent sound from passing through
Vacuum	A space where there is nothing. There are no particles in a vacuum
Ear drum	A part of the ear which is thin tissue stretched out like a drum skin, it separates the outer, middle and inner ear. The sound waves make the ear drum vibrate.
Sound wave	Vibrations travelling from a sound source
Pitch	How high or low a sound is.

Prior Knowledge

Year 1: identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense

Future Learning:

We will learn about: auditory ranges for humans and