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| Unit: Waves | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transverse and longitudinal waves 2. Properties of waves 3. Wave speed (required practical) 4. Reflection of waves (required practical) 5. Refraction of waves (required practical) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Sound Waves 7. Waves for detection and exploration 8. Electromagnetic waves 9. Properties of electromagnetic waves 10. Uses of electromagnetic waves | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Absorption of waves (required practical) 12. Lenses 13. Visible Light 14. Blackbody Radiation |
| LESSONS | | | |
| Knowledge & Skills Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the difference between longitudinal and transverse waves • Describe evidence that, for both ripples on a water surface and sound waves in air, it is the wave and not the water or air itself that travels • Recall, use and rearrange equations for frequency and wave speed • Identify amplitude and wavelength from given diagrams • Describe a method to measure the speed of sound waves in air • Describe a method to measure the speed of ripples on a water surface • Construct ray diagrams to illustrate the reflection of a wave at a surface • Describe the effects of reflection, transmission and absorption of waves at material interfaces • Describe, with examples, processes which convert wave disturbances between sound waves and vibrations in solids • Explain why such processes only work over a limited frequency range and the relevance of this to human hearing • Explain how the differences in velocity, absorption and reflection between different types of wave in solids and liquids can be used both for detection and exploration • Describe similarities and differences between the waves of the electromagnetic spectrum | | |
| Assessment / Feedback Opportunities | Formative Assessment Teacher questioning Quizzes Exam style questions | | Summative assessment End of topic assessment Exam questions in future end of topic assessments to assess recall |

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| Key Vocabulary | <p>Independent Variable, Dependent Variable, Control Variables, Method, Conclusion, Precaution, Evaluation, Reliable, Precision, Valid, Anomaly, Describe, Explain, Compare, Analyse, Calculate, Suggest</p> <p>Transverse, Longitudinal, Vibration, Oscillation, Frequency, Amplitude, Wavelength, Medium (in physics terms), Transmission, Absorption, Reflection, Refraction, Spectrum, Electromagnetic, Lens, Convex, Concave, Magnification, Emit, Opaque, Transparent, Translucent, Filter, Blackbody</p> |
| Literacy/Reading Opportunities | <p>Subject specific vocabulary introduced before reading of related texts</p> <p>Word etymology from Latin and Greek roots</p> <p>Reading of simple and complex sentences, paragraphs, articles</p> <p>Scientific writing including structuring methods, comparisons and evaluations</p> |
| Cross Curricular Themes | <p>Numeracy/Maths – averages (means), reading scales, graph plotting, lines of best fit, using and rearranging equations, using scientific calculators</p> <p>Geography – P and S Waves during earthquakes</p> |
| Personal Development (Including British Values, RSE, Citizenship) | None |
| Career Opportunities | Telecommunications, Astrophysicist, Lighting technicians, Radiographer, X-ray technician, Medical physicist |