





Topic: Animals, including humans	Year 2 Age 6-7	Title: Comparing hand spans
Working Scientifically		Conceptual Knowledge
Review: Using their observations and		Recognise growth in humans.
ideas to suggest answers to questions		

Assessment Focus

- Can children compare different hand spans?
- Can children suggest answers to their questions about hand spans?

Activity Today we are an anatomists.

Ask the children to compare the size of their hand with that of another child. As a class create a list of questions e.g. Do older children have bigger hands? Do taller children have bigger hands? Can bigger hands pick up more cubes? ('Handspan grab' can create a graph of cubes).

Discuss how hand spans could be measured and agree as a class (e.g. draw around hands, spread/closed fingers, start and end place of measurement, to nearest centimetre). With a partner to help, ask each child to measure their own hand. Record results together as a class.

Ask the children to compare hand spans and suggest reasons answers to the class questions.

Adapting the activity

Support: Compare hand cut outs rather than

measurements

Extension: What size hands would year 6 have? Why?

Other ideas: Compare feet – do taller people have the biggest feet?

Key Questions

- How can we accurately measure hand span
- Who do you think will have the smallest/ biggest hand span in the class? Why?
- What size hands did most children have?
- What do you notice about people with the biggest hand span?

Assessment Indicators

Not yet met: Can make comparisons, saying which hand is smaller or larger.

Meeting: Can make comparisons saying which hands are bigger and smaller and suggest reasons for this, e.g. his hand is bigger / he holds more cubes because he has had longer to grow.

Exceeding: Can make predictions relating hand span to height, e.g. a year 6 boy will have bigger hands / will hold more cubes because....

Can raise further questions related to height that could be tested, e.g. when do your hands stop growing?

