



# TAPS-NI Progression in Science Skills

| Example topic:<br>Changes in our world                | Primary 1/2<br>Age 4-6   | Activity title: Making butter |
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| Science skill focus<br>Recording and<br>communicating | Curriculum link: Change over time<br>How can we make change happen? (CoT3) |                               |

### **Progression Focus**

- Can children describe changes?
- Can children record and communicate their observations?

## Activity

Possible introduction: discuss where the children think our food comes from – have some whole and convenience foods e.g. potatoes & chips/crisps, milk & yoghurt/cheese etc Do children know where butter comes from? Have cream and packet of butter.

Support children to make butter: using small plastic containers, pour in cream to half full, shake for 5 minutes and make observations.

Ask the children to explain their findings to an audience e.g. draw/tell/write instructions for another class.

# Adapting the activity

Support: Photo before and after, word bank, examples of food to put it in real life context.

Extension: What happens if we add salt? Compare cold/room temperature cream.

**Other ideas:** Use a marble in shaker, use whisk/fork – does this affect the time/texture? Consider single/double cream?

### **Questions to support discussion**

- Where does butter come from?
- What does the cream look/feel/taste like?
- What do you think will happen?
- What do you see is happening to the cream?
- What does the butter look/feel/taste like?
- How is the butter different/similar to the cream?
- How long did it take?
- Does it taste different to shop bought butter?

# **Pupil learning indicators**

**Not fully achieved:** Pupils struggle to describe their findings to their audience. Descriptions and observations are made in simple term e.g. wet, hard.

**Achieved:** Pupil recording and communicating is clear for their audience. They use more descriptive/scientific language to describe their observations or instructions e.g. thicker, solid, runny, liquid... They notice and describe changes in the cream/butter.

**Exceeded:** Pupils may adapt their explanations for their audience. Pupils may make comparisons, identifying similarities and differences between different methods.

