

Winchester Public Schools

Fifth Grade Science Unit Guide



Weeks	Unit	PE	SEP	DCI	CCC
6 weeks	Earth Systems	<p>5-ESS2-1. Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact.</p> <p>5-ESS2-2. Describe and graph the amounts of saltwater and freshwater in various reservoirs to provide evidence about the distribution of water on Earth.</p> <p>5-ESS3-1. Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment</p>	<p>Developing and Using Models</p> <p>Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking</p>	<p>ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems Earth's major systems are the geosphere (solid and molten rock, soil, and sediments), the hydrosphere (water and ice), the atmosphere (air), and the biosphere (living things, including humans). These systems interact in multiple ways to affect Earth's surface materials and processes. The ocean supports a variety of ecosystems and organisms, shapes landforms, and influences climate. Winds and clouds in the atmosphere interact with the landforms to determine patterns of weather.</p> <p>ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes Nearly all of Earth's available water is in the ocean. Most freshwater is in glaciers or underground; only a tiny fraction is in stream</p> <p>ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems Human activities in agriculture, industry, and everyday life have had major effects on the land, vegetation, streams, ocean, air, and even outer space. But individuals and communities are doing things to help protect Earth's resources and environments.</p>	<p>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</p> <p>Systems and System Models</p>

<p>8 weeks</p>	<p>Energy Flows in Ecosystem</p>	<p>5-LS1-1. Support an argument that plants get the materials they need for growth chiefly from air and water.</p> <p>5-LS2-1. Develop a model to describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment.</p>	<p>Developing and Using Model</p> <p>Engaging Argument From Evidence</p>	<p>PS3.D: Energy in Chemical Processes and Everyday Life The energy released [from] food was once energy from the sun that was captured by plants in the chemical process that forms plant matter (from air and water).</p> <p>LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms Food provides animals with the materials they need for body repair and growth and the energy they need to maintain body warmth and for motion.</p> <p>LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms Plants acquire their material for growth chiefly from air and water.</p> <p>LS2.A: Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems The food of almost any kind of animal can be traced back to plants. Organisms are related in food webs in which some animals eat plants for food and other animals eat the animals that eat plants. Some organisms, such as fungi and bacteria, break down dead organisms (both plants or plants parts and animals) and therefore operate as “decomposers.” Decomposition eventually restores (recycles) some materials back to the soil. Organisms can survive only in environments in which their particular needs are met. A healthy ecosystem is one in which multiple species of different types are each able to meet their needs in a relatively stable web of life. Newly introduced species can damage the balance of an ecosystem.</p> <p>LS2.B: Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems Matter cycles between the air and soil and among plants, animals, and microbes as these organisms live and die. Organisms obtain gases, and water, from the environment, and release waste matter (gas, liquid, or solid) back into the environment.</p>	<p>Energy and Matter Systems and System Models</p> <p>Energy and Matter</p>
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8 weeks	Physical and Chemical Changes in Matter	<p>5-PS1-1. Develop a model to describe that matter is made of particles too small to be seen.</p> <p>5-PS1-2. Measure and graph quantities to provide evidence that regardless of the type of change that occurs when heating, cooling, or mixing substances, the total weight of matter is conserved.</p> <p>5-PS1-3. Make observations and measurements to identify materials based on their properties.</p> <p>5-PS1-4. Conduct an investigation to determine whether the mixing of two or more substances results in new substances</p>	<p>Developing and Using Models</p> <p>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations</p>	<p>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter Matter of any type can be subdivided into particles that are too small to see, but even then the matter still exists and can be detected by other means. A model showing that gases are made from matter particles that are too small to see and are moving freely around in space can explain many observations, including the inflation and shape of a balloon; the effects of air on larger particles or objects. The amount (weight) of matter is conserved when it changes form, even in transitions in which it seems to vanish. (5-PS1-2) Measurements of a variety of properties can be used to identify materials. (Boundary: At this grade level, mass and weight are not distinguished, and no attempt is made to define the unseen particles or explain the atomic-scale mechanism of evaporation and condensation.)</p> <p>PS1.B: Chemical Reactions When two or more different substances are mixed, a new substance with different properties may be formed. No matter what reaction or change in properties occurs, the total weight of the substances does not change.</p>	<p>Cause and Effect</p> <p>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</p>
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<p>8 weeks</p>	<p>Space Systems</p>	<p>5-ESS1-1. Support an argument that the apparent brightness of the sun and stars is due to their relative distances from the Earth.</p> <p>5-ESS1-2. Represent data in graphical displays to reveal patterns of daily changes in length and direction of shadows, day and night, and the seasonal appearance of some stars in the night sky.</p>	<p>Analyzing and Interpreting Evidence</p> <p>Engaging in Argument from Evidence</p>	<p>ESS1.A: The Universe and its Stars The sun is a star that appears larger and brighter than other stars because it is closer. Stars range greatly in their distance from Earth.</p> <p>ESS1.B: Earth and the Solar System The orbits of Earth around the sun and of the moon around Earth, together with the rotation of Earth about an axis between its North and South poles, cause observable patterns. These include day and night; daily changes in the length and direction of shadows; and different positions of the sun, moon, and stars at different times of the day, month, and year.</p>	<p>Patterns</p> <p>Scale, Proportion, and Quantity</p>
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2 weeks	Engineering	<p>ETS1-1. Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.</p> <p>ETS1-2. Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.</p> <p>ETS1-3. Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved. The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from</p>	<p>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</p> <p>Constraints, Explanations, and Design Solutions</p>	<p>ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems Possible solutions to a problem are limited by available materials and resources (constraints). The success of a designed solution is determined by considering the desired features of a solution (criteria). Different proposals for solutions can be compared on the basis of how well each one meets the specified criteria for success or how well each takes the constraints into account.</p> <p>ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions Research on a problem should be carried out before beginning to design a solution. Testing a solution involves investigating how well it performs under a range of likely conditions. (3-5-ETS1-2) At whatever stage, communicating with peers about proposed solutions is an important part of the design process, and shared ideas can lead to improved designs. (3-5-ETS1-2) Tests are often designed to identify failure points or difficulties, which suggest the elements of the design that need to be improved. (3-5-ETS1-3)</p> <p>ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution Different solutions need to be tested in order to determine which of them best solves the problem, given the criteria and the constraints.</p>	<p>Structure Function</p> <p>Cause and Effect</p>
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