PLANNED INSTRUCTION

A PLANNED COURSE FOR:

STEELS: Science, Technology and Engineering, Environmental Literacy and Sustainability

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Grade Level:Second Grade

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Curriculum Map

Overview: The following is the district's plan for implementation of key instruction of PA STEELS Standards for Second Grade. The focus is on material properties, earth's surface/erosion, animal biodiversity, and plant adaptations.

Time for the Course: One full year

Goals:

1. Marking Period One: Over a 45 period of time, students will aim to understand:

Unit 1: Material Magic (Page 8)

Everything around us is a type of matter.

All forms of matter exist as a result of the combination or rearrangement of atoms.

Different matter is best for different purposes.

Matter can change properties.

2. Marking Period Two: Over a 45-day period of time, students will aim to understand:

Unit 2: Earth's Surface and Erosion (Page 20)

The Earth's land and water structures have changed over time.

Some changes are slow and some are fast.

Humans try to control wind and water from changing the Earth.

Land and water are shaped differently in different areas.

3. Marking Period Three: Over a 45-day period of time, students will aim to understand:

Unit 3 - Animal Biodiversity (Page 32)

There are many different kinds of living things in any area, and they exist in different places on land and in water.

Different plants and animals live in different habitats.

4. Marking Period Four: Over a 42-day period of time, students will aim to understand:

Unit 3 - Plant Adaptations (Page 45)

Biodiversity—plants and animals perform actions to continue pollination in nature

Different plants and animals live in different habitats.

Curriculum Plan

Unit Overview

How do we design better products? The idea that matter can be described and classified by its observable properties connects to the idea that different properties of matter are suited to different purposes. The engineering design idea that a situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering could connect to multiple science concepts such as that different properties are suited to different purposes and that matter can be described and classified by its observable properties. The first connection could be made by challenging students to define a problem caused by using an unsuitable material. The second connection could be made by having students first identify a situation related to the properties of materials that people want to change, and then write about how they would approach that situation as a problem that can be solved through engineering.

Unit 1: Matter and Materials Curriculum Map

Standards	Big Idea	Essential Questions
Science:	Everything around us is a type of	How do types of matter differ?
3.2.2.A Plan and conduct an investigation to	matter.	
describe and classify different kinds of materials by		How do you use different types of
their observable properties. (2-PS1-1)	All forms of matter exist as a result	matter?
	of the	
3.2.2.B Analyze data obtained from testing different	combination or rearrangement of	How do particles combine to form
materials to determine which materials have the	atoms.	the variety of matter one observes?
properties that are best suited for an intended		
purpose. (<u>2-PS1-2</u>)	Different matter is best for	How does matter change properties?
	different purposes.	
3.2.2.C Make observations to construct an evidence		
based account of how an object made of a small set	Matter can change properties.	
of pieces can be disassembled and made into a new		
object. (2-PS1-3)		

Technology & Engineering:	
3.5.K-2.A Identify and use everyday symbols.	
3.5.K-2.B Describe qualities of everyday products.	
3.5.K-2.C Explain ways that technology helps with	
everyday tasks.	
3.5.K-2.D Select ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle	
resources in daily life.	
3.5.K-2.E Illustrate helpful and harmful effects of	
technology.	
3.5.K-2.F Investigate the use of technologies in the	
home and community.	
3.5.K-2.G Explain the tools and techniques that	
people use to help them do things.	
3.5.K-2.H Explain the needs and wants of	
individuals and societies.	
3.5.K-2.J Design new technologies that could	
improve their daily lives	
3.5.K-2.K Safely use tools to complete tasks.	
3.5.K-2.L Explore how technologies are developed	
to meet individual and societal needs and wants.	
3.5.K-2.M Demonstrate essential skills of the	
engineering design process.	
3.5.K-2.N Analyze how things work.	
3.5.K-2.O Illustrate that there are different solutions	
to a design and that none are perfect.	
3.5.K-2.P Discuss that all designs have different	
characteristics that can be described.	
3.5.K-2.S Apply design concepts, principles, and	
processes through play and exploration	
3.5.K-2.T Demonstrate that designs have	

requirements.

3.5.K-2.U Explain that design is a response to wants	
and needs	
3.5.K-2.V Explain that materials are selected for use	
because they possess desirable properties and	
characteristics.	
3.5.K-2.W Apply concepts and skills from	
technology and engineering activities that reinforce	
concepts and skills across multiple areas.	
3.5.K-2.X Develop a plan in order to complete a	
task.	
3.5.K-2.AA Demonstrate that creating can be done	
by anyone.	
3.5.K-2.CC Discuss the roles of scientists,	
engineers,	
technologists, and others who work with technology.	
3.5.K-2.DD Collaborate effectively as a member of	
a team	
Environmental Literacy & Sustainability:	
3.5.k-2.C Explain ways that places differ in their	
physical characteristics, their meaning, and their	
value, and/or importance	
3.5.K-3.D Plan and carry out an investigation to	
address an issue in the local environment or	
community.	

Textbook and Supplemental Resources

Mystery Science	
Epic	
IXL	
Readworks	

Unit 1: Matter and Materials Curriculum Plan

Learning Objectives/DOK Levels:

Students will know (DCI)	Students will be able to (SEP)	Students will apply(CCC)	DOK Level(s)
Different kinds of matter exist and many of them can be either solid or liquid, depending on temperature. Matter can be described and classified by its observable properties. Different properties are suited to different purposes. A great variety of objects can be built up from a small set of pieces.	Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence to answer a question. Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended. Make observations (firsthand or from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena.	Patterns in the natural and human designed world can be observed. Simple tests can be designed to gather evidence to support or refute student ideas about causes. Objects may break into smaller pieces and be put together into larger pieces or change shapes.	DOK Level 3 (Strategic Thinking): Planning and conducting investigations collaboratively requires critical thinking, collaboration, and systematic collection of data to provide evidence, which involves more complex reasoning and problem-solving. DOK Level 4 (Extended Thinking): Analyzing test data to evaluate the effectiveness of a tool or object requires extended thinking, as it involves critical evaluation, synthesis of information, and drawing conclusions from data.

Core Activities and Corresponding Instructional Methods

Mystery Science Unit(s)	Core Activities	Corresponding Instructional Methods	Extensions	Correctives	Time/Days
Material Properties Unit (Material Magic) 45 days	Driving Question Board- "See Think Wonder" from Mystery Science Make a model *After each lesson return to See, Think, Wonder and add to model. Lesson 0: Anchor Phenomenon: Melting Metals -Phenomenon: Foundrie s are places where people melt solid metal into a liquid that can be	Asking Questions and Defining Problems Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Analyzing and Interpreting Data Developing and Using Models	-Epic reading and videos -Scholastic News reading and videos -Read Works articles, videos, activities, mini lessons and assessments from Mystery Science extensions -Science of Wonder -OpenSciEd	-Epic videos -IXL science	~120 minutes per lesson: 30 min. introduction 1 hour investigation 30 min. reflection and assessment adjusted as needed for a total of 120 minutes per week.

poured into new		
shapes. Foundries can		
be dangerous places to		
work, so how do people		
that work in foundries		
stay safe?		
-Background		
Knowledge Teacher		
Guide page 4		
-Phenomenon: Melting		
Metal Teacher Guide		
page 5		
Generate		
observations		
and questions		
about the		
phenomenon		
and create an		
initial		
• conceptual		
model to		
explain the		
phenomenon.		
• Gather clues		
during and after		
each lesson in		
this unit to help		
them improve		
their		
explanations.		

Lesson 1: Material Properties & Engineering -Teacher Guide pages 6-7 • Explore the different properties of materials used for clothing, such as texture, flexibility, and absorbency. • Conduct Mad Hatter activity, students use this information to design and build a hat that protects them from the Sun. • Revisit Anchor Phenomena and Revise See Think Wonder Chart. Connecting Storyline Question: What other properties do different	Lesson 1: SEPS Asking Questions and Defining Problems Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions	Lesson 1 Extension: "Inventions Help Us" by Julie Ellis on Epic Mystery Science Extend this Lesson Video: Song about Materials	Lesson 1 Correctives: "Matter Comes in All Shapes" on Epic Scholastic News "The Scoop on Ice Cream" Mystery Science Mini-Lesson - How do erasers erase?	
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types of protective clothing need to have? Lesson 2: Classify Materials: Insulators -Teacher Guide pages 8-9 • Consider the insulating and conducting properties of different materials. • Conduct activity (Feel the Heat) where students test different materials and determine which would make the best oven mitts. • Revisit Anchor Phenomena and Revise See Think Wonder Chart. Connecting Storyline	Lesson 2 SEPS Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Analyzing and Interpreting Data	Lesson 2 Extension: "Does it Absorb or repel liquid?" by Susan Hughes on Epic Mystery Science Extend this Lesson Video: How polar bears stay warm in icy water	Lesson 2 Corrective: IXL: Classify objects by Materials IXL: Describe objects Mystery Science Extend this Lesson Activity: Exploring Mittens	
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Question: Can protective clothing melt? Lesson 3: Heating, Cooling, & States of Matter -Teacher Guide pages 10-11 Investigate melting, the solid and liquid states of matter, and then discover why plastic was invented. Conduct an investigation (Candy Melt) to determine which types of candy melt in hot water. Using their observations, they decide which candy is the best choice to bring to a hot summer camp.	Lesson 3 SEPs Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Analyzing and Interpreting Data	Lesson 3 Extension: Insulator "Animals that Solve Weather-Related Problems" Readworks article Mystery Science Mini Lesson "How were Lego Bricks invented?	Lesson 3 Corrective: IXL Hot and Cold IXL Changes caused by heating and cooling	
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Revisit Anchor Phenomena and Revise See Think Wonder Chart. Connecting Storyline question: How do the people working in foundries see what they are doing while their face is covered? Lesson 4: Inventions & Engineering Teacher guide page 12 Explore how new materials are invented. Students create ideas for inventions that use an exciting futuristic material: glass that bounces and stretches like rubber in	Lesson 4 SEPs Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions	Lesson 4 Extension: Read selected examples from the book "Odd Inventions" by Virginia Loh-Nagan on Epic Mystery Science: Extend the Lesson Videos *Trampoline *Ear Muffs *Surprise!	Lesson 4 Correctives: IXL Design a sunshade "Making Crayons" on Scholastic News	
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unconventional building material in

"Paper Towers" activity. Revisit Anchor Phenomena and Revise See Think Wonder Chart. Connecting Storyline question: Can we make buildings with different materials? Lesson 6: Soil Properties -Teache rGuide pages 15-16 Explore the properties of mud depends on the properties of the soil it's made from. Use models of sand and clay soils to investigate how the properties of soils can differ. Use their observations as	Lesson 6 SEPs Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Analyzing and Interpreting Data	Lesson 6 Extension: "Houses from Around the World" article on Readworks Mystery Science Extend this Lesson Activity: Traditional Brick Making Method	Lesson 6 Correctives: IXL Types of soils Mystery Science Extend this Lesson Activity Your state's Special Soil	
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evidence to classify each soil model based on whether or not it would make mud that's good for building. • Revisit Anchor Phenomena and Revise See Think Wonder Chart. Connecting Storyline question:Can foundries help us reuse things? Lesson 7: Performance Task: Materials & Properties -Phenomenon:Foundrie s are places where people melt solid metal into a liquid that can be poured into new shapes. Foundries can	Lesson 7 SEPs Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Defining Problems and Designing Solutions	Lesson 7 Extension: "Take Care of Our Planet": article on Readworks IXL: Human impacts Reduce, reuse, recycle (grade 2)	Lesson 7 Correctives IXL Reduce, reuse, recycle (grade 1) "Follow that Bottle!" on Scholastic News Mystery Science mini lesson "What do garbage trucks do with all the	
people melt solid metal into a liquid that can be poured into new	Defining Problems and Designing	impacts Reduce, reuse, recycle	Mystery Science mini lesson "What do garbage	
work, so how do people that work in foundries stay safe?	Engaging in Argument from Evidence	Extend this Lesson Video "Make your own recycled paper"		

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-Teacher Guide pages			
17-18			
Observe how			
fire can be used			
to recycle some			
materials, but			
not others.			
Some changes			
caused by fire,			
such as melting,			
are reversible.			
Other changes,			
such as burning,			
are not			
reversible.			
Record			
observations of			
the changes that			
metal and paper			
experience			
when they are			
exposed to fire.			
• Use			
observations of			
these changes to			
construct an			
argument about			
whether or not			
fire can be used			
to recycle each			
of those			
materials.			
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Assessments:

Diagnostic	Formative	Summative
-See, Think, Wonder for Material Properties (Material Magic) -class participation	Material Magic Lesson 1: Mad Hatter's recording sheet Material Magic Lesson 2: Feel the Heat recording sheet Material Magic Lesson3: Testing Candy for Camp Way Too Hot recording sheet Material Magic Lesson 4: My Invention poster Material Magic Lesson 5: Paper Towers recording sheet Material Magic Lesson 6: How do you build a city out of mud? recording sheet	Recycle with Fire Performance Task Winter Boots: Evidence and Claim Statement Beat the Heat: Completed Model

Unit 2: Changes to the Land Curriculum Map

Unit Overview

The idea that maps show where things are located and the shapes and kinds of land and water in any area can connect to the idea that wind and water can change the shape of the land. The idea that the shape of the land can change connects to the concept that some events happen very quickly and others occur very slowly, over a time period much longer than one can observe. The engineering design idea that because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs can connect to multiple science ideas, such as that wind and water can change the shape of the land and that some events happen very quickly; others occur very slowly, over a time period much longer than one can observe. The first connection could be made by having students compare a variety of designs that are intended to prevent wind erosion of soil. The second connection could be made by having students compare designs intended to prevent danger from a rock slide.

Standards	Big Idea	Essential Questions
Science:	The Earth's land and water structures have	What can cause slow change to the
3.3.2.A Use information from several sources to	changed over time. Some changes are	Earth?
provide evidence that Earth events can occur quickly or slowly. (2-ESS1-1)	slow and some are fast.	What can cause rapid change?
quickly of slowly. (<u>2-2.551-1</u>)	Humans try to control wind and water	what can cause rapid change:
3.3.2.B Compare multiple solutions designed to	from changing the Earth.	Why do humans try to control air and
slow or prevent wind or water from changing the		water?
shape of the land. (2-ESS2-1)	Land and water are shaped differently in	
3.3.2.C Develop a model to represent the shapes	different areas.	How can one show the shape of land and water in an area?
and kinds of land and bodies of water in an area.		water in an area?
(<u>2-ESS2-2</u>)		
Technology & Engineering:		
3.5.K-2.A Identify and use everyday symbols		
3.5.K-2.C Explain ways that technology helps		
with everyday tasks.		

4.5.K-2.E Illustrate helpful and harmful effects of technology.	
3.5.K-2.F Investigate the use of technologies in the home and community.	
3.5.K-2.H Explain the needs and wants of individuals and society.	
3.5.K-2.I Compare simple technologies to evaluate their impacts	
3.f.K-2.1 Design new technologies that could improve their daily lives.	
3.5.K-2.K Safely use tools to complete tasks.	
3.5.K-2.I Explore how technologies are developed to meet individual and societal needs and wants.	
Environmental Literacy & Sustainability:	
Agricultural Systems 3.4.k-2.A Categorize ways people harvest,	
redistribute, and use natural resources	
Environment and Society	
3.4.K-12.B Examine how people from different cultures, communities, including one's own,	
interact and express their beliefs about nature.	
Environmental Experiences	

3.4.K-2.C Explain ways that places differ in their physical characteristics, their meaning and their value and or importance	
Environmental Sustainability 3.4.k-2.D: Plan and carry out an investigation to address an issue in the local environment and community.	

Textbook and Supplemental Resources

M	Mystery Science		
E_{I}	Epic		
D	IXL		
R	Readworks		

Unit 2: Changes to the Land Curriculum Plan

Learning Objectives/DOK Levels:

Students will know (DCI)	Students will be able to (SEP)	Students will apply(CCC)	DOK Level(s)
Some events happen very quickly; others occur very slowly, over a time period much longer than one can observe.	Make observations from several sources to construct an evidence based account for natural phenomena. Compare multiple solutions to a problem.	Things may change slowly or rapidly. Patterns in the natural world can be observed.	DOK Level 3 (Strategic Thinking): Constructing an evidence-based account from multiple observations involves synthesizing information, analyzing data, and drawing conclusions, which

Wind and water can change the shape of the land.	Develop a model to represent patterns in the natural world.	requires deeper reasoning and strategic thinking.
Maps show where things are located. One can map the shapes and kinds of land and water in any area.		DOK Level 2 (Skills/Concepts): Comparing solutions involves understanding and applying criteria to evaluate and contrast different approaches, requiring analysis and reasoning but not extensive problem-solving.
Plate tectonics is the unifying theory that explains the past and current movements of the rocks at Earth's surface and provides a coherent account of its geological history.		DOK Level 3 (Strategic Thinking): Developing a model to represent patterns requires the ability to analyze data, recognize patterns, and apply knowledge to create a representation, which involves strategic thinking and application of concepts.

Core Activities and Corresponding Instructional Methods

Mystery Science Unit(s)	Core Activities	Corresponding Instructional Methods	Extensions	Correctives	Time/Days
Erosion & Earth's Surface (Work of Water) 45 days	Driving Question Board- "See Think Wonder" from Mystery Science Make a model Lesson 0: Anchor Phenomenon: Strange River -Phenomenon: A pair of rivers that flow together but look very, very different from one another. Students explore what causes rivers to have such different colorsBackground Teacher Guide page:4 -Phenomenon: Strange River Mapping Earth's Surface Features and Erosion Teacher Guide page 6 Generate observations	Developing and Using Models Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions	-Epic reading and videos -Scholastic News reading and videos -Read Works articles, videos, activities, mini lessons and assessments from Mystery Science extensions -Science of Wonder	-Epic videos -IXL science	~120 minutes per lesson: 30 min. introduction 1 hour investigation 30 min. reflection and assessment adjusted as needed for a total of 120 minutes per week.

and questions about the phenomenon and create an initial conceptual model to explain the phenomenon. • Gather clues during and after each lesson in this unit to help them improve their explanations. Lesson 1: Mapping & Earth's Surfaces and Features. - Teacher Guide pages 6-7 • Students develop a model of the earth's surface and use it to discover an important principle and how rivers work. • Students observe patterns	Lesson 1: SEPs "Developing and Using Models Planning and Carrying Out Investigations"	Lesson 1 Extensions Mystery Science Extend This Lesson Reading Bodies of Water	Lesson 1 Correctives Discovery Ed "Bodies of Water preK-2"	
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of how water and rivers flow Revisit Anchor Phenomena and Revise See Think Wonder Chart. Connecting Storyline Question: Is the Strange River brown all the way up at its source, or does it change color downstream? Lesson 2: Rocks, Sand, & Erosion -Teacher Guide pages 8-9 Students investigate the effects of rocks tumbling towards the river. Students develop a model of rocks traveling down a river	Lesson 2 SEPs "Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Developing and Using Models "	Lesson 2 Extension IXL Bodies of water	Lesson 2 Corrective -Discovery Ed Rocks K-2 -IXL Classify Rocks and Minerals	
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Revisit Anchor Phenomena and Revise See Think Wonder Chart. Connecting Storyline Question: What is causing the Strange River to change color? Lesson 3: Mapping and Severe Weather -Teacher Guide page 10 Students explore the phenomenon of flash floods and create an explanation of why these severe weather events are more or less likely in different regions. Revisit Anchor Phenomena and Revise See Think Wonder Chart.	Lesson 3 SEPs Developing and Using Models	Lesson 3 Extensions Mystery Science Mapping and Severe Weather Activity	Lesson 3 Corrective IXL Severe Weather	
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Connecting Storyline Question:There is not an anchor connection to follow this lesson currently. Lesson 4: Erosion, Earth's Surface, & Landforms -Teacher Guide page 12 • Students make hypotheses and investigate the causes of canyons. • Students create a model landform using cornmeal. • Revisit Anchor Phenomena and Revise See Think Wonder Chart. Connecting Storyline Question:How can we stop erosion? Lesson 5: Erosion & Engineering-Phenomen	Lesson 4 SEPs "Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions"	Lesson 4 Extensions Cornmeal Lands activity	Lesson 4 Corrective Discovery Ed Landforms K-2	
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on:A pair of rivers that	Lesson 5 SEPs	Lesson 5 Extension	Lesson 5 Corrective
flow together but look			
very, very different	"Asking Questions	Mystery Science	Discovery Education
from one another.	and Defining	Activity	"Weathering and Erosion
Students explore what	Problems	"How a rock can be	k-2"
causes rivers to have	Troolems	broken down in a	
such different colors.	Constructing	stream?"	
-Teacher Guide pages	Explanations and	stream:	
13-14	Designing and		
• Students	Solutions"		
compare	Solutions		
multiple			
solutions for			
preventing			
erosion			
Revisit Anchor			
Phenomena and			
Revise See			
Think Wonder			
Chart.			
Connecting			
Storyline			
Question: What			
other rivers			
flow into the			
Missouri River?			
Lesson 6: Performance			
Task: Erosion & Earth's		Lesson 6	
Surface	Lesson 6 SEPs	Extensions	Lesson 6 Correctives
-Phenomenon: A pair of			
rivers that flow	"Developing and	Discovery Ed	Mystery Science Mini
together but look very,	Using Models	Reading passage	Lesson "Why don't
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very different from one another. Students explore what causes rivers to have such different colors. -Teacher Guide page 15 • Students explore the difficulty of measuring the length of a river. Figuring out which river is the shortest river is difficult to do if you can't decide where a river starts or ends. • Students will learn about two rivers that are each possibly the shortest rivers in the United States. Then, they map those rivers out and attempt to determine which river is the shortest.	Analyzing and Interpreting Data Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information"	"What is Earth like?"	islands float away?"	
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Assessments:

Diagnostic	Formative	Summative
-See, Think, Wonder for Erosion and Earth's Surface (Work of Water) -class participation	Water of Water Lesson 1: If you floated down a river, where would you end up? Lesson Assessment Works of Water Lesson 2: Draw the river rocks model Works of Water Lesson 3: Flash Flood Finding recording sheet Works of Water Lesson 4: How did water change your land? recording sheet Works of Water Lesson 5: Save the Hills recording sheet	Strange River: Completed model Shortest River Performance Task and Claim/evidence statement

Unit 3: Habitats Curriculum Map

Unit Overview

The concept that plants depend on animals for pollination or to move their seeds around connects to the concept that plants depend on water and light to grow as both ideas are about plant needs. This relationship between organisms and water can also connect to the concept that there are many different kinds of living things in any area, and they exist in different places on land and in water. The engineering design idea that designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models can be connected to multiple science concepts, such as that plants depend on animals for pollination or to move their seeds around and there are many different kinds of living things in any area, and they exist in different places on land and in water. The first connection could be made through challenging students to design and then sketch a way to increase pollination of flowers after a decrease in the bee population. The second connection could be made by having students design two different plant habitats that each meet the needs of the many different kinds of plants that will be in each habitat. In either case, student sketches should be detailed enough to communicate their design fully.

Standards	Big Idea	Essential Questions
Science:	Biodiversity—plants and animals	How do organisms interact with the
	perform actions to continue	environment to obtain matter and energy?
3.1.2.A Plan and conduct an investigation to	pollination in nature	
determine if plants need sunlight and water to		What is biodiversity, how do humans affect
grow. (<u>2-LS2-1</u>)	Different plants and animals live in	it, and how does it affect humans?
	different habitats.	
3.1.2.B Develop a simple model that mimics the		Why are the plants and animals different in
function of an animal in dispersing seeds or	The Earth is made of more water than	different habitats?
pollinating plants. (2-LS2-2)	land.	
		Where is water found on the Earth?
3.1.2.C Make observations of plants and		
animals to compare the diversity of life in		
different habitats. (2-LS4-1)		

3.3.2.D Obtain information to identify where water is found on Earth and that it can be solid or liquid. (2-ESS2-3)	
Technology & Engineering: 3.5.K-2.A Identify and use everyday symbols.	
3.5.K-2.C Explain ways that technology helps with everyday tasks.	
3.5.K-2.E Illustrate helpful and harmful effects of technology.	
3.5.K-2.J Compare simple technologies to evaluate their impacts.	
3.5.K-2.J Design new technologies that could improve their daily lives	
3.5.K-2.K Safely use tools to complete tasks.	
3.5.K-2.1 Explore how technologies are developed to meet individual and societal needs and wants.	
3.5.K-2.R Draw connections between technology and human experience.	
3.5.K-2.V Explain that materials are selected for use because they possess desirable properties and characteristics	

3.5.K-2.K Safely use tools to complete tasks.	
3.5.K-2.L Explore how technologies are	
developed to meet individual and societal needs	
and wants.	
3.5.K-2.M Demonstrate essential skills of the	
engineering design process.	
3.5.K-2.N Analyze how things work.	
3.5.K-2.O Illustrate that there are different	
solutions to a design and that none are perfect.	
3.5.K-2.P Discuss that all designs have different	
characteristics that can be described.	
3.5.K-2.S Apply design concepts, principles,	
and processes through play and exploration	
3.5.K-2.T Demonstrate that designs have	
requirements.	
3.5.K-2.U Explain that design is a response to	
wants and needs	
3.5.K-2.V Explain that materials are selected for	
use because they possess desirable properties	
and characteristics.	
3.5.K-2.W Apply concepts and skills from	
technology and engineering activities that	
reinforce concepts and skills across multiple	
areas.	
3.5.K-2.X Develop a plan in order to complete a	
task.	
3.5.K-2.AA Demonstrate that creating can be	
done by anyone.	
3.5.K-2.CC Discuss the roles of scientists,	
engineers,	
technologists, and others who work with	
technology.	

3.5.K-2.DD Collaborate effectively as a member of a team Environmental Literacy & Sustainability: 3.5.k-2.C Explain ways that places differ in their physical characteristics, their meaning, and their value, and/or importance	
3.5.K-3.D Plan and carry out an investigation to address an issue in the local environment or community.	

Textbook and Supplemental Resources

Mystery Science	
Epic IXL	
Readworks	

Unit 3: Habitats Curriculum Plan

Learning Objectives/DOK Levels:

Students will know (DCI)	Students will be able to (SEP)	Students will apply(CCC)	DOK Level(s)
Plants depend on water and light to grow.	Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence to answer a question.	Events have causes that generate observable patterns. Events have causes that generate observable patterns.	DOK Level 3 (Strategic Thinking): Planning and conducting investigations collaboratively requires critical thinking, collaboration, and systematic collection of data to provide evidence,

Plants depend on animals for pollination or to move their seeds around.

There are many different kinds of living things in any area, and they exist in different places on land and in water. Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended.

Make observations (firsthand or from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena.

Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool.

Obtain information using various texts, text features (e.g., headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, icons), and other media that will be useful in answering a scientific question.

The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s).

Patterns in the natural world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence which involves more complex reasoning and problem-solving.

DOK Level 4 (Extended Thinking): Analyzing test data to evaluate the effectiveness of a tool or object requires extended thinking, as it involves critical evaluation, synthesis of information, and drawing conclusions from data.

Core Activities and Corresponding Instructional Methods

Mystery Science Unit(s)	Core Activities	Corresponding Instructional Methods	Extensions	Correctives	Time/Days
Animal Biodiversity (Animal Adventures) 45 days	Driving Question Board- "See Think Wonder" from Mystery Science Make a model *After each lesson return to See, Think, Wonder and add to model. Lesson 0: Life Underground Anchor Phenomenon -Phenomenon: A cave north of San Antonio Texas that has an animal covering the cave floorBackground Teacher Guide page 3 -Phenomenon: Life Underground Teacher Guide page 4 Generate observations and questions	Asking Questions and Defining Problems Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Analyzing and Interpreting Data Developing and Using Models	-Epic reading and videos -Scholastic News reading and videos -Read Works articles, videos, activities, mini lessons and assessments from Mystery Science extensions	-Epic videos -IXL science	~120 minutes per week: 30 min. introduction 1 hour investigation 30 min. reflection and assessment per lesson adjusted as needed for a total of 120 minutes per week.

about the phenomenon and create an initial conceptual model to explain the phenomenon. • Gather clues during and after each lesson in this unit to help them improve their explanations. Lesson 1: How many different kinds of animals are there? -Phenomenon:A cave north of San Antonio Texas that has an animal covering the cave floor. -Teacher Guide pages 5-6 • Examine how scientists organize animals into groups based on their characteristics.	Lesson 1 SEPs: Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	Lesson 1 Extensions: Mystery Science Extension Videos: Baby Sloths and Snapping Turtles	Lesson 1: Correctives Mystery Science: Which animal has the biggest heart?	
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• In "Animals Sorting Game", students study animal traits and use • these traits to sort animal cards into mammals, birds, reptiles, and invertebrates. Make decisions about animals that don't fall neatly into any of those categories • Revisit Anchor Phenomena and Revise See Think Wonder Chart. Connecting Storyline Question: Do the animals in the cave always stay in the cave or do they go to other places?		Lesson 2 Extensions:	Lesson 2: Correctives	
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.Lesson 2: Why would a wild animal visit a playground? -Teacher Guide pages 7-8 • Investigate why a group of wild bighorn sheep would leave their usual desert habitat to visit a second, very different habitat: a local playground. • In "Habitat Scavenger Hunt", students record observations of the diversity of life found in the desert and the playground, as well as the physical characteristics of each location. Combine these observations to create an	"Analyzing and Interpreting Data Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	Mystery Science Activity: Habitats Scavenger Hunt	Mystery Science Mini-Lesson: How do Scientists learn about animals?	
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there. Revisit A Phenom Revise S Think W Chart. Connect Storylin Question: What small mammal i the cave? Lesson 3: Why say "ribbit"? -Phenomenon: A north of San An Texas that has a animal covering cave floorTeacher Guide Listen to recordin	the and ag parts itat the that live Anchor aena and See Wonder ting: e type of lives in Lesson 3: SEPs "Analyzing and Interpreting Data Interpreting Data Engaging in Argument from Evidence"	Lesson 3: Extensions Mystery Science Reading "Can a Shark live near a volcano?" Discovery Ed Lesson: k-2 Amphibians	Lessons 3: Correctives Mystery Science Art Project	
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remind them of the sounds. Use those words to identify frog sounds in different environments. Revisit Anchor Phenomena and Revise See Think Wonder Chart. Connecting Storyline Question: How can we use sound to discover what is in the cave? Lesson 4: How could you get more birds to visit a bird feeder? -Phenomenon: A cave north of San Antonio Texas that has an animal covering the cave floorTeacher Guide pages 9-10 Investigate which kinds of	Lesson 4 SEPs "Asking Questions and Defining Problems Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Developing and Using Models"	Lesson 4: Extensions IXL: Read about animals (second grade)	Lesson 4: Correctives IXL: Read about animals (kindergarten or first grade)	
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birds are likely to visit a bird feeder based on what they eat. In "Design a Bird Feeder, "students first draw their own bird feeder design to attract a specific type of bird. Then they build a prototype of their bird feeder using available materials. Revisit Anchor Phenomena and Revise See Think Wonder Chart. Connecting Storyline Question: What food source can be found in the cave?	Lesson 5 SEPs Obtaining,		
be found in the			

Plant Adaptations (Plant Adventures) 42 days	-Phenomenon:A cave north of San Antonio Texas that has an animal covering the cave floorTeacher Guide page 11 • Explore and compare two very different places that Mexican free-tailed bats live. • Investigate a new location where a different colony of bats lives. • Compare and contrast the physical environment and the other living things that can be found in each place. Driving Question	Defining Problems and Designing Solutions		
	Board- "See Think Wonder" from Mystery Science			

Gather clues during and after each lesson in this unit to help them improve their explanations. Lesson 1: Seed Dispersal -Phenomenon:A burst of life in a place called Death Valley. How can huge fields of flowers suddenly grow in one of the hottest, driest places on EarthTeacher Guide pages 5-6 Investigate the mystery of the koa tree, a type of tree that grows in only two places—islands halfway across the world from one another. Develop three different physical models	Lesson 1: SEPs Developing and Using Models Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	Lesson 1 Extensions: IXL: Where do water lilies and saguaros live? (kindergarten or first grade)	Lesson 1: Correctives IXL: Identify Plant Parts (kindergarten or first grade)	
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-Phenomenon: A burst of life in a place called Death Valley. How can huge fields of flowers suddenly grow in one of the hottest, driest places on EarthTeacher Guide pages 7-8 • Investigate how the structures of seeds enable them to disperse, with a focus on seeds that utilize animal structures to aid in their dispersal. • In "Seed Travelers", students develop a model of a furry animal • ("fluffadoo") and then use it to test how far seed models with different		(kindergarten or first grade)
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structures can travel. Revisit Anchor Phenomena and Revise See Think Wonder Chart. Connecting Storyline Question: What else do the plants need to be able to grow? Lesson 3: Water, Sunlight, & Plant Growth -Phenomenon: A burst of life in a place called Death Valley. How can huge fields of flowers suddenly grow in one of the hottest, driest places on EarthTeacher Guide pages 9-10 Investigate how plants need water and sunlight to grow.	Lesson 3 SEPs: Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Analyzing and Interpreting Data	Lesson 3 Extensions: IXL: Where do bearberries and powdery strap air plants live? (kindergarten or first grade)	Lesson 3 Correctives: IXL: Plant Needs (kindergarten or first grade)	

 In "Seeds — Light and Dark", students experiment with growing radish seeds in light and dark conditions. Plant and compare the seedlings and watch what happens when all are placed in sunlight. Revisit Anchor Phenomena and Revise See Think Wonder Chart. Connecting Storyline Question: Why do the flowers eventually dry up and disappear? Lesson 4: Plant Needs and Habitats Phenomenon: A burst of life in a place called 	Lesson 4 SEPs: Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	Lesson 4 Extensions: IXL Where do turtle grass and giant sequoias live?(kindergarten or first grade)	Lesson 4 Correctives: IXL: Match Plants to their Parents (kindergarten or first grade)	
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Death Valley. How can			
huge fields of flowers			
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of the hottest, driest			
places on Earth.			
-Teacher Guide page			
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Investigate how			
different plants			
grow best under			
very different			
conditions,			
ranging from			
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tropical			
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• In "Puzzling			
Plants,"			
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much			
• water and			
sunlight a set of			
mystery plants			
need to grow			
and stay			
healthy.			

• Revisit Anchor Phenomena and Revise See Think Wonder Chart. Connecting Storyline Question: What other living things need water in Death Valley? Lesson 5: Performance Task: Water, Plants, Animals, & Habitats -Phenomenon: A burst of life in a place called Death Valley. How can huge fields of flowers suddenly grow in one of the hottest, driest places on Earth.	Lesson 5: SEPs Developing and Using Models Constructing Explanations Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information		
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Death Valley to make observations about how the water at each			

location supports a wide variety of incredible living things, ranging from one of the oldest living things on Earth to one of the rarest.		
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Assessments:

Diagnostic	Formative	Summative
-See, Think, Wonder for Animal Adaptations (Animal Adventures) Class participation	Animal Adventures Lesson 1: How many different kinds of animals are there? Lesson Assessment Animal Adventures Lesson 2: The	Claim-Evidence Reasoning bird feeder recording sheet Completed Bracken Cave Model
	Mystery of the Bighorn Sheep in the Park recording sheet	
	Animal Adventures Lesson 3: How Many Kinds of Frogs? recording sheet	
	Animal Adventures Lesson 4: My Bird Feeder recording sheet	

- See Think Wonder for Plant Adaptations (Plant Adventures) -class participation	Animal Adventures Lesson 5: Bat Rest Stop recording sheet Plant Adventures Lesson 1: How did a tree travel halfway around the world? lesson assessment Plant Adventures Lesson 2:Fluffadoo Seed Travel recording sheet Plant Adventures Lesson 3: Draw the Radishes recording sheet Plant Adventures Lesson 4: Build your Own Experiment recording sheet	Claim-Evidence Reasoning Sunlight Experiment/Water Experiment Completed Super Bloom Model
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