

1st grade

Unit 1: Waves: Light and Sound

Duration: 6-9 weeks

Desired Results		
Performance Expectations (NGSS Standards): Students who demonstrate understanding can: 1-PS4-1. Plan and conduct investigations to provide evidence that vibrating materials can make sound and that sound can make materials vibrate. <i>[Clarification Statement: Examples of vibrating materials that make sound could include tuning forks and plucking a stretched string. Examples of how sound can make matter vibrate could include holding a piece of paper near a speaker making sound and holding an object near a vibrating tuning fork.]</i> 1-PS4-2. Make observations to construct an evidence-based account that objects can be seen only when illuminated. <i>[Clarification Statement: Examples of observations could include those made in a completely dark room, a pinhole box, and a video of a cave explorer with a flashlight. Illumination could be from an external light source or by an object giving off its own light.]</i> 1-PS4-3. Plan and conduct an investigation to determine the effect of placing objects made with different materials in the path of a beam of light. <i>[Clarification Statement: Examples of</i>	Transfer	
	Crosscutting Concepts: Students will understand... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cause and Effect: Simple tests can be designed to gather evidence to support or refute student ideas about causes. (1-PS4-1),(1-PS4-2),(1-PS4-3) <p>-----</p> Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science, on Society and the Natural World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People depend on various technologies in their lives; human life would be very different without technology. (1-PS4-4) 	
	Meaning/Acquisition	
	Disciplinary Core Ideas Students will know... PS4.A: Wave Properties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sound can make matter vibrate, and vibrating matter can make sound. (1-PS4-1) PS4.B: Electromagnetic Radiation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objects can be seen if light is available to illuminate them or if they give off their own light. (1-PS4-2) Some materials allow light to pass through them, others allow only some 	Science and Engineering Practices Students will be skilled at... Planning and Carrying Out Investigations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple investigations, based on fair tests, which provide data to support explanations or design solutions. Plan and conduct investigations collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for

<p><i>materials could include those that are transparent (such as clear plastic), translucent (such as wax paper), opaque (such as cardboard), and reflective (such as a mirror).] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the speed of light.]</i></p> <p>1-PS4-4. Use tools and materials to design and build a device that uses light or sound to solve the problem of communicating over a distance.* <i>[Clarification Statement: Examples of devices could include a light source to send signals, paper cup and string “telephones,” and a pattern of drum beats.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include technological details for how communication devices work.]</i></p>	<p>light through and others block all the light and create a dark shadow on any surface beyond them, where the light cannot reach. Mirrors can be used to redirect a light beam. <i>(Boundary: The idea that light travels from place to place is developed through experiences with light sources, mirrors, and shadows, but no attempt is made to discuss the speed of light.)</i> (1- PS4-3)</p> <p>PS4.C: Information Technologies and Instrumentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People also use a variety of devices to communicate (send and receive information) over long distances. (1- PS4-4) 	<p>evidence to answer a question. (1- PS4-1),(1-PS4-3)</p> <p>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructing explanations and designing solutions in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to the use of evidence and ideas in constructing evidence-based accounts of natural phenomena and designing solutions. Make observations (firsthand or from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena (1-PS4- 2) • Use tools and materials provided to design a device that solves a specific problem. (1-PS4-4) <p>-----</p> <p>Connections to Nature of Science Scientific Investigations Use a Variety of Methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science investigations begin with a question. (1-PS4-1) • Scientists use different ways to study the world. (1-PS4-1)
<p>Evidence</p>		

Evaluation Criteria	Assessment Evidence
	PERFORMANCE TASK(S):
	OTHER EVIDENCE: Unit assessment
Learning Plan	
<i>Summary of Key Learning Events and Instruction</i>	

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Unit 2: Structure, Function, and Information Processing

Duration: 6-9 weeks

Desired Results		
<p>Performance Expectations (NGSS Standards): Students who demonstrate understanding can:</p> <p>1-LS1-1. Use materials to design a solution to a human problem by mimicking how plants and/or animals use their external parts to help them survive, grow, and meet their needs.* [Clarification Statement: Examples of human problems that can be solved by mimicking plant or animal solutions could include designing clothing or equipment to protect bicyclists by mimicking turtle shells, acorn shells, and animal scales; stabilizing structures by mimicking animal tails and roots on plants; keeping out intruders by mimicking thorns on branches and animal quills; and, detecting intruders by mimicking eyes and ears.]</p> <p>1-LS1-2. Read texts and use media to determine patterns in behavior of parents and offspring that help offspring survive. [Clarification Statement: Examples of patterns of behaviors could include the signals that offspring make (such as crying, cheeping, and other vocalizations) and the responses of the parents (such as feeding, comforting, and protecting the offspring).]</p>	<p>Transfer</p> <p>Crosscutting Concepts: Students will understand...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patterns Patterns in the natural world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence. (1-LS1-2),(1-LS3- 1) Structure and Function The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s). (1-LS1-1) <p>-----</p> <p>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every human-made product is designed by applying some knowledge of the natural world and is built by using natural materials. (1-LS1-1) 	
	<p>Meaning/Acquisition</p>	
	<p>Disciplinary Core Ideas Students will know... LS1.A: Structure and Function</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All organisms have external parts. Different animals use their body parts in different ways to see, hear, grasp objects, protect themselves, move from place to place, and seek, find, and take in food, water and air. Plants also have different parts (roots, stems, 	<p>Science and Engineering Practices Students will be skilled at... Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constructing explanations and designing solutions in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to the use of evidence and ideas in constructing evidence-based accounts of natural phenomena and designing

<p>1-LS3-1. Make observations to construct an evidence-based account that young plants and animals are like, but not exactly like, their parents. [Clarification Statement: Examples of patterns could include features plants or animals share. Examples of observations could include leaves from the same kind of plant are the same shape but can differ in size; and, a particular breed of dog looks like its parents but is not exactly the same.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include inheritance or animals that undergo metamorphosis or hybrids.]</p>	<p>leaves, flowers, fruits) that help them survive and grow. (1-LS1-1)</p> <p>LS1.B: Growth and Development of Organisms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult plants and animals can have young. In many kinds of animals, parents and the offspring themselves engage in behaviors that help the offspring to survive. (1-LS1-2) <p>LS1.D: Information Processing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animals have body parts that capture and convey different kinds of information needed for growth and survival. Animals respond to these inputs with behaviors that help them survive. Plants also respond to some external inputs. (1-LS1-1) <p>LS3.A: Inheritance of Traits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young animals are very much, but not exactly, like their parents. Plants also are very much, but not exactly, like their parents. (1-LS3-1) <p>LS3.B: Variation of Traits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals of the same kind of plant or animal are recognizable as similar but can also vary in many ways. (1-LS3-1) 	<p>solutions. Make observations (firsthand or from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena. (1-LS3-1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use materials to design a device that solves a specific problem or a solution to a specific problem. (1-LS1-1) Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in K–2 builds on prior experiences and uses observations and texts to communicate new information. Read grade-appropriate texts and use media to obtain scientific information to determine patterns in the natural world. (1-LS1-2) ----- <p>Connections to Nature of Science Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world. (1-LS1-2)

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Unit 3: Space Systems: Patterns and Cycles

Duration: 6-9 weeks

Desired Results		
Performance Expectations (NGSS Standards): Students who demonstrate understanding can: 1-ESS1-1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use observations of the sun, moon, and stars to describe patterns that can be predicted. [Clarification Statement: Examples of patterns could include that the sun and moon appear to rise in one part of the sky, move across the sky, and set; and stars other than our sun are visible at night but not during the day.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of star patterns is limited to stars being seen at night and not during the day.] 1-ESS1-2. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make observations at different times of year to relate the amount of daylight to the time of year. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on relative comparisons of the amount of daylight in the winter to the amount in the spring or fall.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to relative amounts of daylight, not quantifying the hours or 	Transfer	
	Crosscutting Concepts: Students will understand... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patterns Patterns in the natural world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence. (1-ESS1-1),(1-ESS1-2) <p>-----</p> Connections to Nature of Science Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science assumes natural events happen today as they happened in the past. (1-ESS1-1) Many events are repeated. (1-ESS1-1) 	
	Meaning/Acquisition	
	Disciplinary Core Ideas Students will know... ESS1.A: The Universe and its Stars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patterns of the motion of the sun, moon, and stars in the sky can be observed, described, and predicted. (1- ESS1-1) ESS1.B: Earth and the Solar System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seasonal patterns of sunrise and sunset can be observed, described, 	Science and Engineering Practices Students will be skilled at... Planning and Carrying Out Investigations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple investigations, based on fair tests, which provide data to support explanations or design solutions.

time of daylight.]	and predicted. (1-ESS1-2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data that can be used to make comparisons. (1-ESS1-2) Analyzing and Interpreting Data <ul style="list-style-type: none">Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations. Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions. (1-ESS1-1)
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Learning Plan		
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