

Unit 1: Patterns of Change in in the Sky

Instructional Days: 15

In this unit of study, students observe, describe, and predict some patterns in the movement of objects in the sky. The crosscutting concept of *patterns* is called out as an organizing concept for the disciplinary core ideas. Students are expected to demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in *planning and carrying out investigations* and *analyzing and interpreting data*. Students are also expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

This unit is based on 1-ESS1-1 and 1-ESS1-2.

Unit 2: Characteristics of Living Things

Instructional Days: 15

In this unit of study, students develop an understanding of how plants and animals use their external parts to help them survive, grow, and meet their needs, as well as how the behaviors of parents and offspring help offspring survive. The understanding that young plants and animals are like, but not exactly the same as, their parents is developed. The crosscutting concept of *patterns* is called out as an organizing concept for the disciplinary core ideas. Students are expected to demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in *obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information* and *constructing explanations*. Students are also expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

This unit is based on 1-LS3-1 and 1-LS1-2.

Unit 3: Mimicking Organisms to Solve Problems

Instructional Days: 25

In this unit of study, students develop an understanding of how plants and animals use their parts to help them survive, grow, and meet their needs. Students also need opportunities to *develop possible solutions*. As students develop possible solutions, one challenge will be to keep them from immediately implementing the first solution they think of and to instead think through the problem carefully before acting. Having students sketch their ideas or make a physical model is a good way to engage them in shaping their ideas to meet the requirements of the problem. The crosscutting concept of *structure and function* is called out as an organizing concept for the disciplinary core ideas. Students are expected to demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in *constructing explanations, designing solutions*, and in *developing and using models*. Students are expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

This unit is based on 1-LS1-1 and K-2-ETS1-2.

Unit 4: Light and Sound

Instructional Days: 20

In this unit of study, students develop an understanding of the relationship between sound and vibrating materials as well as between the availability of light and the ability to see objects. The idea that light travels from place to place can be understood by students at this level by placing objects made with different materials in the path of a beam of light and determining the effect of the different materials. The crosscutting concept of *cause and effect* is called out as an organizing concept for the disciplinary core ideas. Students are expected to demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in *planning and carrying out investigations, constructing explanations*, and *designing solutions*. Students are also expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

This unit is based on 1-PS4-2, 1-PS4-3, and 1-PS4-1.

Unit 5: Communicating with Light and Sound

Instructional Days: 25

In this unit of study, students continue to develop their understanding of the relationship between sound and vibrating materials as well as between the availability of light and the ability to see objects. Students apply their knowledge of light and sound to engage in engineering design to solve a simple problem involving communication with light and sound. The crosscutting concepts of *structure and function* and *influence of engineering, technology, and science on society and the natural world* are called out as organizing concepts for the disciplinary core ideas. Students are expected to demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in *constructing explanations and designing solutions, asking questions and defining problems*, and *developing and using models*. Students are also expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

This unit is based on 1-PS4-4, K-2-ETS1-1, and K-2-ETS1-2.

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Note: *The number of instructional days is an estimate based on the information available at this time. 1 day equals approximately 42 minutes of seat time. Teachers are strongly encouraged to review the entire unit of study carefully and collaboratively to determine whether adjustments to this estimate need to be made.*