

**WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCIENCE GRADE 2**

Content Area: SCIENCE

Course Title: ELEMENTARY

Grade Level: 2

UNIT 1

Relationships In Habitats

20 days

UNIT 2

Properties of Matter

20 days

UNIT 3

Changes To Matter

20 days

UNIT 4

The Earth's Land and Water

15 days

UNIT 5

Changes To Earth's Land

15 days

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**WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

Grade 2 - Unit 1

Content Area: Science

Unit Title: Relationships In Habitats

Target Course/Grade Level: Second

Unit Summary

In this unit of study, students develop an understanding of what plants need to grow and how plants depend on animals for seed dispersal and pollination. Students also compare the diversity of life in different habitats. The crosscutting concepts of *cause and effect* and *structure and function* are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. Students demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in *planning and carrying out investigations* 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 2-LS4-1, 2-LS2-1, 2-LS2-2, and K-2-ETS1-1.

Primary Interdisciplinary Connections:

ELA/Literacy

W.2.7 Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations). (2-LS4-1)

W.2.8 Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-LS4-1)

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SL.2.5 Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings. (2-LS2-2)

RI.2.1 Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. (K-2-ETS1-1)

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Mathematics

MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-LS4-1)

MP.4 Model with mathematics. (2-LS4-1)

2.MD.D.10 Draw a picture graph and a bar graph (with single-unit scale) to represent a data set with up to four categories. Solve simple put-together, take-apart, and compare problems. (2-LS4-1)

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MP.5 Use appropriate tools strategically. (2-LS2-1)

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MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K-2-ETS1-1)

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2.MD.D.10 Draw a picture graph and a bar graph (with single-unit scale) to represent a data set with up to four categories. Solve simple put-together, take-apart, and compare problems using information presented in a bar graph. (K-2-ETS1-1)

21st Century Themes:

Career Ready Practices and Financial Literacy

CRP1. Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.

CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills. **CRP4.**

Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason. **CRP6.**

Demonstrate creativity and innovation.

CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

9.2.4.A.4 Explain why knowledge and skills acquired in the elementary grades lay the foundation for future academic and career success.

Technology Integration

8.1.2.E.1 Use digital tools and online resources to explore a problem or issue.

Learning Targets

Performance Expectations

2-LS4-1. Make observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats.

2-LS2-1. Plan and conduct an investigation to determine if plants need sunlight and water to grow.

2-LS2-2. Develop a simple model that mimics the function of an animal in dispersing seeds or pollinating plants.

K-2-ETS1-1. Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.

Essential Questions

- Why can certain plants and animals be found in different types of habitats?
- Does water affect plant height?
- If a fire burns down a forest, how do new plants grow there afterwards?

Disciplinary Core Ideas

LS4.D: Biodiversity and Humans

- There are many different kinds of living things in any area, and they exist in different places on land and in water. (2-LS4-1)

ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems

- A situation that people want to change or create can be approached as a problem to be solved through engineering. (K-2-ETS1-1)
- Asking questions, making observations, and gathering information are helpful in thinking about problems. (K-2-ETS1-1)
- Before beginning to design a solution, it is important to clearly understand the

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| | problem. (K-2-ETS1-1) |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Science and Engineering Practices</p> <p>Planning and Carrying Out Investigations 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Make observations (firsthand or from media) to collect data that can be used to make comparisons. (2-LS4-1) <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. (2-LS4-1) <p>Asking Questions and Defining Problems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Asking questions and defining problems in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to simple descriptive questions. Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the natural and/or designed world(s). (K2-ETS1-1) ● Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool. (K-2- ETS1-1) | <p style="text-align: center;">Crosscutting Concepts</p> <p>Cause and Effect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Events have causes that generate observable patterns. (2-LS2-1) <p>Structure and Function</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s). (2-LS2-2) |

Evidence of Learning

Formative Assessments

- Activity: Hook
- Activity: Investigate
- Activity w/report: Engineering Design
- Activity w/report: Science/Literacy
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Summative Assessments

Argue: Claim-Evidence-Reasoning: student writes a scientific explanation to show their understanding of a science in a way that uses evidence.

Open-Ended Response: a short-answer and essay assessment to evaluate student mastery of the concept.

Multiple-Choice Assessment: a standards-based assessment designed to gauge students’ understanding of the science concept using their selections of the best possible answers from a list of choices

Modifications (ELLs, Special Education, Gifted and Talented) ELL

- Learn the backgrounds of LEP students
- Plan lessons that are both culturally and linguistically appropriate.
- Group students flexibly, in small groups based on individual or group interests as well as instructional need or ability.
- Give clear, simple directions
- Ask them to retell or restate, in their own words, the task.
- Reiterate, in the student’s native language or in simplified English, the key concepts learned in content areas.
- Paraphrase information and main ideas.
- Reorganize and reinforce information.
- Provide bilingual classroom resources, such as bilingual dictionaries, picture books and dictionaries, and English language encyclopedias for LEP students.

Special Education

- Provide Instructional Strategies and Techniques that Address Learning Style
- Utilize Techniques and Activities to Support Personal-Social Development
- Modify the Presentation of Materials
- Modify the Learning Environment
- Modify Assessments
- Modify Grading
- Facilitate Appropriate Behavior
- Limit/Reduce/Modify/Permit Alternate Class Work Curricular Procedures
- Provide Alternative Homework
- Provide Access to Special Equipment and Instructional Materials

Gifted and Talented

- Accelerate or enrich content.
- Reduce regular classroom work
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- Schedule opportunities to work individually through independent study
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Curriculum Development Resources/Instructional Materials/Equipment Resources:**STEMScopes**

- Diversity of Living Things
- What Plants Need
- Animal and Plant Dependence

Materials**Equipment**

- Smartboard and Projector

**WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
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Grade 2 - Unit 2

Content Area: Science

Unit Title: Properties of Matter

Target Course/Grade Level: Second

Unit Summary

In this unit of study, students demonstrate an understanding of observable properties of materials through analysis and classification of different materials. The crosscutting concepts of *patterns, cause and effect, and the influence of engineering, technology, and science on society and the natural world* are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas.

Students 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 2-PS1-1, 2-PS1-2, and K-2-ETS1-3.

Primary Interdisciplinary Connections:

ELA/Literacy

RI.2.8 Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text. (2-PS1-2),

W.2.7 Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations). (2-PS1-1),(2-PS1- 2),

W.2.8 Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-PS1-1),(2-PS1-2),

W.2.6 With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers. (K-2-ETS1-3)

W.2.8 Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (K-2-ETS1-3)

Mathematics

MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-PS1-2)

MP.4 Model with mathematics. (2-PS1-1),(2-PS1-2)

MP.5 Use appropriate tools strategically. (2-PS1-2)

2.MD.D.10 Draw a picture graph and a bar graph (with single-unit scale) to represent a data set with up to four categories. Solve simple put-together, take-apart, and compare problems using information presented in a bar graph. (2-PS1-1),(2-PS1-2)

MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K-2-ETS1-3)

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Technology Integration

8.1.2.E.1 Use digital tools and online resources to explore a problem or issue.

Learning Targets

Performance Expectations

2-PS1-1. Plan and conduct an investigation to describe and classify different kinds of materials by their observable properties.

2-PS1-2. Analyze data obtained from testing different materials to determine which materials have the properties that are best suited for an intended purpose.

K-2-ETS1-3. Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to

compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs.

Essential Questions

- How would the properties of a chocolate bar and a cup of ice water change if left outside on a hot day?
- Why are trampolines bouncy?

Disciplinary Core Ideas PS1.A:

Structure and Properties of Matter

- 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. (2-PS1-1)
- Different properties are suited to different purposes. (2-PS1-2)

ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution

- Because there is always more than one possible solution to a problem, it is useful to compare and test designs. (K-2-ETS1-3)

Science and Engineering Practices

Planning and Carrying Out Investigations

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 an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence to answer a question. (2-PS1-1)

Analyzing and Interpreting Data Analyzing data in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations.

- Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended. (2-PS1-2), (K-2-ETS1-3)

Crosscutting Concepts

Patterns

- Patterns in the natural and human designed world can be observed. (2-PS1-1)

Cause and Effect

- Simple tests can be designed to gather evidence to support or refute student ideas about causes. (2-PS1-2)

Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science

Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World

- Every human-made product is designed by applying some knowledge of the natural world and is built using materials derived from the natural world. (2-PS1-2)

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Gifted and Talented

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Curriculum Development Resources/Instructional Materials/Equipment Resources:

STEMScopes

- Properties and States of Matter
- Properties of Materials

Materials

Equipment

- Promethean Projection Board

**WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
DISTRICT
Grade 2 - Unit 3**

Content Area: Science

Unit Title: Changes to Matter

Target Course/Grade Level: Second

Unit Summary

In this unit of study, students continue to develop an understanding of observable properties of materials through analysis and classification of different materials. The crosscutting concepts of *cause and effect* and *energy and matter* are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. Students are expected to demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in *constructing explanations, designing solutions, and engaging in argument from evidence.*

Students are also expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

This unit is based on 2-PS1-3 and 2-PS1-4.

Primary Interdisciplinary Connections:

ELA/Literacy

RI.2.1 Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. (2-PS1-4)

RI.2.3 Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. (2-PS1-4)

RI.2.8 Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text. (2-PS1-4)

W.2.1 Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply reasons that support the opinion, use linking words (e.g., because, and, also) to connect opinion and reasons, and provide a concluding statement or section. (2-PS1-4)

W.2.7 Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations). (2-PS1-3)

W.2.8 Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-PS1-3)

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Technology Integration

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Learning Targets

Performance Expectations

2-PS1-3. Make observations to construct an evidence-based account of how an object made of a small set of pieces can be disassembled and made into a new object. [Clarification Statement: Examples of pieces could include blocks, building bricks, or other assorted small objects.]

2-PS1-4. Construct an argument with evidence that some changes caused by heating or cooling can be reversed and some cannot.

Essential Questions

- How do beavers build their homes in the water?
- When you heat eggs in a skillet, are the changes reversible or not?

Disciplinary Core Ideas

PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter

- Different properties are suited to different purposes. (2-PS1-3)
- A great variety of objects can be built up from a small set of pieces. (2-PS1-3)

PS1.B: Chemical Reactions

- Heating or cooling a substance may

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| | <p>cause changes that can be observed. Sometimes these changes are reversible, and sometimes they are not. (2-PS1-4)</p> |
| <p align="center">Science and Engineering Practices</p> <p>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Make observations (firsthand or from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena. (2-PS1-3) <p>Engaging in Argument from Evidence Engaging in argument from evidence in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to comparing ideas and representations about the natural and designed world(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Construct an argument with evidence to support a claim. (2- PS1-4) <p align="center">Connections to Nature of Science</p> <p>Science Models, Laws, Mechanisms, and Theories Explain Natural Phenomena</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scientists search for cause and effect relationships to explain natural events. (2- PS1-4) | <p align="center">Crosscutting Concepts</p> <p>Cause and Effect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Events have causes that generate observable patterns. (2-PS1-4) <p>Energy and Matter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Objects may break into smaller pieces and be put together into larger pieces, or change shapes. (2-PS1-3) |

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Modifications (ELLs, Special Education, Gifted and Talented) ELL

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Curriculum Development Resources/Instructional Materials/Equipment Resources:

STEMScopes

- Building Blocks Of Matter
- Changes From Heat

Materials

Equipment

- Promethean Projection Board

WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

DISTRICT

Grade 2 - Unit 4

Content Area: Science

Unit Title: The Earth’s Land and Water

Target Course/Grade Level: Second

Unit Summary

In this unit of study, students use information and models to identify and represent the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water in an area and where water is found on Earth. The crosscutting concept of *patterns* is called out as an organizing concept for these disciplinary core ideas. Students demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in *developing and using models* and *obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information*. Students are also expected to use these practices to demonstrate understanding of the core ideas.

This unit is based on 2-ESS2-3 and 2-ESS2-2.

Primary Interdisciplinary Connections:

ELA/Literacy

W.2.6 With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers. (2-ESS2-3)

W.2.8 Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-ESS2-3)

SL.2.5 Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings. (2-ESS2-2)

Mathematics

MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-ESS2-2)

MP.4 Model with mathematics. (2-ESS2-2)

2.NBT.A.3 Read and write numbers to 1000 using base-ten numerals, number names, and expanded form. (2-ESS2-2)

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Technology Integration

8.1.2.E.1 Use digital tools and online resources to explore a problem or issue.

Learning Targets

Performance Expectations

2-ESS2-2. Develop a model to represent the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water in an area.

2-ESS2-3. Obtain information to identify where water is found on Earth and that it can be solid or liquid.

Essential Questions

- How can flat maps show us where landforms are located?
- Why can't we drink water from the ocean?

Disciplinary Core Ideas

ESS2.B: Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale System Interactions

- Maps show where things are located. One can map the shapes and kinds of land and water in any area. (2-ESS2- 2)

ESS2.C: The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes

- Water is found in the ocean, rivers, lakes, and ponds. Water exists as solid ice and in liquid form. (2-ESS2-3)

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WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

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Grade 2 - Unit 5

Content Area: Science

Unit Title: Changes to Earth’s Land

Target Course/Grade Level: Second

Unit Summary

In this unit of study, students apply their understanding of the idea that wind and water can change the shape of land to compare design solutions to slow or prevent such change. The crosscutting concepts of *stability and change*; *structure and function*; and *the influence of engineering, technology, and science on society and the natural world* are called out as organizing concepts for these disciplinary core ideas. Students demonstrate grade-appropriate proficiency in *asking questions and defining problems*, *developing and using models*, and *constructing explanations and designing solutions*. Students are also expected to use these

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This unit is based on 2-ESS1-1, 2-ESS2-1, K-2-ETS1-1, and K-2-ETS1-2.

Primary Interdisciplinary Connections:

ELA/Literacy

RI.2.1 Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. (2-ESS1-1)

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SL.2.2 Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media. (2-ESS1-1)

Mathematics

MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-ESS1-1)

MP.4 Model with mathematics. (2-ESS1-1)

2.NBT.A Understand place value. (2-ESS1-1)

21st Century Themes:

Career Ready Practices and Financial Literacy

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9.2.4.A.4 Explain why knowledge and skills acquired in the elementary grades lay the foundation for future academic and career success.

Technology Integration

8.1.2.E.1 Use digital tools and online resources to explore a problem or issue.

Learning Targets

Performance Expectations

2-ESS1-1. Use information from several sources to provide evidence that Earth events can occur quickly or slowly.

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K-2-ETS1-2. Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem.

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