Tema International School



Science Benchmarks and Skills

Strands:	By the end of K1 , learners will:	By the end of K2/3 learners will:	By the end of Grade One , learners will:	By the end of Grade Two , learners will:	By the end of Grade Three , learners will:	By the end of Grade Four , learners will:	By the end of Grade Five , learners will:	By the end of Grade Six , learners will:
Living Things The study of the characteristics, systems and behaviours of humans and other animals, and of plants; the interactions and relationships between and among them, and with their environment.	Sharing the planet:Explore the basic needs ofliving things (air, water,food, and shelter) that aremet from the environment.Appreciate that all livingthings are important andshould be treated with careand respect.Identify animals that doand do not live in theocean.Identify ways in whichthey can care for andshow respect for	How the world works: Sort and classify groups of living and nonliving things in their own way. Explore the characteristics of living things. Use senses to describe change. Identify and describe how living things change (life cycle). Identify and describe how non-living things	Sharing the planet: Classify plants as vascular (have tubes to transport food) or non-vascular (absorb food via leaves). Observe and describe the characteristics of living and non-living things Observe the needs of living things that enable them to stay healthy Take responsibility for living things found in his or her	Who we are: Identify that humans cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. Explain the importance of good hygiene practices on health. Investigate how the sun's energy allows humans to meet their basic need for food. Identify the different food groups and what these groups provide	Who we are: assess the impact that changes in environmental conditions can have on living things describe how water sustains life recognize the ways in which plants and animals have adapted over time make links between different features of the environment and the specific needs of living things	Sharing the planet: Investigate and describe how plants and animals have features that help them live in various environments. Observe, record, and describe changes in the health or behavior of an organism as a result of changes in its environment. Give examples of how changes in the environment (drought, cold) have caused some plants and animals to	Who we are: recognize the importance of moderation in relation to safe personal behavior understand the interdependence of factors that can affect health and well-being identify realistic goals and strategies to improve personal fitness identify and discuss the changes that occur during puberty and their impact on well-being.	Who we are: Assess the effects of social and environmental factors on human health, and propos ways in which individuals can reduce the harmful effects of these factors an take advantage of those that are beneficial. Recognize that living things go through predictable life cycles. Describe the changes that occur during puberty
	oceans. Observe the needs of living things. Take responsibility for living things. Be aware of the roles played by plants. Describe the simple life cycle of some living things. describe the life cycles of a variety of living things (for example, a range of animals and	can be changed (human action, nature) Conduct an experiment to determine if an object can be changed Conduct experiments to explore permanent versus reversible change (ie. water can change between frozen and liquid, but baking ingredients together is irreversible change) Who we are:	environment. Identify the parts of plants that are used by other living things (for example, for food, shelter, tools) be aware of the role of plants in sustaining life (for example, providing oxygen, food) Ask questions that demonstrate a curiosity about living things, objects, and events in the immediate environment	these groups provide our bodies (energy, minerals, vitamins, protein, etc). Identify personal actions that they themselves can take to help maintain a healthy lifestyle. Identify the five components of a healthy lifestyle (nutrition/hydration, rest, exercise, hygiene, and personal wellness) and their importance in daily life.	assess the impact that changes in environmental conditions can have on living things Sharing the planet: recognize the ways in which plants and animals have adapted over time • make links between different features of the environment and the specific needs of living things	some plants and animals to die or move to new locations (migration). Explore the relationship between the components of a habitat and the plants and animals that live there. describe the interactions of living things within and between ecosystems examine interactions between living things and non- living parts of the environment	How the world works understand the role of vaccinations investigate technology developments examine the impact of particular technologies on sustainability suggest areas for future technological advances. explore health and safety issues facing children (for	 puberty. Sharing the planet: Explain the importance of biodiversity. Explain how energy is transferred through food webs in an ecosystem. Analyse the effects of changing a link in a food web. Explain how ecosystems, biomes and environments are interdependent.
	plant	Observe and describe the characteristics of living and non-living things Identify the senses and its related sense organ. Care for the senses. Identify and describe unnamed objects using their five senses - sight, smell, taste, touch, and sound.		Who we are (A) recognise that living things, including humans, need certain resources for energy and growth . identify the major food groups and be aware of the role they play in human	• assess the impact that changes in environmental conditions can have on living things	recognize that solar energy sustains ecosystems through a transformation of energy analyse the effects of changing a link in a food web explain how human activities can have positive or adverse effects on local and other environments (for example, waste disposal, agriculture, industry).	example, spread of disease, accidents, access to health care)	Explore how species develop interrelationships within species, between species, and between species and the environment and identify how these interrelationships sustain biodiversity. Analyse a local issue related to biodiversity. describe the interactions of living things within and

	development.		between ecosystems
		take responsibility for living	examine interactions
Explain the functions of the five senses.	recognise that	things found in his or her	between living things and
the five senses.	imagination	environment.	
	contributes to		non-living parts of the environment
	scientific	observe and describe the	environment
		characteristics of living and	analysis the effects of
		non-living things	analyse the effects of
			changing a link in a food
	developments	investigate the responses of	web
	explore the use of	plants or animals to changes	and the base because
	imagination as a	in their habitats.	explain how human activities can have positive
	tool to solve		or adverse effects on local
	problems (for	recognise the ways in which	
	example, particular	plants and animals have	and other environments (for
	inventions, scientific	adapted over time	example, waste disposal,
	discoveries).		agriculture, industry).
		make links between different	
		features of the environment	Identify and describe
		and the specific needs of	different biomes
	Who we are (B)	living things	The sector due to the form
			Examine the importance of
		assess the impact that	balance in biomes
	talk about activities that	changes in environmental	The second second
	occur during the day and night	conditions can have on living	Investigate the conservation
	night	things	of biomes
	make connections between		** 41 *** 11***
	the weather and how to		How the World Works
	protect himself or herself		
			explain how human
	identify simple patterns in		activities can have
	daily and seasonal cycles		positive or adverse effects on local and
			other environments (for
	observe the needs of living		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	things that enable them to		example, waste
	stay healthy		disposal, agriculture,
			industry).
Sharing the planet:	take responsibility for living		
Identify the conditions	things found in his or her		
and requirements for	environment.		
healthy growth (ie. food,			
water, light).	identify the parts of plants		
Idontify more in 1:-1	that are used by other living		
Identify ways in which	things (for example, for food,		
they can care for and show	shelter, tools)		
respect for nature, animals and their habitats.	·		
and their habitats.	be aware of the role of plants		
	in sustaining life (for		
Sharing The Planet	example, providing oxygen,		
Sharing The Planet.	food)		
observe the features	show responsibility when		
of the local	caring for plants.		
environment that are			
affected by daily and seasonal cycles.			
 take responsibility 			
• take responsibility for living things			
found in his or her			
environment.			
 observe the needs 			
of living things that	How we arrest in		
enable them to stay	How we organise		

	healthy • show responsibility when caring for plants.		ourselves: Describe and diagram how all animals, including humans, depend upon plants whether or not they eat the plants directly.		
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		Classify animals based on their relationships with humans (pets, farm animals, wild animals, pests, etc) Observe the needs of living things that enable them to		
	s - t	stay healthy. Take responsibility for living things found in his or her environment.		
	c I I t t	Observe and describe the characteristics of living and non-living things Identify the parts of plants that are used by other living things (for example, for food, shelter, tools)		
	i t s	Be aware of the role of plants in sustaining life (for example, providing oxygen, food) show responsibility when caring for plants.		
	i a a	recognise that living things, including humans, need certain resources for energy and growth describe the life cycles of a variety of living things (for		
	€	example, a range of animals and plants)		

		Identify what plants provide for other living things (e.g., trees produce the oxygen that other living things breathe; plants such as tomatoes and apple trees provide food for humans and for other animals; a tree stump provides a home for a chipmunk, etc) Investigate ways they can sustain plant life.				
Earth and Space Science The study of planet Earth and its position in the universe, particularly its relationship with the sun; the natural phenomena and systems that shape the planet and the distinctive features that identify it; the infinite and finite resources of the planet.	How we express ourselves: Classify objects found in nature using identifiable features (colour, source, shape). Explore the distinctive features of nature, such as plants, seeds, animals, trees, outdoors, sunshine, rain, etc Sharing The Planet: De aware of how to change water into a solid, liquid and gas describe observable changes (including changes of state) that occur in materials (including solids, liquids, gases)		How we organise ourselves: Identify the natural resources required in a variety of production processes. Sharing the Planet: Explore the impact of waste on the environment (eg. water pollution, air pollution, sanitation). Explain that the supply of many resources is limited but the supply can be extended through careful use, decreased use, reusing and/or recycling. Sharing the Planet (A) describe the natural features of local and other environments (for example, underlying geology) Analyse ways in which humans use the natural environment. identify or generate a question or problem to be explored in relation to human impact on the local environment. Group materials on the basis of properties for the purpose of recycling Describe how a particular material is recycled	Sharing the planet: Describe ways in which living things, including humans, depend on freshwater (e.g., all living things need to drink or absorb water to stay alive) Identify sources of water in the natural and built environment (e.g., natural: oceans, lakes, ponds, streams, springs, water tables; human-made: wells, sewers, water supply systems, reservoirs, water towers) and which of these supply fresh water. take responsibility for living things found in his or her environment. identify the parts of plants that are used by other living things (for example, for food, shelter, tools) be aware of the role of plants in sustaining life (for example, providing oxygen, food)	 How the world works: Describe the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun in the solar system Describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth Describe the sun, Earth and moon as approximately spherical bodies Use models to demonstrate how the rotation of the Earth on its axis every 24 hours produces the night-and-day cycle and reflect on the explanations from a range of sources as to why the Earth changes. identify the long-term and short-term changes on Earth (for example, plate tectonics, erosion, floods, deforestation) describe how natural phenomena shape the planet identify the evidence that the Earth has changed (for example, land formations in local environment) describe how water sustains life explore scientific and technological developments that help people understand and respond to the changing 	 How the world works: Describe how natural phenomena (waves, wind, water, glacier movement, and ice) shape and reshape the planet. Develop models to demonstrate the effects of forces from natural phenomena (e.g., tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis) on the natural and built environment. Describe changes in Earth's surface that are due to rapid processes (including landslides, Make suggestions as to how effects of natural disasters can be minimized. Explain, using examples, that hazard + vulnerability = natural disaster (both of these factors must exist for it to be considered a disaster) investigate technology developments examine the impact of particular technologies on sustainability suggest areas for future technological advances. Explore scientific principles to provide solutions to real world problems.

		Earth	Analyse how and why
	Sharing the Planet (B)		scientific knowledge affects
		demonstrate how energy can	people and society
	. Analyse ways in which	be stored and transformed	
	humans use the natural	from one form to another (for	Identify and describe
	environment	example, storage of fat,	scientific phenomena
		batteries as a store of	
	:	energy)	Identify practices to
	identify or generate a		conserve the earth
	question or problem to be	identify and describe	
	explored in relation to human	different forms of energy	
	impact on the local		
	environment	Explain the relationship	
		between forces and motion	
	Recognise that imagination	between forces and motion	
	contributes to scientific		
	developments	examine ways in which the	
		local community could be	
	explore the use of	improved in relation to the	
	imagination as a tool to solve	conservation of energy	
	problems (for example,		
	particular inventions,	assess renewable and	
	scientific discoveries).	sustainable energy sources	
	scientific discoveries).	(for example, wind, solar,	
		water)	
	reflect on the impact of air on	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
	living things		
	group materials on the basis		
	of properties for the purpose		
	of recycling		
	orrecycling		
	describe how a particular		
	material is recycled		

		Apply and justify a personal action that can reduce their use of limited resources.	Investigate evaporation, condensation and precipitation through simulations. Explain the water cycle. Explain why fresh water is a limited resource, referencing the water cycle.	 explain the apparent movement of the sun across the sky Explain what makes Earth a unique planet that can sustain human life, referencing its natural resources and position in the solar system. Reflect on explanations from a range of sources to why the Earth change Describe how water sustains life. Identify the long -term and short –term changes on Earth. Describe how natural phenomena change the planet. Identify the evidence that the earth has changed.
				Explore scientific and technological developments that help people understand and respond to the changing Earth.
			Differentiate between potable and non-potable water.	
			Assess personal and family uses of fresh water as responsible/efficient or wasteful, and create a plan to reduce the amount of water used, where possible.	
			Illustrate the locations of freshwater (including oceans, seas, rivers, lakes, ponds, streams, and glaciers) on Earth by using drawings, maps, or models.	
			Where we are in place and time: Observe and describe weather associated with seasons.	

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		Observe and record daily changes in weather (e.g., clouds or air temperature).
		Graph recorded weather data to show daily and seasonal patterns in weather.
		Describe weather by measurable quantities such as temperature, wind direction, wind speed, precipitation and barometric pressure.
		Identify and use the tools of a meteorologist (e.g., measure rainfall using rain gauge, measure air pressure using barometer,

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				measure temperature using a thermometer, measure wind speed using an anemometer). Predict weather and justify prediction with observable evidence. Explore the relationship between weather and climate.	
Materials and Matter The study of the properties, behaviours and uses of materials, both natural and human- made; the origins of human-made materials and how they are manipulated to suit a purpose.	 How the world works: Use senses to describe observable properties of familiar materials. Choose materials with a purpose as play evolves. Experiment with different construction materials to identify their features. Demonstrate how the features of different materials make them suitable/unsuitable for building (i.e., round objects don't stack, plasticity). Identify the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials (sink and float, rough and smooth, strong and weak) and explore these properties in their play. 	 How the world works: Explore the characteristics of non-living things. Explore materials that undergo a physical change (changes the appearance only) using their senses. Explore materials that undergo a chemical change (changes into an entirely different substance) using their senses. Conduct an experiment to determine if an object can be changed. 	 How the world works: Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties. Describe how the properties of certain materials can change when specific actions are applied to them, such as freezing, mixing, heating, cutting, dissolving and bending. Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. 		

How we express	
How we express ourselves:	
Explore key concepts	
and principles of	
photography	
Recognise that we need	
light in order to see	
things and that dark is	
the absence of light	
Recognise that shadows are formed when the	
light from a light source	
is blocked by an opaque	
object.	
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Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to	
explain that objects are	
seen because they give	
out or reflect light into	
the eye	
Explain that we see	
things because light	
travels from light sources	
to our eyes or from light	
sources to objects and	
then to our eyes	

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Forces and Energy				How The World Works	Sharing the Planet: Identify a variety of	
The study of energy, its origins, storage and transfer, and the work it can do; the study of forces; the application of scientific understanding through inventions and machines.	thunder and lightning). recognise that imagination contributes to scientific developments explore the use of imagination as a tool to solve problems (for example, particular inventions, scientific discoveries). apply his or her understanding about the properties of air (for example, building a windmill)	recognise that imagination contributes to scientific developments investigate ways that familiar materials can be reused explore links between air, light and sound (for example, thunder and lightning). apply his or her understanding about the properties of air (for example, building a windmill) reflect on the impact of air on living things investigate and identify the properties of air explore the use of imagination as a tool to solve problems (for example, particular inventions, scientific discoveries). examine how people use air in their everyday lives (for example, transportation, recreation) group materials on the basis of properties for the purpose of recycling explore the role of living things in recycling energy and matter.	How we express ourselves: Demonstrate how sounds is made in a variety of ways (singing, whispering, striking an object), and associating some of them with something vibrating. Recognise that vibrations from sounds	Suggest areas for future technological advances. examine the impact of particular technologies on sustainability investigate technology developments analyze the way in which technology supports the functioning of workplaces (for example, schools) Analyze why and how we still use simple machines. investigate which simple machines were developed by past civilizations (for example, lever, ramp, pulley, screw, wheel)	Identify a variety of renewable and non-renewable sources of energy and give everyday examples of how that energy is used. Identify and describe forms of energy as potential or kinetic.	

		travel through a medium to the ear.
		Investigate the basic properties of sound (frequency, pitch, loudness, duration, timbre, location)
		Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it.
		Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.
		How the world works: Explore simple and compound machines.
		State and apply the principles of work, effort, and force.
		Identify the six basic types of simple machines – lever; inclined plane; pulley; wheel and axle, including gear; screw; and wedge – and give examples of ways in which each is used in daily life to make tasks easier.
		Experiment with the design cycle.
		Use diagrams to show simple machines in action.
		Explain and demonstrate how simple machines interact to create compound machines.
		analyze why and how we still use simple machines.
		• explore the principle of using gears to provide more work for less energy
		• investigate which simple machines were developed by past civilizations (for

Explain and demonstrate an energy transformation.

Explain and demonstrate how energy has been transformed, recognizing that energy cannot be created or destroyed.

Analyse the long-term impacts on society and the environment of human uses of energy and natural resources.

Evaluate the effects of various technologies on energy consumption and propose ways individuals can improve energy conservation.

How the world works: Demonstrate Newton's three physical laws of motion.

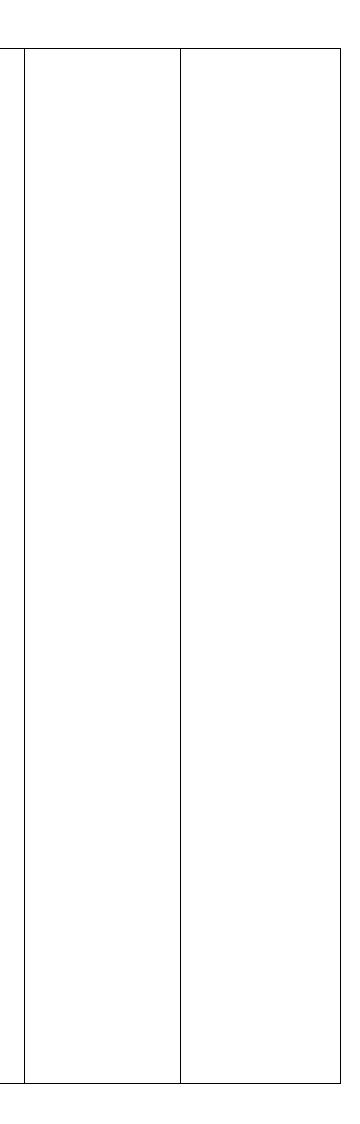
Identify different kinds of forces.

Describe how different forces (e.g., magnetism, muscular force, gravitational force, friction) applied to an object at rest can cause the object to start, stop, attract, repel, or change direction.

Conduct investigations to determine the effects of increasing or decreasing the amount of force applied to an object.

Design and build devices that use forces to create controlled movement.

		example, lever, ramp, pulley, screw, wheel)	
		• understand the relationship between the	
		relationship between the force applied to an object and resulting motion of the object	
		• explain the relationship between force and motion • identify their own and others' existing ideas about forces and motion	
		others' existing ideas about forces and motion	
		recognize that forces act in all real-life situations whether objects are	
		whether objects are moving or not	
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Science Skills	By the end of K1, learners will: 1. explore ideas, manipulate materials and trial designs □through play.	By the end of K2/3, learners will: 1. follow a planning process,	By the end of Grade One, learners will: 1. explore ideas, manipulate materials and trial designs□ using digital and	By the end of Grade Two, learners will: 1. conduct guided investigations by observing,	By the end of Grade Three, learners will: 1. conduct guided investigations by observing,	By the end of Grade Four, learners will: 1. design and conduct guided investigations by observing,
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By the end of Grade Five, learners will: 1. design and conduct investigations to observe, questioning,

By the end of Grade Six, learners will: 1. design and conduct investigations to observe, questioning,

 ask questions about the familiar world talk about their observations 	 explore ideas, manipulate materials and trial designs using digital and non-digital tools □through play, ask questions about the familiar world, talk about their observations 	 non-digital tools through play; 2. use their imagination to propose a solution to make something work better; 3. perform simple tests using simple equipment 4. identify variables in simple investigations; 5. suggest possible explanations in relation to what they have observed; 6. gather and record data to help answer questions. 	 questioning and predicting; 2. identify and generate a question or problem to be explored;□ 3. identify variables in simple investigations; 4. perform simple tests using simple equipment 5. suggest possible explanations in relation to what they have observed; 6. gather and record data to help answer questions. 	 questioning and predicting; 2. identify and generate a relevant question or problem to be explored using different types of scientific inquiries*.□ 3. manipulate a variable in conducting an investigation in order to conduct a fair test; 4. discuss the ways in which □an experiment is unfair if the relevant variables are not controlled; 5. combine prior knowledge with observations to suggest an answer to the question posed in the investigation 6. record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables 7. use technology to make a task easier or repeatable in real-world tasks * recognise when a simple fair test is necessary and help to decide how to set it up; talk about criteria for grouping, sorting and classifying; and use simple keys 	 questioning and predicting; 2. identify and generate a relevant question or problem to be explored using different types of scientific inquiries*. 3. formulate a testable hypothesis; 4. suggest approaches and methods for solving problems; 5. manipulate a variable in conducting an investigation in order to conduct a fair test; 6. discuss the ways in which□ an experiment is unfair if the relevant variables are not controlled; 7. suggest and justify possible explanations, making reference to prior knowledge/ observations; 8. record findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables 9. use technology to make a task easier or repeatable in real-world tasks * recognise when a simple fair test is necessary and help to decide how to set it up; talk about criteria for grouping, sorting and classifying; and use simple keys

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		suggesting possible		suggesting possible
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		hypothesis;		and methods for
	3.	suggest approaches		solving □problems;
		and methods for	3.	identify and
		solving		manipulate a
		□problems;		variable in an
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		manipulate a		□order to test a
		variable in an		student-generated
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		is unfair if the	5.	· ·
		relevant variables are	5.	
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	6.			scientific diagrams
		results of increasing		and labels,
		complexity using		classification keys,
		scientific diagrams		tables, scatter graphs,
		and labels,	_	bar and line graphs
		classification keys,	6.	,
		tables, scatter graphs,		using a range of
		bar and line graphs		scientific equipment,
	7.	take		with increasing
		measurements, using		accuracy and
		a range of scientific		precision, take repeat
		equipment, with		readings when
		increasing accuracy		appropriate
		and precision	7.	report and present
	8.	report and present		findings from
		findings from		inquiries, including
		inquiries, including		conclusions, causal
		conclusions, causal		relationships and
		relationships and		explanations of and a
		explanations of and a		degree of trust in
		degree of trust in		results
		results	8.	identifying scientific
	9.	use technology to		evidence that has
		make a task easier or		been used to support
		repeatable in real-		or refute ideas or
		world tasks		arguments
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