

New Science Curriculum

Grade 5

Space

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Land Acknowledgement

In the spirit of reconciliation, we want to acknowledge that this gathering is taking place on traditional lands across the province of Alberta, home to many diverse First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples. We acknowledge that this land is a traditional meeting ground giving voice to its original peoples and the story of creation of this country in a way that history has forgotten.

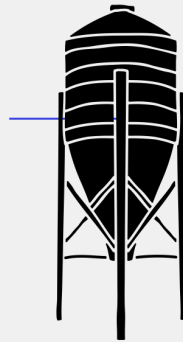
“Canada's Indigenous people looked to the sky for guidance in practical endeavours but also spiritual identity. They look to the sky as a map, clock and calendar for thousands of years. The movement of celestial objects were observed and followed using the stars as a compass, for orientation and direction.” (ROA, University of Calgary)

[Tipiskawi Kisik: Night Sky Star Stories](#) by Wilfred Buck

Agenda

1. The New and Old Science Curriculum
 2. What do Students need to Know?
 3. What do Students need to be able to Do?
 4. What do Students need to Know Understand?
 5. Planning for Instruction (Surface - Deep - Transfer)
 6. Sample Surface Level Activities
 7. Sample Deep Level Activities
 8. Transfer/Assessment
 9. Resources
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Previous Science Curriculum: Topics



GR. 1

Seasonal Changes

Needs of Animals and Plants

Creating Colour

Building Things

Senses

GR. 2

Small Crawling and Flying Animals

Buoyancy and Boats

Magnetism

Exploring Liquids

Hot and Cold Temperature

GR. 3

Building with a Variety of Materials

Testing Materials and Designs

Rocks and Minerals

Hearing and Sound

Animal Life Cycles

GR. 4

Building Devices and Vehicles

Light and Shadows

Plant Growth and Changes

Waste and Our World

Wheels and Levers

GR. 5

Electricity and Magnetism

Mechanisms using Electricity

Classroom Chemistry

Weather Watch

Wetlands Ecosystems

GR. 6

Air and Aerodynamics

Flight

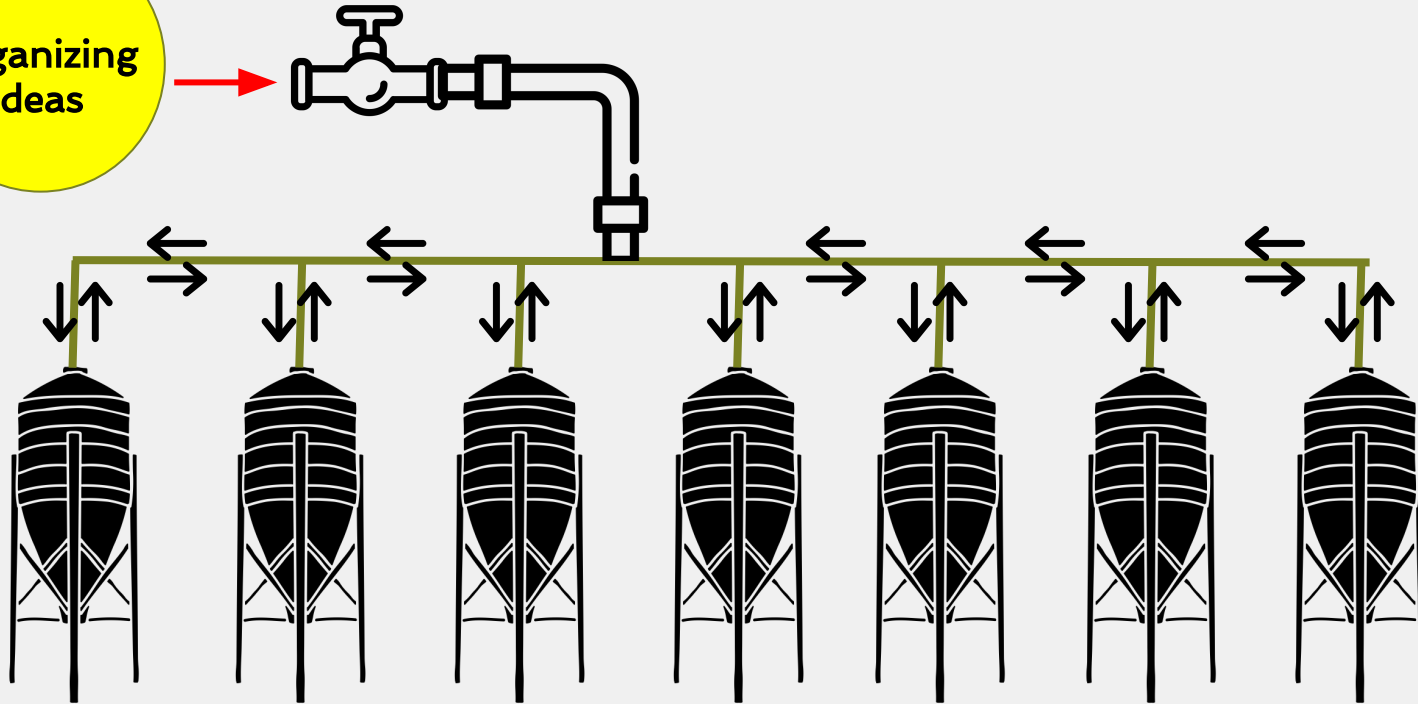
Sky Science

Evidence and Investigation

Trees and Forests

New Curriculum Structure

Organizing Ideas



Matter

Energy

Earth
Systems

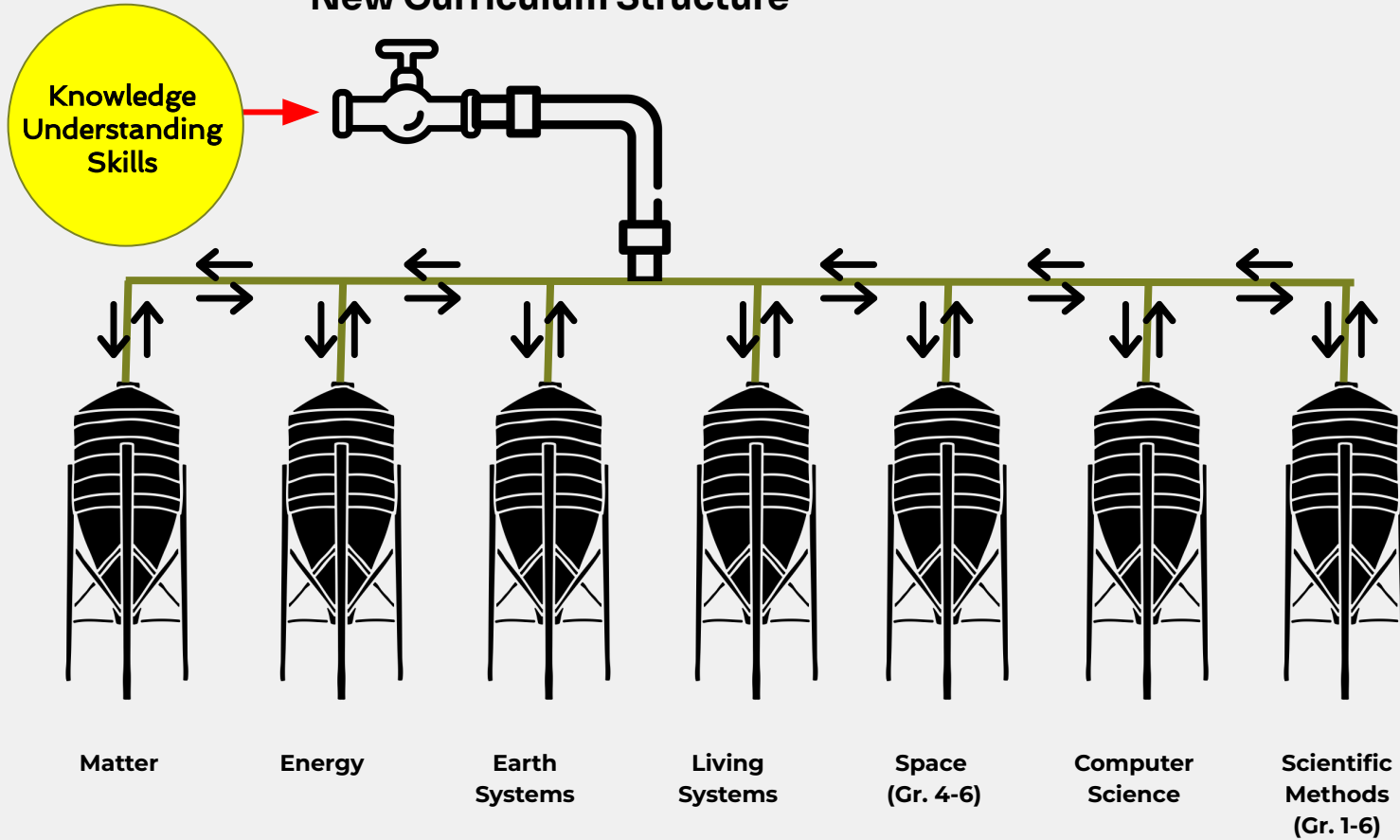
Living
Systems

Space
(Gr. 4-6)

Computer
Science

Scientific
Methods
(Gr. 1-6)

New Curriculum Structure





Learner Outcome:

Students investigate and interpret astronomical phenomena.

Guiding Question



How are **astronomical phenomena** observed and interpreted?

What Do Students Need to Know?

KNOWLEDGE

Concept Knowledge

Students need to know certain concepts and their attributes related to space such as [star](#) and [constellation](#). Some concepts are related to skills such as a [prediction](#).

Facts

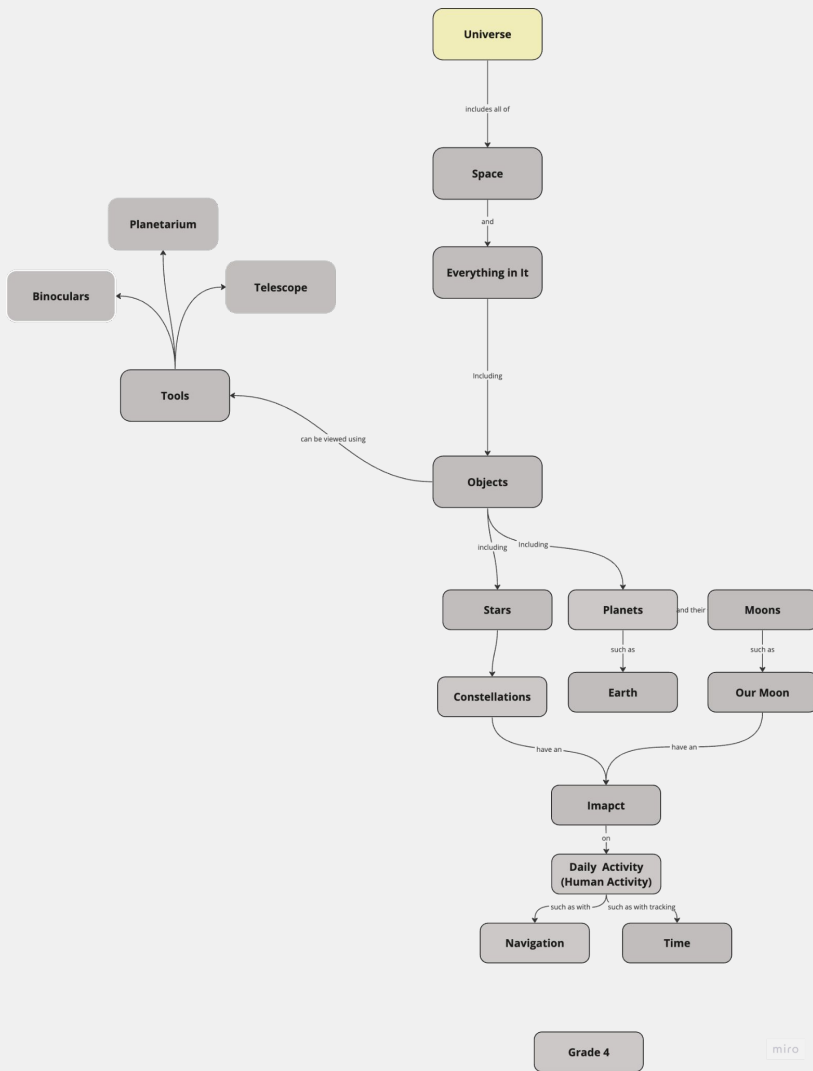
Facts are objective, verifiable pieces of information about the world such as “Earth revolves around the sun.”

Skill/Procedure Knowledge

Students need to know how to do certain skills and procedures such as the [steps in an investigation](#), how to [sort](#), or how to [compare](#).

KNOWLEDGE

Grade 4 Science: **Space** Concept Map

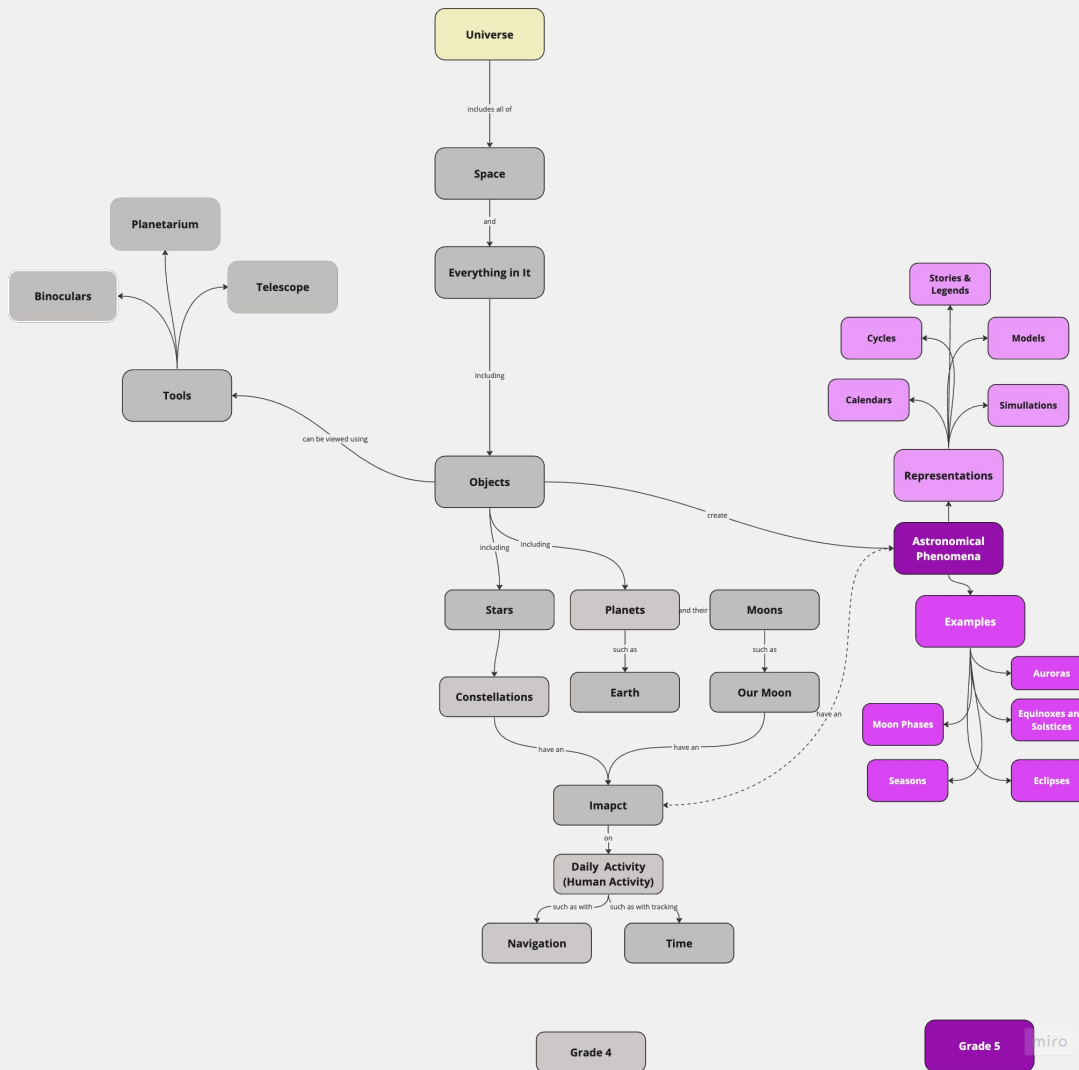


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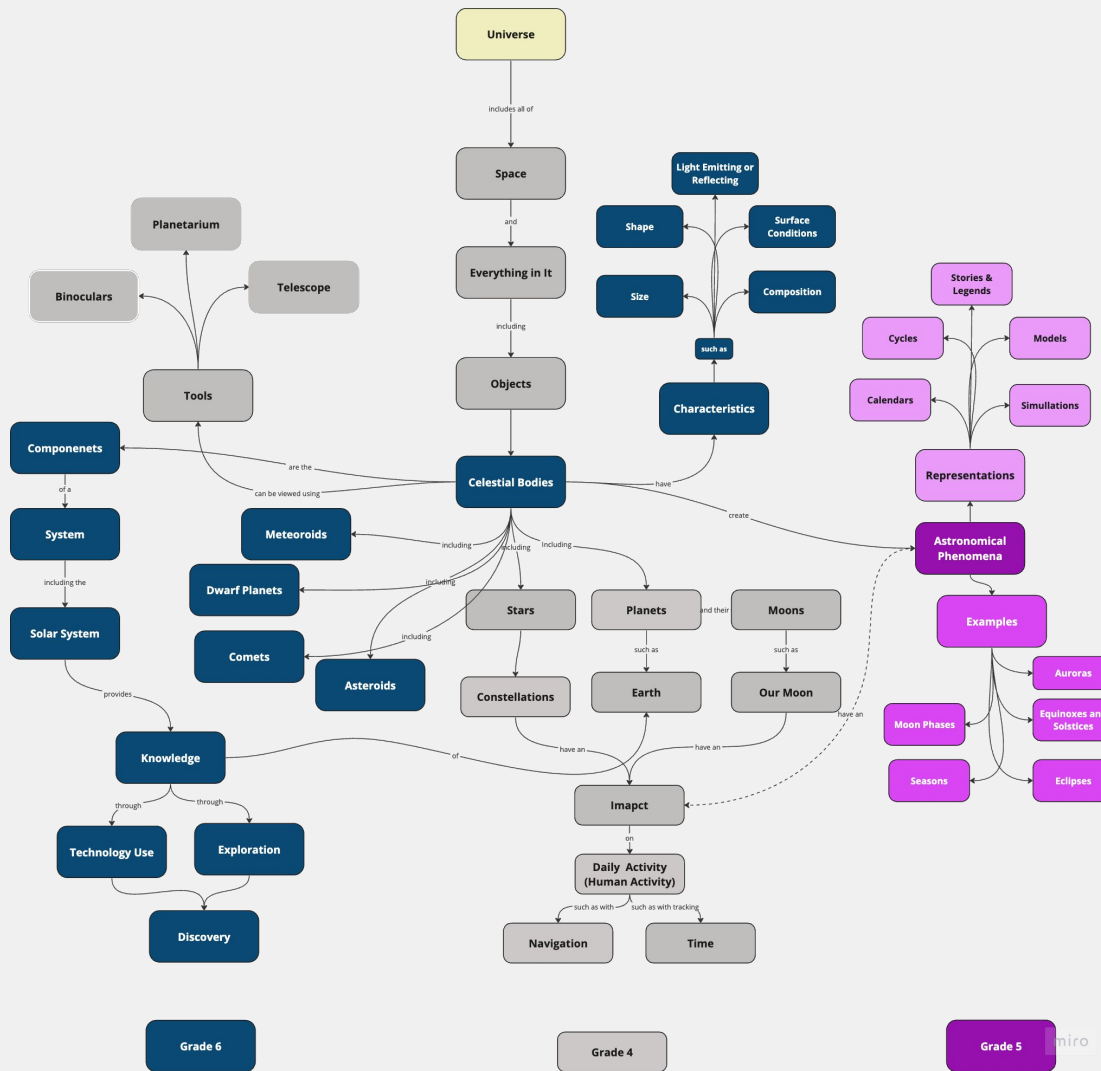


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Grade 6 Science: **Space** Concept Map



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Grade 5 Skills and Procedure Verbs

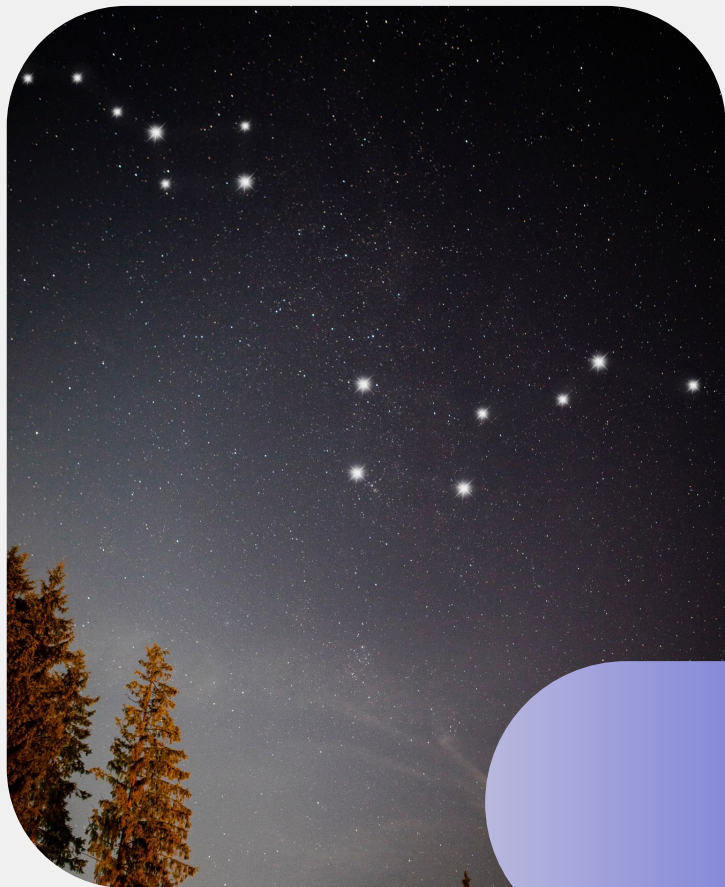
Skill/Procedure	Frequency
Discuss	13
Compare	7
Relate	7
Investigate/Experiment	9
Examine	6
Identify	6
Describe	4
Represent	4
Explain	3
Apply	2
Classify	2
Design	2
Interpret	2
Test	2
Construct Graphs and Tables	1
Demonstrate	1
Divergent Thinking	1
Evaluate	1
Hypothesize	1
Order	1
Predict	1
Research	1
Use tools	1

Skills & Procedures

What students do
to demonstrate
their learning.

Grade 4-6 Skills and Procedure Verbs

Skill/Procedure	Frequency	Skill/Procedure	Frequency
Discuss	30	Observe	3
Relate	22	Safety	3
Compare	20	Analyze	2
Investigation/Experiment	17	Collect Data	2
Examine	13	Record Observations	2
Explain	12	Measure	2
Identify	12	Test	2
Describe	11	Conclude	1
Represent	9	Decide	1
Create	6	Magnetize	1
Demonstrate	5	Test	1
Interpret	5	Construct Weather map	1
Design	5	Defend	1
Collaborate	4	Translate	1
Evaluate	4	Divergent Thinking	1
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Skills from Scientific Methods

Investigation Progression

The steps of an investigation are introduced in **Grade 2 Scientific Methods**.

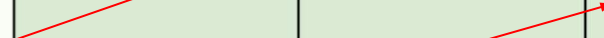
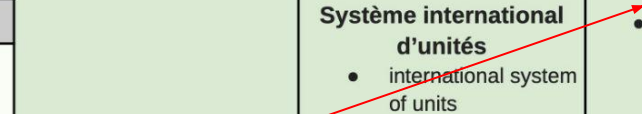
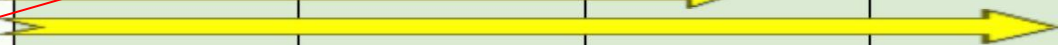
Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 build on those steps.



Investigations 1-6 Progression

The information presented here is not intended to be a detailed summary of the Scientific Methods Organizing Idea. The intent is to highlight how the steps of an investigation grow in **complexity** and **depth** from Grade 1 to Grade 6

Grade 1	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	GRADE 6
<p>Steps followed during an investigation include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Asking Questions 2) Making Predictions 3) Gathering Data 4) Forming Conclusions 	<p>Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accuracy • Objectivity • Sources (Accurate & Trustworthy) <p>Analyzing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Techniques 	<p>Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Descriptive (qualitative) • Numbers (quantitative) • Relevance <p>Evidence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data that supports the conclusion becomes evidence • Reliability • Validity 	<p>Phenomena</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facts or events that can be observed <p>Bias</p> <p>Variables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manipulated (independent) • Responding (dependent) • Controlled <p>Experiment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlled Experiment <p>Evidence Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation • Clarity & Accuracy <p>Scientific Ethics</p>	<p>Explanations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypothesis • Testable (falsifiable) • Use of reliable objective data and evidence • Describe natural phenomena • Use of variety of texts and representations
<p>Grade 2</p> <p>Procedures scientists use to guide investigations include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Asking Questions 2) Making Predictions 3) Planning the Investigation 4) Observing and Recording Data 5) Analyzing Data 6) Reaching Conclusions 7) Discussing Observations and Conclusions 	<p>Système international d'unités</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • international system of units 			





Skills from Computer Science

Grade	Skills
K-1	Following/ Creating Instructions
2	Creativity - Originality
3	Creativity - Divergent Thinking & Computational Thinking
4	Design Thinking

Computational Thinking (Gr. 3)

Sub-Skill

Break a task into smaller chunks.
(Decomposition)

Identify the important details when reading or solving a problem.
(Abstraction)

Find patterns and similarities in tasks.
(Pattern Recognition)

Design instructions.
(Algorithmic Thinking)

Working backward if a mistake is made. **(Debugging)**

[Science Grade 3 Computer Science - Curriculum Planning & Assessment Resource.pdf](#)

Application:

Create a set of instructions that could be followed by a human or a machine to complete a task.

Examples:

- Planning an Investigation.
- Planning the construction of something related to the organizing idea.

Design Thinking (Gr. 4)

A Problem-Solving Approach

Sub-Skill

Understand the Problem

Form Ideas (*Divergent Thinking*)

Plan

Create

Analyze

Test

Troubleshoot

[Science Grade 4 Computer Science - Curriculum Planning & Assessment Resource.pdf](#)

Design involves processes that can transform ideas into artifacts that meet needs by creating artifacts.

Application Example

Design can produce many artifacts, including

- algorithms (instructions)
- models
- prototypes
- blueprints
- programs
- experiments/investigations
- objects

Design Thinking ... continued (Gr. 5)

A Problem-Solving Approach

Sub-Skill

Understand the Problem

Form Ideas (*Divergent Thinking*)

Plan

Create

Analyze

Test

Troubleshoot

[Science Grade 5 Computer Science - Curriculum Planning & Assessment Resource.pdf](#)

Students apply design processes when creating **artifacts** that can be used by a human or machine to address a need.

Students are introduced to the concept “computational artifact” which is anything created by a human using a computer.

Using Verbs to deepen learning and demonstrate understanding.

Existing Skills and Procedure

5S1.1: **Identify** astronomical phenomena that occur cyclically.

Alternative Tasks

Investigate an astronomical phenomena that occur cyclically.

Design a **representation** of astronomical phenomena that occur cyclically.

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Understandings

Understanding is “how facts and knowledge fit together in a logical and meaningful order.”

Interpretation

Observation

Daily Living

**Astronomical
Phenomena**

What is a logical and meaningful way these concepts can be related?



Understandings

5S1.1: **Observations** and **interpretations** of **astronomical phenomena** can inform **daily living**.



PLANNING

Begin with
the end in
mind.

Summative Assessment

Sample Assessment:

Compare the Indigenous **interpretation** of the aurora to the western science **interpretation** of the aurora. **Explain** whether comparison supports the understanding that **observations** and **interpretations** of **astronomical phenomena** can inform **daily living**.

Possible Sources Of Information:

- [Auroras: Indigenous Interpretation](#)
- [Auroras: Cree Interpretation](#)
- [Auroras: Western Science Interpretation](#)



Phases of Learning

Surface

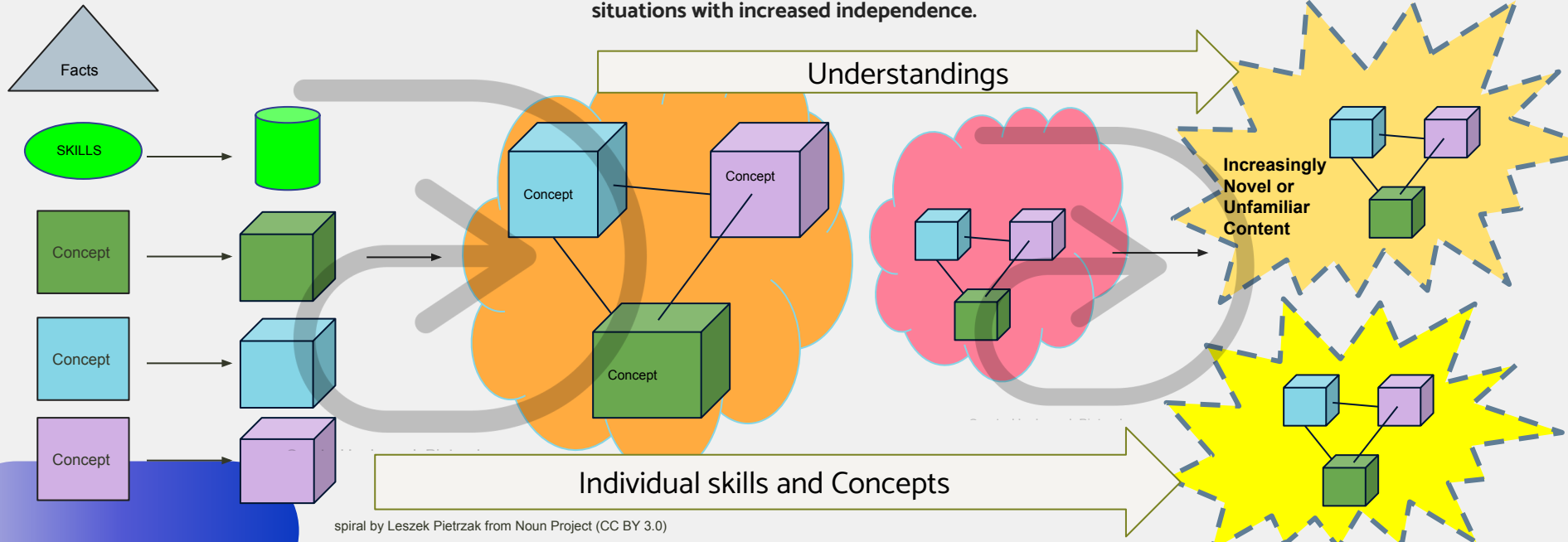
Students are first exposed to individual skills, concepts and their related knowledge.

Deep

Students make connections between concepts to create deeper understanding and appropriately skills/ procedures to new situations with increased independence.

Transfer

Students apply concepts, understandings and skills to a variety of novel and unfamiliar contexts.





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Surface Level

Students are first exposed to individual skills, concepts and their related knowledge.





Grade 4 Background

Guiding Question

How do **objects in space** impact **daily life**?



Learner Outcome:

Students investigate and describe objects in space in connection to daily life.



Why do humans study and explore space?

Have students work with a partner and make a list.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of this exploration?

Advantages	Disadvantages
helps to address questions about our place in the Universe	danger/risk
history of our solar system	higher exposure to radiation
collaboration with other countries	cost
expands technology and create new industries	gravity, closed environment



What do we mean when we say “The Universe”?

The Universe is everything! It includes planets, stars, the smallest particles to the largest galaxy.



Photo: NASA Adapted from *The Universe*

What are some of the space objects we see in the sky?

- moon
- sun (is a star)
- stars
- planets (appear as stars without assistance to see them.)



Create an **infographic** describing each.

Infographic

- What is an Infographic?
- Infographic Examples
- 5 Key Elements of a Successful Infographic

Surface Level Practice Ideas:

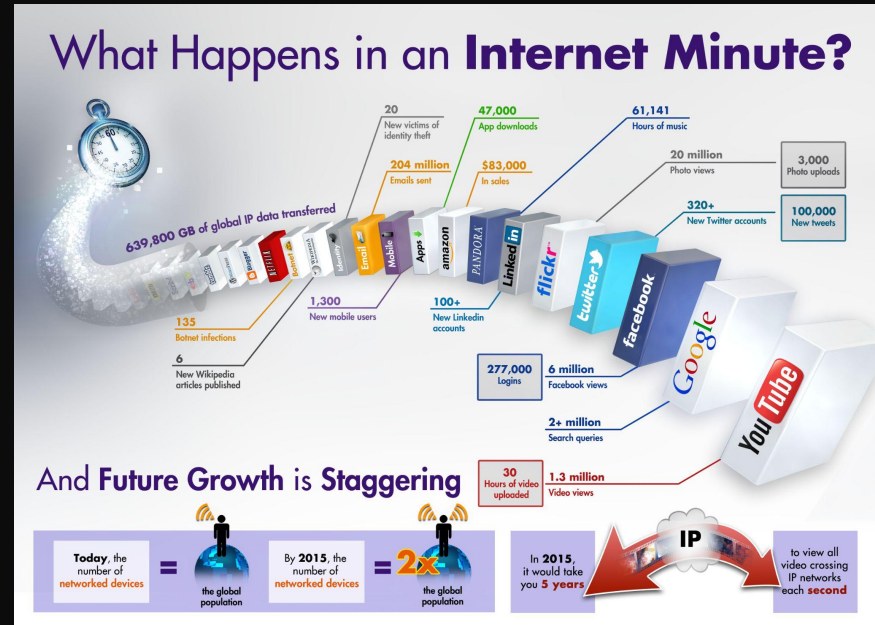
- ~ Best Sandwich Ever
- ~ Recess Do's and Don'ts
- ~ How to Watch a Hockey Game
- ~ etc.

Create an **infographic** describing objects in space.

How can **DESIGN THINKING** be used here?

- Understand the problem.
- Form ideas (ideating). (Divergent Thinking)
- Plan
- Create
- Analyze
- Test
- Troubleshoot

Infographic Example



What technologies do we have to view objects in space?

- moon
- sun (is a star)
- stars
- planets (appear as stars without assistance to see them.)



WONDERS?

Can we see stars with our eyes just by looking up? (discuss when is the best time to see Stars (night); are there any safety concerns to be discussed (can't look at the sun directly sometimes a double layer of sunglasses allows you to see a solar eclipse)

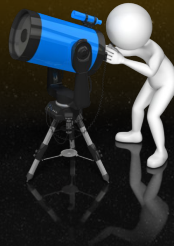
What is light pollution?

What other technologies assist us in seeing objects in space?

Stargazing tips



Dreamstime.com ID#29143802



Dreamstime.com ID#6097954 Jeff Whyte

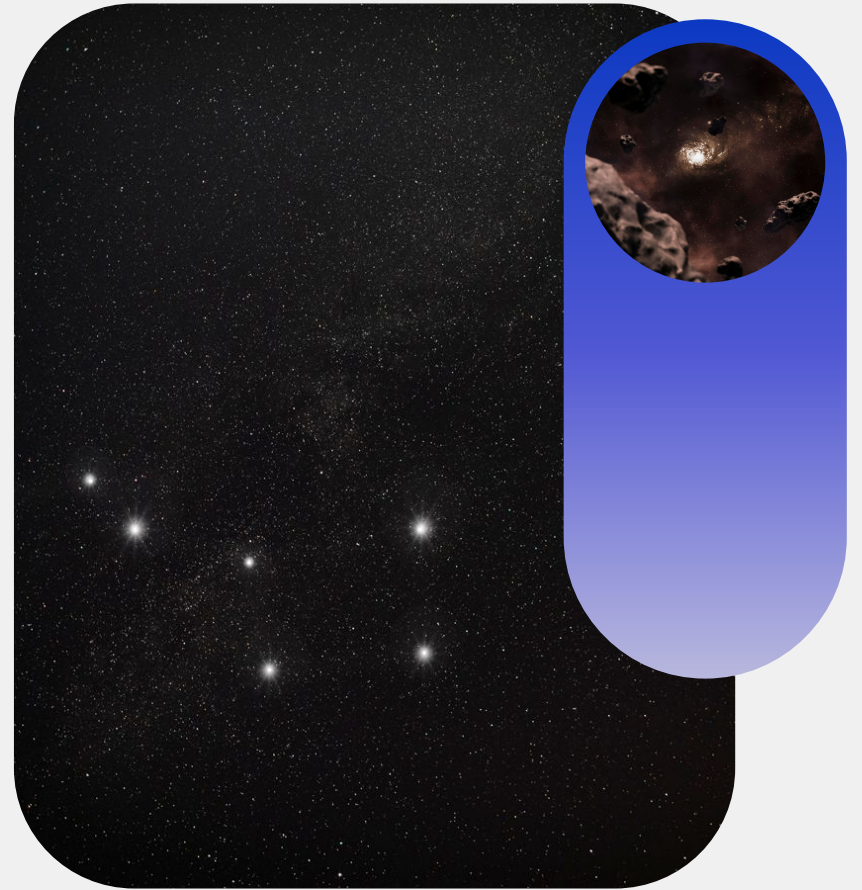
What are binoculars?
How do they help us
see stars?

How does a telescope work?
Compare the observations
you would get from a
telescope pictured above
with the one at the [Hesje](#)
Observatory at Miquelon
Lake Provincial Park. (Dark
Sky Reserve)

Telus World of Science
Research this centre or one closer to
you and determine where and how
you can view space objects.

4S1.2

Stars and constellations are recognizable from Earth and can be used for navigation and tracking the passage of time.



Resource- look to the bottom of each linked page for individual resources.

Astronomy: Student Resource

Chapter 6:
Constellations

Sun, Moon and Stars: Student resources

Chapters 5 & 6: How
Does the Starry Sky
Change? & Astronomers

Astronomy :Teacher's Guide

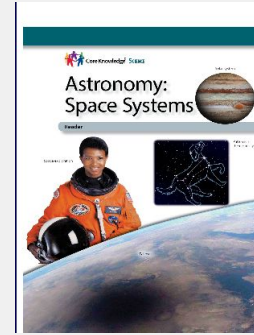
Lessons 8, 11 & 12.
AP (Activity Pages
located at the end of
the Teacher's Guide.

Sun, Moon and Stars: Teacher's guide

Lesson 4

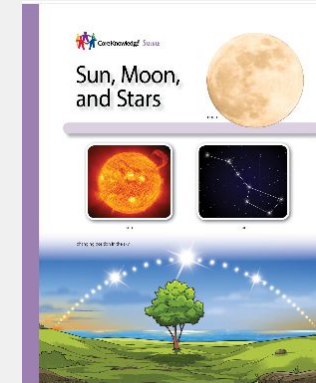
Astronomy : Space Systems

Online resource links



Sun, Moon and Stars

Online resource links



Other Sample Activities (Surface)

*While planning surface activities, keep in mind that many skills have related **concepts**.*

- **Broad Concepts & Skills**
- **System** (Under Revision)
- **Relationship**
 - **Concept Map**
 - **Cause and Effect**
 - **Dependence**
 - **Affect/Effect**
 - **Interaction**
 - **Interconnection**
- **Change**
 - **What is Change?**
 - **What is Significant Change?**
 - **Change & Time**
 - **Physical Change**
- **Representation**
- **Human Activity**
- **Impact (Under Construction)**
- **Compare and Contrast**
 - **Criteria**
 - **Similarity and Difference**
- **Investigation Steps**
 - **Asking Questions (Notice and Wonder)**
 - **Observing (Using senses)**
 - **Analyzing**
 - **Prediction and Predicting**
 - **Conclusion**
 - **Sample Introduction to Research as an Investigation (Gr. 3)**
 - **One Point Research Rubric (Gr. 4-6)**
 - **Research Information Gathering**
- **Div 2 Discussing Checklist**
- **Evaluating (Under Construction)**

STEAM Challenge - Getting Telescopes to Space!

STEAM CHALLENGE

Define the Problem

Scientists have developed a new infrared telescope. The images will provide more data about stars and the Milky Way. Now, they must use a spacecraft to send it into space. Your task is to design and build a shield for the spacecraft. It must block radiation from the sun and other objects in space.



Constraints: You may only use types of paper to build the shield.



Criteria: You will test your design by placing the shield on top of a flashlight. The materials must prevent the light from traveling through.



Research and Brainstorm

How do infrared telescopes work? Why are infrared telescopes used mostly in space? What types of materials absorb light?



Design and Build

Sketch your design. What purpose will each part serve? Which types of paper will work best? Build the model.



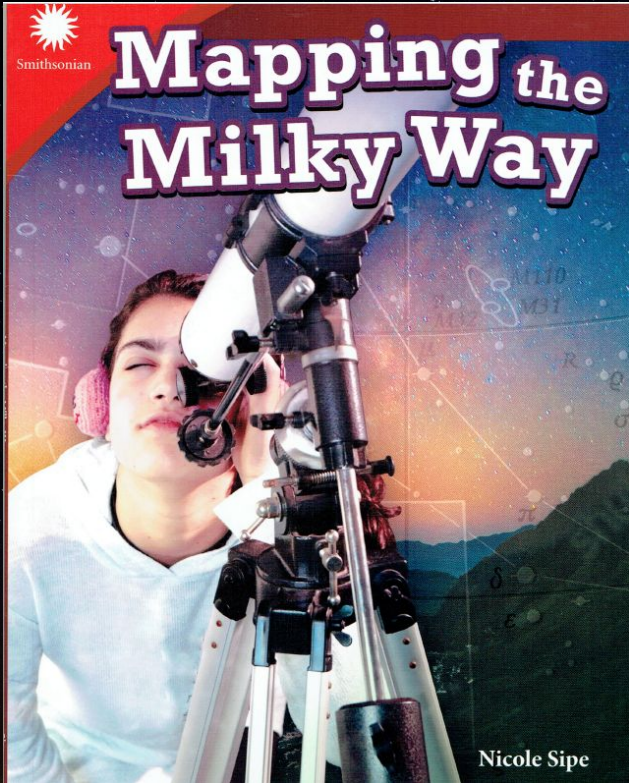
Test and Improve

Test your design by shining a light on the model. Did the materials work to shield the light? How can you improve it? Modify your design, and try again.



Reflect and Share

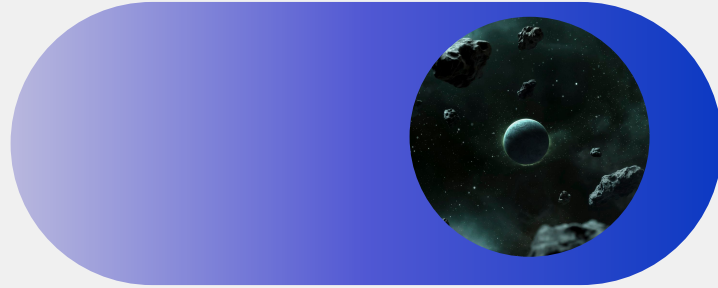
Could it work with less paper? Does the model also shield heat? How could you test this? How do you think scientists test space instruments on Earth?



When it comes to mapping the Milky Way, scientists know one thing for sure. They know that there is still a lot that they do not know! Discover how they study the Milky Way, and learn about the galaxy that we call home. Created in collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution, this Smithsonian Informational Text builds students' reading skills while engaging their curiosity about STEAM topics through real-world examples. It features a hands-on STEAM challenge that guides students through every step of the engineering design process and is perfect for makerspace activities. It makes STEAM career connections by providing a glimpse into the lives of real-life Smithsonian employees currently working in STEAM fields. Discover engineering innovations that solve real-world problems with this book that touches on all aspects of STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math!

EPIC

Compare Binoculars and Telescopes



- What You Can See In A Telescope
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gFOkp2EK20>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/pNhJwQzaHPM>
- Telescope Expectation and Reality #1:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6NIBBldy8U>
- Telescope Expectation and Reality #2 :
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jI7lPPmu76U>
- Binoculars:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b61hchvp8es>
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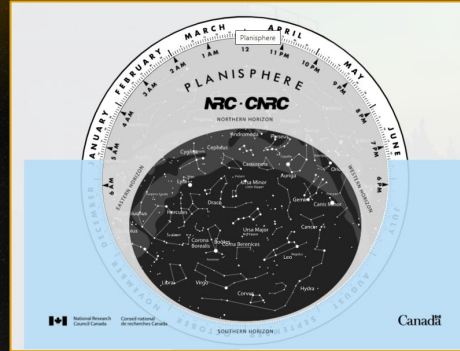
Hubble Telescope

- Hubble: Tour:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZ_WeTGCU9o
- Visible Light vs. ultraviolet light:
<https://www.nasa.gov/content/explore-light>
- Hubble
<https://www.nasa.gov/content/discoveries-hubbles-deep-fields>
- Example of Hubble observation:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfWYXY85mBk>

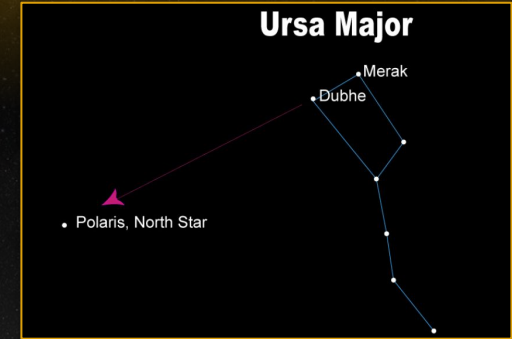
How can stars and constellations be used for navigation and the passage of time?



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EarthSky.org

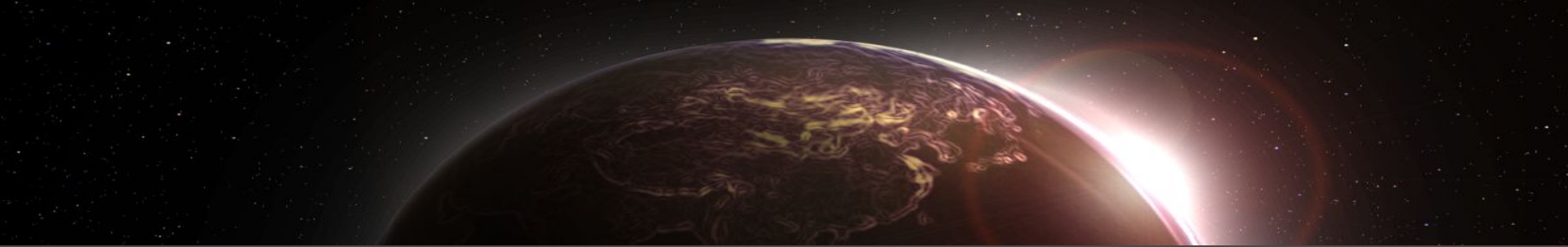
Record and compare observations of objects in space during the day and night.

Safety caution!

How do the objects in space change position over time?

[Planisphere](#)

Why is polaris an important star?



*Do you know the name of any stars or constellations?
Who created the constellations? Why are they important?*

Who created the constellations?



- Madelyn, California



Use if students did not engage in the research earlier.

Polaris is part of the Big Dipper. Why is it an important star to know how to find? Orion also has an important star to help find locations. Explain? Find one of the 88 constellations located along the belt used by scientists and research it. How did it get its name, where and when would we see it?

Star Finder - Find Constellations based on date and time

First Nations & Other Cultures



Makinak: The Turtle by Wilfred Buck



**Star Stories: The Never-ending Bear Hunt
Smithsonian**



**Star Stories: Quillwork Girl and Her New
Seven Brothers (Cheyenne Story)**



**Star Stories: The Girl and Her Seven
Brothers (Native American)**



**Star Stories: The Star That Does Not
Move (Paiute)**



What is Inuit Mythology? |

Real Time Night Sky [Planner](#)



Sky and Telescope

Interactive [Sky Chart](#) - enter your postal code

Night Sky Network



Virtual Planetarium provide a 27 minute overview of many of the key concepts contained in Grade 4. Could be used as an opening video to Grade 5 with no previous Space study.

A composite image of Earth, the Moon, and the Sun in space. The Earth is on the left, showing a bright horizon where the Sun is rising or setting, creating a lens flare effect. The Moon is in the upper right corner. The background is a dark starry sky with some nebulae.

Understanding Astronomical Phenomena

Space Grade 5



Anchoring Concepts



**PHENOMENON &
ASTRONOMICAL
PHENOMENON**

Guiding Question: How are astronomical phenomena observed and interpreted?

Learning Outcome Students investigate and interpret astronomical phenomena.

OBSERVATION

*Click on the box for
a sample
surface-level
activity.*

HUMAN ACTIVITY

DAILY LIVING
(Daily Human Activity)

REPRESENTATION

INTERPRETATION

Key Skills

Learning Outcome Students **investigate** and **interpret** astronomical phenomena.

COMPARING

Criteria

INTERPRET

RELATING

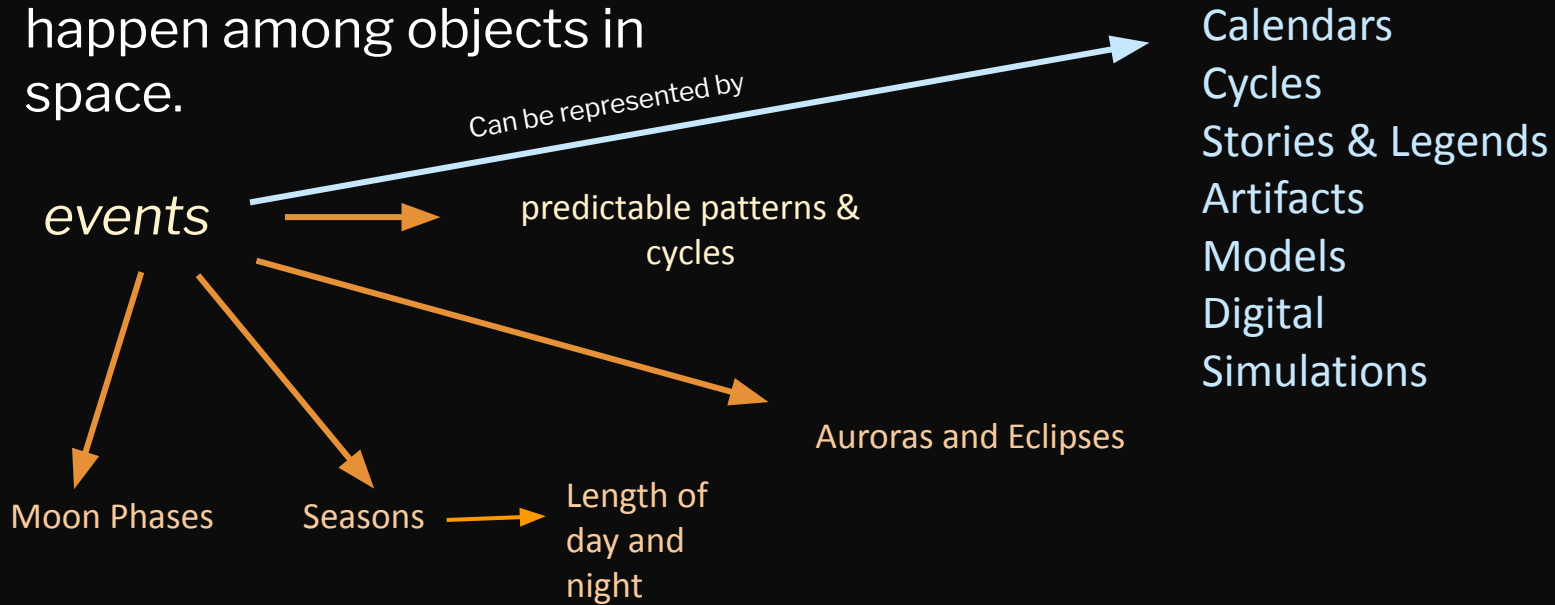
Relationship

Concept Mapping

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a sample
surface-level
activity.*

Astro Who? What are Astronomical Phenomena?

Astronomical Phenomena are observable *events* that happen among objects in space.



What are Your Interpretations?



How does the earth's rotation and revolution contribute to day and night?

What is the relationship between the earth's tilt and our seasons?

HOW CAN YOU AND NIGHT

MODEL DAY OR THE SEASONS?



Problem: Design and build a device to model either day and night or the seasons.

Be an engineer: generate possible solutions and choose one, identify tools and materials, construct, test, evaluate solution, make changes, collaborate

You will need:

- materials of your choice
- recording device (optional)

What to Do

1. Brainstorm a list of ways to model your choice. Then choose the best idea.
2. Make a list of tools and materials you will need.
3. Decide how you will test your device. How will you know if it works well? What criteria does it need to meet?
4. Carry out your plan. Test your device by demonstrating it to your classmates.

5. Use your observations and your classmates' feedback to improve your device. Build a final version of your device.

Record

Present your model to the class and explain it. Or, make a video of your model in action. Or, draw labelled sketches showing how your model works.

Explain and Conclude

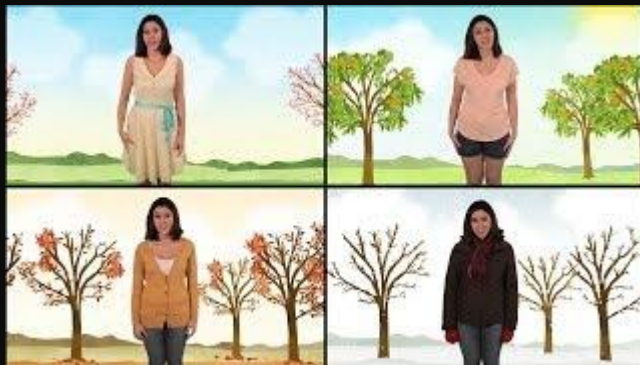
What changes could you make to improve your model? How well did your device model Earth's motions? How might your model help a younger student understand day and night or the seasons?

Think of Another Question

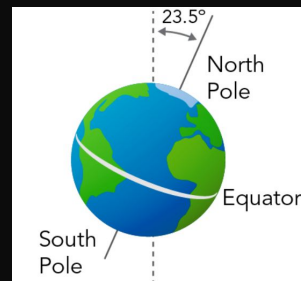
What else could you model about Earth and the Sun?



How do the seasons vary between the two hemispheres?



Why do we have Seasons? Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter - Science for Kids



Source: *Let's Talk Science*
using an image by
shoo_arts via [iStockphoto](#).

Why do we have Seasons? - Lessons & Google Classroom [links](#) (PBS in conjunction with NASA Learning Series)



What is the relationship between the earth's tilt and experiencing changes in the length of a day? How does this relate to the seasons? Model your thinking.

(Flashlight and a basketball)

or

Why do the northern hemisphere and southern hemisphere experience opposite seasons at different times of the year? Explain or model your thinking.

or

Relate the terms equinox and solstice to the seasons.

Deep Strategies: Concept Maps

5S1.1: **Connect** the direction of **Earth's tilt** in relation to the **Sun** to the **length of day** and **night** in each **season**.

Example: Show the connection between the direction of Earth's tilt in relation to the Sun to the length of day and night in each season by arranging the following ideas into a meaningful concept map.

Shorter Day

Towards Sun

Winter

Summer

Season

Longer Night

Shorter Night

Earth

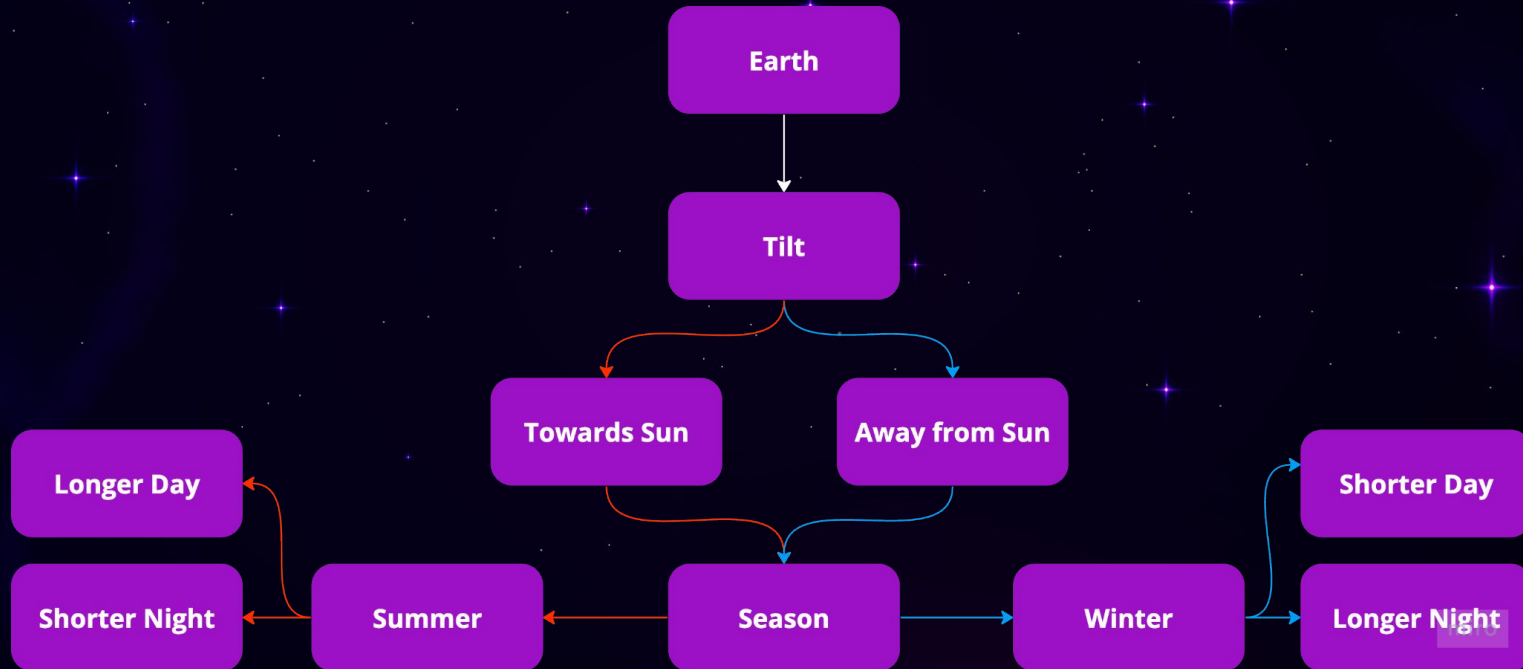
Away from
Sun

Longer Day

Tilt

Skills and Procedures: **Connect**

5S1.1: **Connect** the direction of Earth's tilt in relation to the Sun to the length of day and night in each season.





Let's Explore the Moon and Its Phases

Photo by Rotheny Astrophysical Observatory, University of Calgary. [The Moon and Indigenous Skylore](#).

The Moon's Phases

The Phases of the Moon



Phases of the Moon: Astronomy and
Space for Kids - FreeSchool

Lunar Cycle, Why The Moon Change Shapes, 8
Phases Of The Moon, Learning [Videos For Children](#)
This video also has an interactive component to
challenge students learning.

What causes the [phases](#) of the moon?

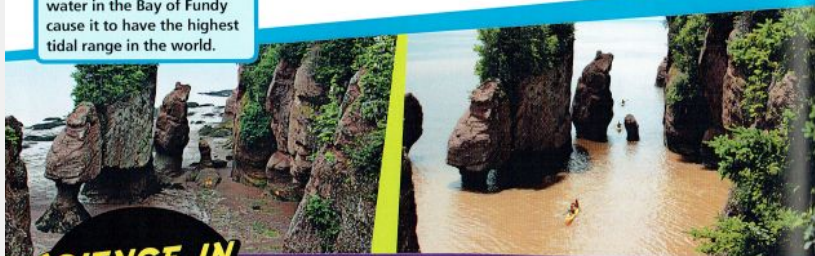


Makinak: The Turtle by Wilfred Buck

WHAT CAUSES TIDES?

If you live near a coastline, you know that the level of the ocean changes approximately every six hours. These regular changes in the level of the ocean are called **tides**. What do you think a high tide is? What is a low tide? What else do you know about tides?

The shape and movement of water in the Bay of Fundy cause it to have the highest tidal range in the world.



SCIENCE IN ACTION!

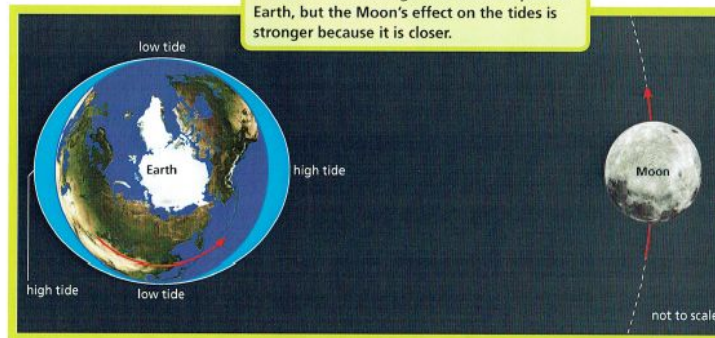
What Causes the Patterns of the Tides?

Be a scientist: conduct research, compile and display data, analyze data, draw conclusions
You will need: tide graph; Moon calendar; pencil; Internet access; computer (optional)

1. Examine the tide graph. What information does it tell you? Who might find this information important?
2. What patterns do you see in the tide graph?
3. Examine the Moon calendar. On what date is the full Moon? The two half Moons? The new Moon?
4. Sketch the phases of the Moon on your tide graph. Be sure to match the correct dates.
5. What patterns do you see? Infer a possible cause for the tides.

TIDES?

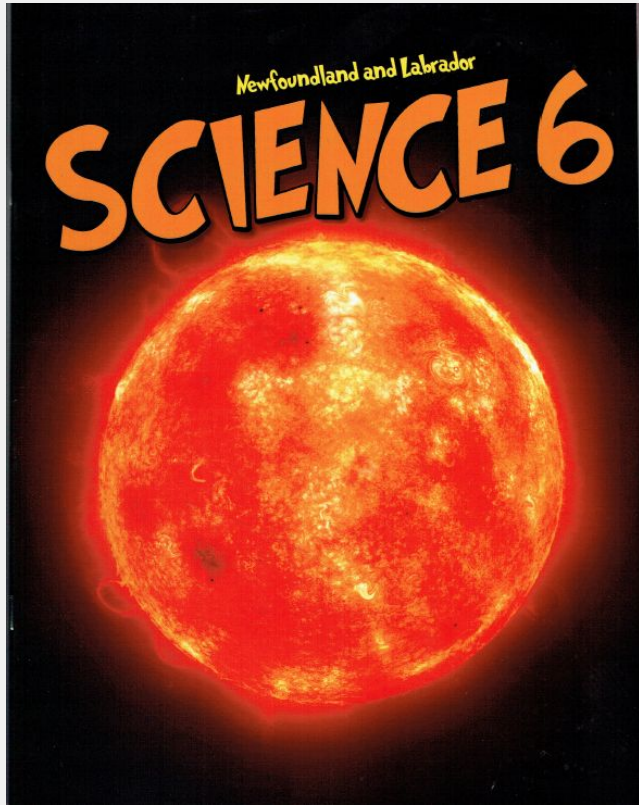
The gravitational pull of the Moon on Earth and Earth's oceans causes high and low tides. As Earth rotates, and as the Moon orbits Earth, the tides change. The Sun also pulls at Earth, but the Moon's effect on the tides is stronger because it is closer.



WHAT DO YOU THINK? 4C

1. Use words and sketches to explain what causes tides.
2. Interview a fisher to find out how tides affect his or her job. When is the best time to launch a boat? When is the best time to fish?
3. When do you think a higher tide would occur: when the Sun and Moon are lined up, as in the diagram or when the Sun and Moon are not lined up? Why?





Chapman, A., Hayhoe, C., & Power, A.
Science 6 - Unit 1 Space. Science Resource
from Newfoundland and Labrador. Nelson
Education Ltd. 2018

Lunar Calendar



How the Moon Makes Calendars



What's the difference between lunar and solar years?

Gregorian Calendar

Turtle Island

You may wish to revisit the video of [Makinak: The Turtle](#) by Wilfred Buck

The full story of each Moon from a Cree Culture perspective can be found [here](#).

Transfer:

What is the relationship between the lunar calendar and Makinak?

How do people use both the Solar and Lunar calendars at the same time? Explain.





“Traditional First Nations and Inuit ceremonial gatherings are tied to a seasonal time frame rather than specific dates. In the Pacific Northwest, First Nations held various ceremonies to celebrate the gift of salmon when the first fish of the year was caught. Similarly, eastern First Nations had regular ceremonies to show gratitude for the plants that fed them, with celebrations for green corn, strawberries, and the maple tree, for example.”
(Walking Together. *First Nations, Metis and Inuit Perspectives in Curriculum: Symbolism and Traditions*. Government of Alberta. p.2 of 4)



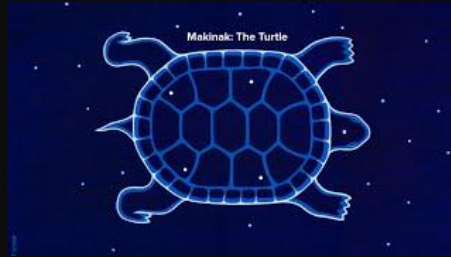
Auroras

What are the [Northern Lights](#)

(Credits: Canadian Space Agency, NASA, Neil Zeller)



First Nations & Other Cultures



Makinak: The Turtle by Wilfred Buck



**Star Stories: The Never-ending Bear Hunt
Smithsonian**



**Star Stories: Quillwork Girl and Her New
Seven Brothers (Cheyenne Story)**



**Star Stories: The Girl and Her Seven
Brothers (Native American)**



**Star Stories: The Star That Does Not
Move (Paiute)**

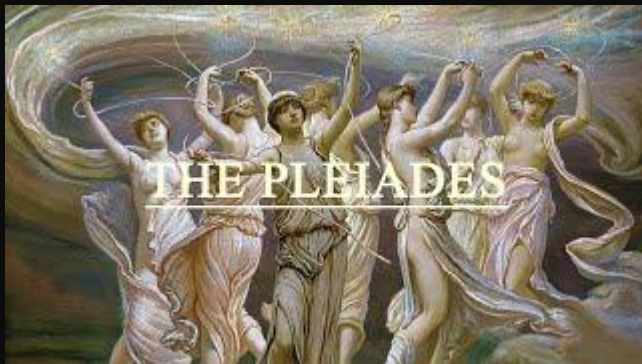


What is Inuit Mythology? |

Many cultures connect observations of objects in space to time, place, and daily life in various ways.

What legends related to astronomical phenomena have you heard?
Research a legend or story and select a way to present your information.





STAR STORIES: The Pleiades



STAR STORIES: Orion



Star Stories: The Fox and the Stars

Additional Resources

NASA STEM [Engagement](#)



Virtual Planetarium: Sun Moon Stars

In this show, we'll observe the sun's daily path across the sky, classify bright and faint stars, note shapes of common constellations, and learn more about the universe around us!

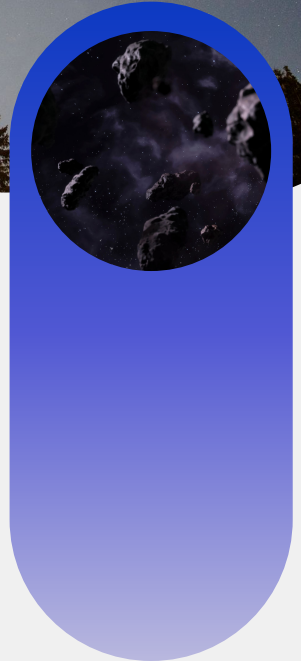
A brief history of [Time](#) Measurement.

Native [Skywatchers](#)

This site provides both Native American and Canadian resources related to Indigenous Astronomy.

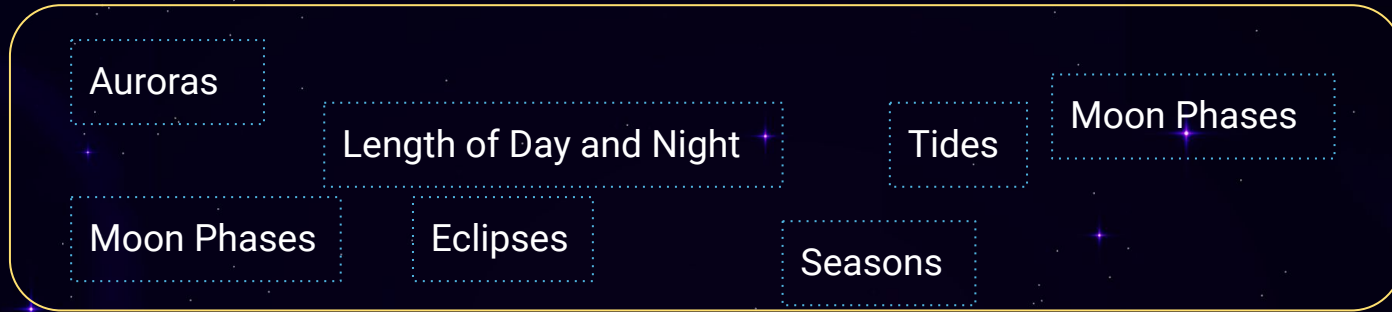
Relearning the Star Stories of Indigenous [Peoples](#)

Taylor, C. Science Friday: *Relearning the Star Stories of Indigenous People's*. 2019.



TRANSFER/ ASSESSMENT

Surface/Deep Strategies: Spectrum Sort



LEAST

MOST

Impact on Daily Living

Understanding 5S1.1

Observations and **interpretations** of **astronomical phenomena** can inform **daily living**.



Change the Understanding to a Conceptual Question

What is the relationship between observations, interpretation, and astronomical phenomena and daily living?

Sample “Deep” Learning Task

Skills & Procedures 5S1.1e (Surface)

Explore First Nations, Métis, and Inuit understandings of phases and cycles within astronomical phenomena that inform ways of living and community activities.

Conceptual Question (Deep)

- 1) What is the relationship between observations, interpretation, and astronomical phenomena and daily living? Justify your response using
 - your life and experiences and
 - what you learned after your First Nations, Métis, and Inuit exploration.
- 2) Choose a way to **represent** your understanding.

Resources



ROTHNEY ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY

The Rothney Astrophysical Observatory is located under the starry skies of the traditional territories of the peoples of Treaty 7, which include the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprised of the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai First Nations), the Tsuut'ina First Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (including Chiniki, Bears paw, and Goodstoney First Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta (Districts 5 and 6).

This site offers a wealth of information for teachers and students to use in the study of Space.



Resource- look to the bottom of each linked page for individual resources.

Astronomy: Student Resource

Chapter 6:
Constellations

Sun, Moon and Stars: Student resources

Chapters 5 & 6: How
Does the Starry Sky
Change? & Astronomers

Astronomy :Teacher's Guide

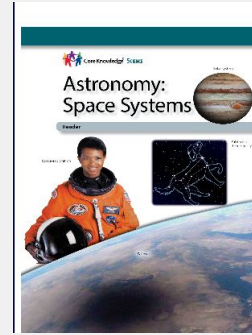
Lessons 8, 11 & 12.
AP (Activity Pages
located at the end of
the Teacher's Guide.

Sun, Moon and Stars: Teacher's guide

Lesson 4

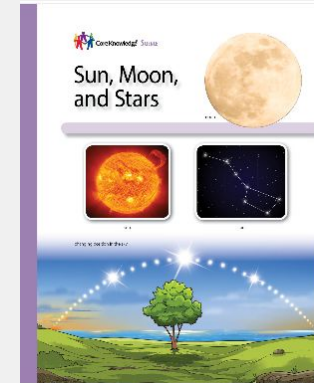
Astronomy : Space Systems

Online resource links



Sun, Moon and Stars

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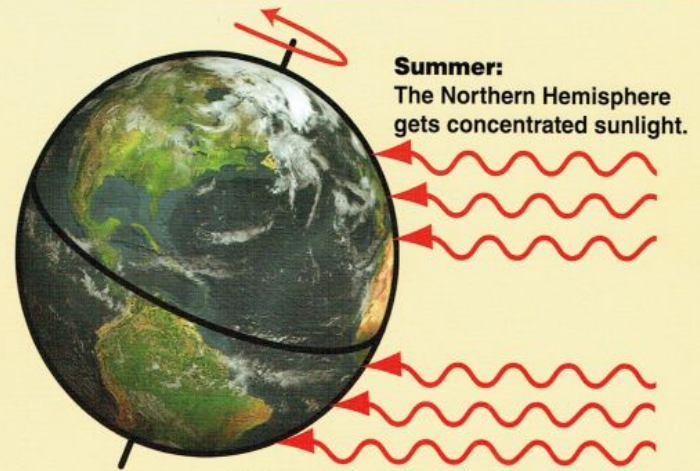
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The Wonder of Our Solar System

Lisa E. Greathouse



Summer:
The Northern Hemisphere
gets concentrated sunlight.

Winter:
The Southern Hemisphere
gets sunlight spread out.



Four Seasons

The way Earth is tilted causes the seasons. For part of the year, the northern half of Earth leans toward the sun and gets direct sunlight. So, it's summer there. At the same time, the southern half leans away from the sun and gets less sunlight. So, it's winter there.

The tilt doesn't change. It is the position of the planet around the sun that changes. As Earth goes around the sun, different parts get more sunlight. That makes the seasons.

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Thank You!

Assessment in Grade 5 Science (February 27 & April 9) - full days

This session will be one of two sessions in which we will look at Transfer (Summative) Assessment development to meet the new Grade 5 Science Curriculum. It would be helpful to have Piloted or Optionally Implemented the Grade 5 Science Curriculum or parts thereof. Participants will collaborate as a large group and in smaller breakout groups as we work through and review each Organizing Idea. Come and share your great thinking!

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