Unit of Study 1: Patterns of Change in the Sky (15 days)

Standards that appear this unit: 1-ESS1-1, 1-ESS1-2

**Science and Engineering Practices**

Analyzing and Interpreting Data

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

- Use observations (firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions. (1-ESS1-1)

**Disciplinary Core Ideas**

**ESS1.A: The Universe and its Stars**
- Patterns of the motion of the sun, moon, and stars in the sky can be observed, described, and predicted. (1-ESS1-1)

**Crosscutting Concepts**

Patterns
- Patterns in the natural world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence. (1-ESS1-1)

**Connections to Nature of Science**

Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems
- Science assumes natural events happen today as they happened in the past. (1-ESS1-1)
- Many events are repeated. (1-ESS1-1)

Connections to other DCIs in first grade: N/A

Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: 3.PS2.A (1-ESS1-1); 5.PS2.B (1-ESS1-1) 5-ESS1.B (1-ESS1-1)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

ELA/Literacy –

**W.1.7** Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of “how-to” books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions). (1-ESS1-1)

**W.1.8** With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (1-ESS1-1)
1. Space Systems: Patterns and Cycles

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1-ESS1-2: Make observations at different times of year to relate the amount of daylight to the time of year. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on relative comparisons of the amount of daylight in the winter to the amount in the spring or fall.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to relative amounts of daylight, not quantifying the hours or time of daylight.]

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- Patterns: Patterns in the natural world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence. (1-ESS1-2)

Connections to other DCIs in first grade: N/A

Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: 5.PS2.B (1-ESS1-2) 5-ESS1.B (1-ESS1-2)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

**ELA/Literacy** –

W.1.7 Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of “how-to” books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions). (1-ESS1-2)

W.1.8 With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (1-ESS1-2)

**Mathematics** –

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

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

MP.5 Use appropriate tools strategically. (1-ESS1-2)

1.OA.A.1 Use addition and subtraction within 20 to solve word problems involving situations of adding to, taking from, putting together, taking apart, and comparing, with unknowns in all positions, e.g., by using objects, drawings, and equations to represent the problem. (1-ESS1-2)

1.MD.C.4 Organize, represent, and interpret data with up to three categories; ask and answer questions about the total number of data points, how many in each category, and how many more or less are in one category than in another. (1-ESS1-2)
Unit of Study 2: Characteristics of Living Things (15 days)

Standards that appear this unit: 1-LS3-1, 1-LS1-2

1. Structure, Function, and Information Processing
Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1-LS3-1: Make observations to construct an evidence-based account that young plants and animals are like, but not exactly like, their parents. [Clarification Statement: Examples of patterns could include features plants or animals share. Examples of observations could include leaves from the same kind of plant are the same shape but can differ in size; and, a particular breed of dog looks like its parents but is not exactly the same.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include inheritance or animals that undergo metamorphosis or hybrids.]

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**Science and Engineering Practices**
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.

- Make observations (firsthand or from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena. (1-LS3-1)

**Disciplinary Core Ideas**

**LS3.A: Inheritance of Traits**
- Young animals are very much, but not exactly, like their parents. Plants also are very much, but not exactly, like their parents. (1-LS3-1)

**LS3.B: Variation of Traits**
- Individuals of the same kind of plant or animal are recognizable as similar but can also vary in many ways. (1-LS3-1)

**Crosscutting Concepts**

**Patterns**
- Patterns in the natural world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence. (1-LS3-1)

Connections to other DCIs in first grade: N/A

Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: 3.LS3.A (1-LS3-1); 3.LS3.B (1-LS3-1)

Common Core State Standards Connections:

**ELA/Literacy** –
- **RI.1.1** Ask and answer questions about key details in a text. (1-LS3-1)
- **W.1.7** Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of “how-to” books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions). (1-LS3-1)
- **W.1.8** With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (1-LS3-1)

**Mathematics** –
- **MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (1-LS3-1)
- **MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (1-LS3-1)
- **1.MD.A.1** Order three objects by length; compare the lengths of two objects indirectly by using a third object. (1-LS3-1)
### 1. Structure, Function, and Information Processing

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. **LS1-2. Read texts and use media to determine patterns in behavior of parents and offspring that help offspring survive.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of patterns of behaviors could include the signals that offspring make (such as crying, cheeping, and other vocalizations) and the responses of the parents (such as feeding, comforting, and protecting the offspring).]

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<td>Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in K–2 builds on prior experiences and uses observations and texts to communicate new information.</td>
<td>▪ Adult plants and animals can have young. In many kinds of animals, parents and the offspring themselves engage in behaviors that help the offspring to survive. (1-LS1-2)</td>
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<td>▪ Read grade-appropriate texts and use media to obtain scientific information to determine patterns in the natural world. (1-LS1-2)</td>
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<td>▪ Patterns in the natural world can be observed, used to describe phenomena, and used as evidence. (1-LS1-2)</td>
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**Connections to Nature of Science**

**Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence**

▪ Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world. (1-LS1-2)

**Connections to other DCIs in first grade:** N/A

**Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels:** 3.LS2.D (1-LS1-2)

### Common Core State Standards Connections:

**ELA/Literacy** –

- **RI.1.1** Ask and answer questions about key details in a text. (1-LS1-2)
- **RI.1.2** Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text. (1-LS1-2)
- **RI.1.10** With prompting and support, read informational texts appropriately complex for grade. (1-LS1-2)

**Mathematics** –

- **1.NBT.B.3** Compare two two-digit numbers based on the meanings of the tens and one digits, recording the results of comparisons with the symbols >, =, and <. (1-LS1-2)
- **1.NBT.C.4** Add within 100, including adding a two-digit number and a one-digit number, and adding a two-digit number and a multiple of 10, using concrete models or drawings and strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between addition and subtraction; relate the strategy to a written method and explain the reasoning uses. Understand that in adding two-digit numbers, one adds tens and tens, ones and ones; and sometimes it is necessary to compose a ten. (1-LS1-2)
- **1.NBT.C.5** Given a two-digit number, mentally find 10 more or 10 less than the number, without having to count; explain the reasoning used. (1-LS1-2)
- **1.NBT.C.6** Subtract multiples of 10 in the range 10–90 from multiples of 10 in the range 10–90 (positive or zero differences), using concrete models or drawings and strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between addition and subtraction; relate the strategy to a written method and explain the reasoning used. (1-LS1-2)
Unit of Study 3: Mimicking Organisms to Solve Problems (25 days)

Standards that appear this unit: 1-LS1-1*, K-2-ETS1-2

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<td>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.</td>
<td>• All organisms have external parts. Different animals use their body parts in different ways to see, hear, grasp objects, protect themselves, move from place to place, and seek, find, and take in food, water and air. Plants also have different parts (roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruits) that help them survive and grow. (1-LS1-1)</td>
<td>• The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s). (1-LS1-1)</td>
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<td>• Use materials to design a device that solves a specific problem or a solution to a specific problem. (1-LS1-1)</td>
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<td>• Animals have body parts that capture and convey different kinds of information needed for growth and survival. Animals respond to these inputs with behaviors that help them survive. Plants also respond to some external inputs. (1-LS1-1)</td>
<td><strong>Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World</strong></td>
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<td>• Every human-made product is designed by applying some knowledge of the natural world and is built by built using materials derived from the natural world. (1-LS1-1)</td>
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Connections to other DCIs in first grade: N/A

Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: K.ETS1.A (1-LS1-1); 4.LS1.A (1-LS1-1); 4.LS1.D (1-LS1-1); 4.ETS1.A (1-LS1-1)

Common Core State Standards Connections:
ELA/Literacy –
W.1.7 Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of “how-to” books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions). (1-LS1-1)
### K-2. Engineering Design

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**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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<td>Modeling in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to include using and developing models (i.e., diagram, drawing, physical replica, diorama, dramatization, or storyboard) that represent concrete events or design solutions.</td>
<td>- Designs can be conveyed through sketches, drawings, or physical models. These representations are useful in communicating ideas for a problem's solutions to other people. (K-2-ETS1-2)</td>
<td>- The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s). (K-2-ETS1-2)</td>
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<td>- Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool. (K-2-ETS1-2)</td>
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**Connections to K-2-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include:**

- **Kindergarten:** K-PS2-2, K-ESS3-2

**Connections to K-2-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions to Problems include:**

- **Kindergarten:** K-ESS3-3, **First Grade:** 1-PS4-4, **Second Grade:** 2-LS2-2

**Connections to K-2-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution include:**

- **Second Grade:** 2-ESS2-1

**Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:**

- 3-5.ETS1.A (K-2-ETS1-2); 3-5.ETS1.B (K-2-ETS1-2); 3-5.ETS1.C (K-2-ETS1-2)

**Common Core State Standards Connections:**

- **ELA/Literacy – 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. (K-2-ETS1-2)
## Unit of Study 4: Light and Sound (20 days)

Standards that appear this unit: 1-PS4-2, 1-PS4-3, 1-PS4-1

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<td>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.</td>
<td>- Objects can be seen if light is available to illuminate them or if they give off their own light. (1-PS4-2)</td>
<td>- Simple tests can be designed to gather evidence to support or refute student ideas about causes. (1-PS4-2)</td>
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<td>• Make observations (firsthand or from media) to construct an evidence-based account for natural phenomena (1-PS4-2)</td>
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*Connections to other DCIs in first grade*: N/A

*Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: 4.PS4.B (1-PS4-2)*

*Common Core State Standards Connections:*

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<td><strong>W.1.2</strong></td>
<td>Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure. (1-PS4-2)</td>
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<td><strong>W.1.7</strong></td>
<td>Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of &quot;how-to&quot; books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions). (1-PS4-2)</td>
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<td><strong>W.1.8</strong></td>
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1. Waves: Light and Sound

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1-PS4-3: Plan and conduct an investigation to determine the effect of placing objects made with different materials in the path of a beam of light. [Clarification Statement: Examples of materials could include those that are transparent (such as clear plastic), translucent (such as wax paper), opaque (such as cardboard), and reflective (such as a mirror).] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include the speed of light.] The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document A Framework for K-12 Science Education:

**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 investigations collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence to answer a question. (1-PS4-3)

**Disciplinary Core Ideas**

**PS4.B: Electromagnetic Radiation**

- Some materials allow light to pass through them, others allow only some light through and others block all the light and create a dark shadow on any surface beyond them, where the light cannot reach. Mirrors can be used to redirect a light beam. (Boundary: The idea that light travels from place to place is developed through experiences with light sources, mirrors, and shadows, but no attempt is made to discuss the speed of light.) (1-PS4-3)

**Crosscutting Concepts**

**Cause and Effect**

- Simple tests can be designed to gather evidence to support or refute student ideas about causes. (1-PS4-3)

**Connections to other DCIs in first grade:** N/A

**Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels:** 2.PS1.A (1-PS4-3)

**Common Core State Standards Connections:**

**ELA/Literacy –**

- **W.1.7** Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of “how-to” books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions). (1-PS4-3)

- **W.1.8** With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (1-PS4-3)

- **SL.1.1** Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. (1-PS4-3)
1. Waves: **Light and Sound**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1.-PS4-1. **Plan and conduct investigations to provide evidence that vibrating materials can make sound and that sound can make materials vibrate.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of vibrating materials that make sound could include tuning forks and plucking a stretched string. Examples of how sound can make matter vibrate could include holding a piece of paper near a speaker making sound and holding an object near a vibrating tuning fork.]

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<td>- Science investigations begin with a question. (1-PS4-1)</td>
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*Connections to other DCIs in first grade: N/A*  
*Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels: N/A*  

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## Unit of Study 5: Communicating with Light and Sound (25 days)

Standards that appear this unit: 1-PS4-4*, K-2-ETS1-1, K-2-ETS1-2

### 1. Waves: Light and Sound

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1-PS4-4. **Use tools and materials to design and build a device that uses light or sound to solve the problem of communicating over a distance.** [Clarification Statement: Examples of devices could include a light source to send signals, paper cup and string "telephones," and a pattern of drum beats.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include technological details for how communication devices work.]

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<td>• Use tools and materials provided to design a device that solves a specific problem. (1-PS4-4)</td>
<td>• People also use a variety of devices to communicate (send and receive information) over long distances. (1-PS4-4)</td>
<td><strong>Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science, on Society and the Natural World</strong></td>
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<td>• People depend on various technologies in their lives; human life would be very different without technology. (1-PS4-4)</td>
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**Connections to other DCIs in first grade:** N/A

**Articulation of DCIs across grade-levels:** K.ETS1.A (1-PS4-4); 2.ETS1.B (1-PS4-4); 4.PS4.C (1-PS4-4); 4.ETS1.A (1-PS4-4)

**Common Core State Standards Connections:**

**ELA/Literacy –**

**W.1.7** Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of "how-to" books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions). (1-PS4-4)

**Mathematics –**

**MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (1-PS4-4)

**1.MD.A.1** Order three objects by length; compare the lengths of two objects indirectly by using a third object. (1-PS4-4)

**1.MD.A.2** Express the length of an object as a whole number of length units, by layering multiple copies of a shorter object (the length unit) end to end; understand that the length measurement of an object is the number of same-size length units that span it with no gaps or overlaps. (1-PS4-4)
### K-2. Engineering Design

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**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.

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

#### Science and Engineering Practices

**Asking Questions and Defining Problems**

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. (K-2-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)

#### Disciplinary Core Ideas

**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 problem. (K-2-ETS1-1)

#### Crosscutting Concepts

N/A

**Connections to K-2-ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include:**

- **Kindergarten:** K-PS2-2, K-ESS3-2

**Connections to K-2-ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions to Problems include:**

- **Kindergarten:** K-ESS3-3, **First Grade:** 1-PS4-4, **Second Grade:** 2-LS2-2

**Connections to K-2-ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution Include:**

- **Second Grade:** 2-ESS2-1

**Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:** 3-5.ETS1.A (K-2-ETS1-1); 3-5.ETS1.C (K-2-ETS1-1)

**Common Core State Standards 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. (K-2-ETS1-1)
  - **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-ETS1-1)
  - **W.2.8** Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (K-2-ETS1-1)

- **Mathematics –**
  - **MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (K-2-ETS1-1)
  - **MP.4** Model with mathematics. (K-2-ETS1-1)
  - **MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically. (K-2-ETS1-1)
  - **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 using information presented in a bar graph. (K-2-ETS1-1)
**K-2. Engineering Design**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

**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.

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:

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<td>Modeling in K–2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to include using and developing models (i.e., diagram, drawing, physical replica, diorama, dramatization, or storyboard) that represent concrete events or design solutions.</td>
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**Connections to K-2-ETS1.A:** Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems include:

- **Kindergarten:** K-PS2-2, K-ESS3-2

**Connections to K-2-ETS1.B:** Developing Possible Solutions to Problems include:

- **Kindergarten:** K-ESS3-3, **First Grade:** 1-PS4-4, **Second Grade:** 2-LS2-2

**Connections to K-2-ETS1.C:** Optimizing the Design Solution include:

- **Second Grade:** 2-ESS2-1

**Articulation of DCIs across grade-bands:** 3-5.ETS1.A (K-2-ETS1-2); 3-5.ETS1.B (K-2-ETS1-2); 3-5.ETS1.C (K-2-ETS1-2)

**Common Core State Standards Connections:**

- **ELA/Literacy – 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. (K-2-ETS1-2)