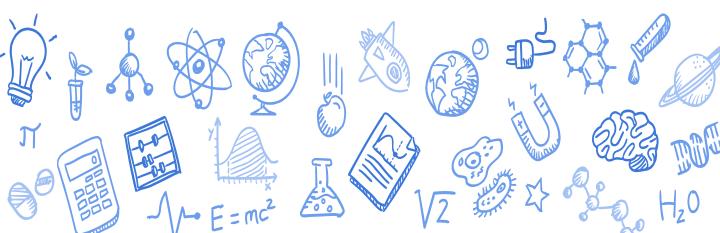
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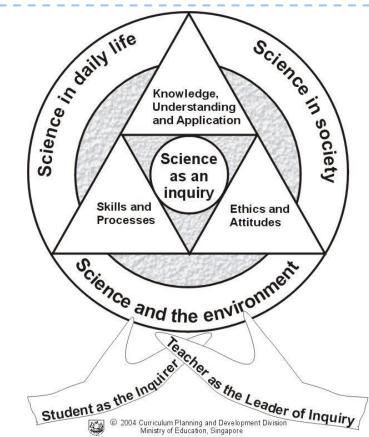
An inquirer with a passion for Science.

Mission

- To develop students with an inquiring mind.
- To equip students with scientific knowledge and skills.
- To make the learning of Science fun, meaningful and relevant.



Science Curriculum Framework





Inquiry-based Learning

Inquiry-based learning starts by posing questions, problems or scenarios rather than simply presenting established facts or portraying a smooth path to knowledge. The process is facilitated by the teacher.



Content

- Scientific phenomena, facts, concepts and principles
- Scientific vocabulary, terminology and conventions
- Scientific instruments and apparatus including techniques and aspects of safety
- Scientific and technological applications

Ethics & Attitudes

Curiosity, Creativity, Integrity, Objectivity, Openmindedness, Perseverance, Responsibility

Skills & Processes Observing, Comparing, Classifying, Using Apparatus & Equipment, Communicating, Inferring, Formulating hypothesis, Predicting, Analysing, Generating possibilities, Evaluating

Good content knowledge is not enough...

Content Knowledge **Skills and Processes** (Scientific Method and **Experimental Design**) **Application** and articulation of concepts into authentic situations



What is Conceptual Understanding?

- Conceptual understanding requires students to organise facts and ideas into a meaningful concept and making connections in science.
- Moving beyond rote memorisation of facts. Therefore, students can apply their understanding of concepts to multiple contexts.

(Kang, N. G., & Howren, C., 2004)

- While there are certain scientific terms and concepts taught, pupils can demonstrate their understanding by using their own words.
- The focus of learning science is not on giving "standard answers" or keywords, but on developing students' ability to inquire, understand and explain scientific phenomena.

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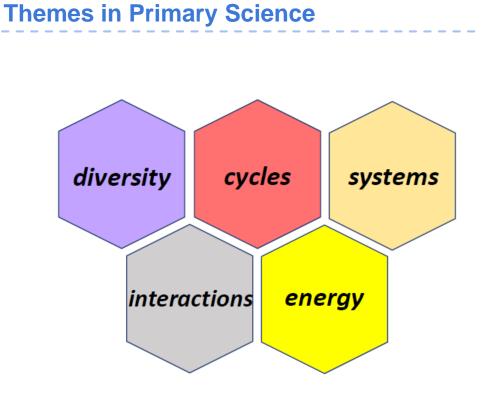
- The learning of science does require a certain level of clarity though, in the way concepts are explained, given the context of the question.
- Otherwise, we may end up endorsing misconceptions in students or rewarding them for ambiguous responses.

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Strategies

- Read the questions carefully.
- Identify (highlight) key phrases and words in the question stem before attempting to answer.
- Identify the concept tested.
- **Model** answering techniques.
- Reinforce use of Concept – Apply – Link (CAL) / Claim – Evidence – Reason (CER) answering techniques.







Primary Science Syllabus Overview (P3)

Themes	Lower Block (P3)
Diversity	Diversity of living and non-living thingsDiversity of materials
Cycles	 Cycles of plants and animals (Life cycles)
Systems	 Plant system (Plant parts and functions) Human system (Digestive system)

Assignments

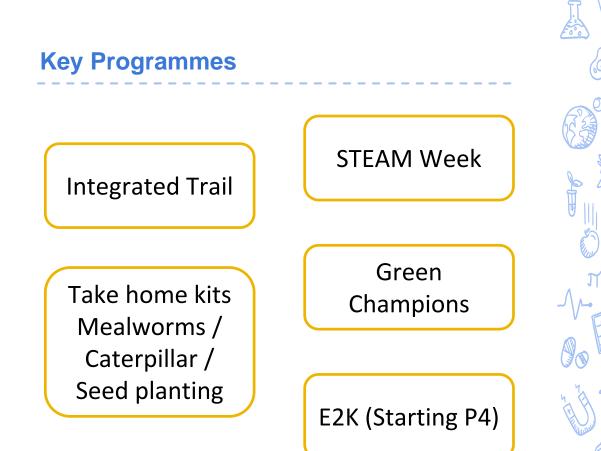
- P3 Package
- Worksheets (filed in the Science file)

*Please keep the P3-P6 work for revision!

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Assessment

Weighted Assessments Terms 1 to 3 (35%)	Semestral Assessment Term 4 (65%)	
In the form of	1 hour 30 minutes	
Performance Tasks /	80 marks	
Topical Review		
	Booklet A:	
Term 1 (10%)	24 questions	
Term 2 (15%)	Booklet B:	
Term 3 (10%)	10-12 questions	
	All topics covered in P3	
	will be tested.	



Parents as Facilitators

✓ Speaking
✓ Doing
✓ Visiting
✓ Reading



Speaking

Why X is a bird?

• It can fly.



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Speaking

Concept: Characteristics of bird

 It has feathers, a beak and a pair of wings.



Doing

Growing

- Green beans
- Chili seeds
- Peanuts
- Bread mould
- Mould on oranges

Keeping small animals

- Mealworms
- Fish
- Crayfish
- Snails
 - Bear in mind responsibilities involved in pet ownership



Doing – E.g. growing green beans

Science Concepts:

- Living things need food, air and water.
- What are the conditions needed for germination?
- How can I prevent my green bean from germinating?
- When does the developing seed need sunlight?

Doing – E.g. growing green beans

- Plants need sunlight to make their own food.
- Plants can reproduce from seeds.
- How to conduct a fair test?
- And more ...

Observing, Comparing, Classifying, Using apparatus and equipment, Communicating, Predicting, Formulating Hypothesis

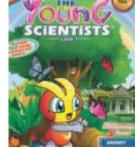
Visiting

- Singapore Zoo / Night Safari / River Safari
- Jurong Bird Park
- S.E.A. Aquarium, Sentosa
- Marina Barrage
- Artscience Museum
- Kranji Farms
- Parks (E.g. Hortpark)
- Gardens by the Bay
- Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve
- Singapore Science Centre
- Everywhere and Anywhere!

Reading

- Science Books
- Newspapers
- Magazines (National Geographic)
- THINK Science
- Science Adventures
- Young Scientists









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