

Year 1 Syllabus

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Incorporating the key ideas of science

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Science
Understanding

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Science as a
Human
Endeavour

NATURE AND

Science Inquiry
Skills

QUESTIONING AND
PREDICTING

Living things have a variety of external features ([ACSSU017](#))

Living things live in different places where their needs are met ([ACSSU211](#))

CHEMICAL SCIENCES

Everyday materials can be physically changed in a variety of ways ([ACSSU018](#))

EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCES

Observable changes occur in the sky and landscape ([ACSSU019](#))

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Light and sound are produced by a range of sources and can be sensed ([ACSSU020](#))

DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE

Science involves observing, asking questions about, and describing changes in, objects and events ([ACSHE021](#))

USE AND INFLUENCE OF SCIENCE

People use science in their daily lives, including when caring for their environment and living things ([ACSHE022](#))

🧑🏫 Personal and social capability

⚖️ Ethical understanding

Pose and respond to questions, and make predictions about familiar objects and events ([AC SIS024](#))

📖 Literacy

🧠 Critical and creative thinking

🧑🏫 Personal and social capability

PLANNING AND CONDUCTING

Participate in guided investigations to explore and answer questions ([AC SIS025](#))

📖 Literacy

🧠 Critical and creative thinking

🧑🏫 Personal and social capability

Use informal measurements to collect and record observations, using digital technologies as appropriate

(AC SIS026)



Literacy



Numeracy



Information and

Communication

Technology (ICT)

capability



Critical and creative
thinking

PROCESSING AND ANALYSING DATA AND INFORMATION

Use a range of
methods to sort
information, including
drawings and provided
tables through
discussion, compare
observations with
predictions

(AC SIS027)



Literacy



Numeracy




Critical and creative
thinking

EVALUATING

Compare observations with those of others
([AC SIS213](#))


 Literacy

 Critical and creative thinking

COMMUNICATING

Represent and communicate observations and ideas in a variety of ways ([AC SIS029](#))

 Literacy

 Critical and creative thinking

Year 1 Achievement Standard

Science Understanding

At Standard, students describe objects and events that they encounter in their everyday lives, and the effects of interacting with materials and objects. They describe the external features of living things and how different places meet the needs of living things. Students describe changes in their local environment.

Science as a Human Endeavour

Students share how people use science in their daily lives, including when caring for the environment and living things.

Science Inquiry Skills

Students respond to questions, make predictions, and participate in guided investigations of everyday phenomena. They follow instructions to record and sort their observations and share them with others.

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