Scheme of Work - Progression

Science

Year 8 / Cinquième

	Light and vision • What is light : Introduction of the module • Heated materials produce light • White light is made of many colors • Substractive and additive color
erio	From light source to eye • Light, a traveling wave : linear propagation of light and shadow • Reflection, refraction • Mirages and optical illusions
	The eye, a sensor of radiation • Structure and parts of an eye • Retina, blind spot and pupillary reflex • Optical illusions
	Autumn – Mid-Term Holiday
Matter and Materials	
eriod 2	Mixtures • States of matter • Changing states of matter • Solubility and miscibility • Factors influencing solubility Foams and Emulsons • Mixing 2 non-miscible liquids • Microscopic study of an emulsion • Microscopic study of colloids
	Mechanical properties of Matter • Materials and properties • Elasticity and plasticity • Allotropy/nanoscopic structure • Natural and artificial polymers
Winter Holiday	
	Matter and Materials Bridge Design and Building • Bridges and the external mechanical forces and deformation on them • Forces, materials, loads and shapes • Research various construction materials to determine their strengths, weaknesses and applications Designing and building a bridge • Students experience the engineering design process : identify, investigate, imagine, plan, create, test, improve and communicate Discovering Electricity • Static electricity • Static electricity • Static electricit of the presence and magnitude of electric charge The basics of electrical circuits • Handling electricity safely • Drawing diagrams • Electrical circuits : series and parallel Winter – Mid-Term Holiday
Winter – Mid-Term Holiday Evolution of Earth and Life	
4	If these rocks could speak • If possible : Field trip • Planning the field trip : What can we find there ? How do we identify clues from the past ? Collecting samples in the field • Geological work • Learning about key processes : Identifying, researching and interpreting samples using various techniques and keys, making observations and inferences • Creating a visual display/presentation including the analysis and deductions of geological processes: weathering, erosion and sedimentation • Fossil and sand formation • Rock types and formation
	Active Earth • Theorise on how geological features were formed, such as folded faults, folds and unconformities • Mapping earthquake zones and volcanic activity to find patterns and make inferences about plate boundaries
Spring Holiday	
	Active Earth • Identify continental boundaries puzzle and fossil evidence as evidence for continental drift • Modelling convection currents and the layers of the spherical earth
S	l inking Life and Earth

Linking Life and Earth
 Research and visual display : key Earth and Life events to encompass the scale and visualization of deep time and how Earth affects life and vice versa
 Research and describe environmental adaptations in camelids to recognise the evidence of divergent evolution in camels

- Speciation
 Observation of skulls to create a dichotomous key and identify lins between species
 The story of Darwin the explorer : evidence for his theory of evolution

- Conflicting theories in science