Scheme of Work - Progression

Science

Year 8 / 5ème

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Т т т	 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	
Period 2 •••≥ ••• • •••	Matter and Materials 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	
	Wilter Holiday	
Period 3	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 • Setting charges in motion : current • Detecting 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	
Period 4 ••• <u>≒</u> •••• <u></u>	Evolution of Earth and Life 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

Linking Life and Earth

Period 5 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