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GRADE 4 SCIENCE

IN-SCHOOL PREPARATION

TEACHER’S NOTE

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BEFORE THE PARK
Welcome Grade 4 Teachers to
Canada’s Wonderland’s Science Program!

We have provided you with activities that will take you from your classroom to an action filled day at the Park. The BEFORE THE PARK activities are set up for your students to practice some new skills and review some old ones before they go to the Park. The AT THE PARK activities are a continuation and extension of the classroom activities. The tasks set up for your students at the Park are designed to let them enjoy all that Canada’s Wonderland has to offer, while gathering some data to be used back at the school. The students will use this information to complete a SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT that allows them to extend the experiences that they began in the classroom before the trip. Every activity is completely linked to the new revised Science Curriculum.

Every activity is designed as a real-world experience. As in the real world, there are many possible solutions to a variety of questions. We encourage you to challenge your students to think deeply and reflect on the tasks that are set out before them. We hope that this experience will be a celebration and extension of your teaching and learning this year. In addition, some of the key skills and processes, such as Brainstorming and Predicting are highlighted to remind students the skills they can use to help complete the task. The Design Options are highly recommended as this is where science becomes “alive”. Please invest some time and resources and allow your students the opportunity to design, test and experiment with these challenges.

Thank you for your on-going support for young people and our programs at Canada’s Wonderland.
### MEETING THE EXPECTATIONS

**CW Physics, Science & Math Day Activities**

*A correlation with the Ontario Science Curriculum, Grade 4*

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- identify reasons for the depletion or extinction of a plant or animal species (e.g. hunting, disease, invasive species, changes in or destruction of its habitat), evaluate the impacts on the rest of the natural community, and propose possible actions for preventing such depletions or extinctions from happening  
- use scientific inquiry/research skills to investigate ways in which plants and animals in a community depend on features of their habitat to meet important needs  
- use appropriate science and technology vocabulary, including habitat, population, community, adaptation, and food chain, in oral and written communication  
- use a variety of forms (e.g. oral, written, graphic, multimedia) to communicate with different audiences and for a variety of purposes (e.g. use presentation software to show the steps one might follow to set up and maintain a terrarium)  
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- demonstrate an understanding of a community as a group of interacting species sharing a common habitat (e.g. the life in a meadow or in a patch of forest) |
### MEETING THE EXPECTATIONS

| It’s Alive (cont’d) | - describe structural adaptations that allow plants and animals to survive in specific habitats (e.g. the thick stem of a cactus stores water for the plant; a duck’s webbed feet allow it to move quickly and efficiently in water)  
- describe ways in which humans are dependent on natural habitats and communities (e.g. for water, medicine, flood control in wetlands, leisure activities) |
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- investigate, test, and compare the physical properties of rocks and minerals  
- demonstrate an understanding of the physical properties of rocks and minerals  
- assess the social and environmental costs and benefits of using objects in the built environment that are made from rocks and minerals from it are persistent in the environment  
- analyse the impact on society and the environment of extracting and refining rocks and minerals for human use, taking different perspectives into account  
- use a variety of tests to identify the physical properties of minerals (e.g. hardness [scratch test], colour [streak test], magnetism)  
- use a variety of criteria (e.g. colour, texture, lustre) to classify common rocks and minerals according to their characteristics  
- use scientific inquiry/research skills to investigate how rocks and minerals are used and disposed of in everyday life  
- use appropriate science and technology vocabulary, including hardness, colour, lustre, and texture, in oral and written communication  
- use a variety of forms (e.g. oral, written, graphic, multimedia) to communicate with different audiences and for a variety of purposes (e.g. use a graphic organizer to show how rocks and minerals are used in daily life)  
- describe the properties (e.g. colour, lustre, streak, transparency, hardness) that are used to identify minerals  
- describe how igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks are formed (e.g. igneous rocks form when hot, liquid rock from deep below the earth’s surface rises towards the surface, cools, and solidifies; sedimentary rocks form when small pieces of the earth that have been worn away by wind and water accumulate at the bottom of rivers, lakes, and oceans and are eventually compressed into rock; metamorphic rocks form when igneous or sedimentary |
Rocks & Roll (cont’d) - describe the characteristics of the three classes of rocks (e.g. sedimentary rocks often have flat or curved layers, are composed of pieces that are roughly the same size with pores between the pieces, and often contain fossils; igneous rocks have no layers, are usually made up of two or more minerals whose crystals are different sizes, and normally do not contain fossils; metamorphic rocks may have alternating bands of light and dark minerals, may be composed of only one mineral, such as marble or quartzite, and rarely contain fossils), and explain how their characteristics are related to their origin

Up & Down & Around We Go - evaluate the impact of pulleys and gears on society and the environment
- investigate ways in which pulleys and gears modify the speed and direction of, and the force exerted on, moving objects
- demonstrate an understanding of the basic principles and functions of pulley systems and gear systems
- assess the impact of pulley systems and gear systems on daily life
- assess the environmental impact of using machines with pulleys and gears, taking different perspectives into account (e.g. the perspective of a car driver or cyclist, someone who is physically challenged, the owner of a multi-floor building), and suggest ways to minimize negative impacts and maximize positive impacts
- use scientific inquiry/experimentation skills to investigate changes in force, distance, speed, and direction in pulley and gear systems
- use technological problem-solving skills to design, build, and test a pulley or gear system that performs a specific task
- use appropriate science and technology vocabulary, including pulley, gear, force, and speed, in oral and written communication
- use a variety of forms (e.g. oral, written, graphic, multimedia) to communicate with different audiences and for a variety of purposes
- describe the purposes of pulley systems and gear systems (e.g. to facilitate changes in direction, speed, or force)
- describe how rotary motion in one system or its components (e.g. a system of pulleys of different sizes) is transferred to another system or component (e.g. a system of various gears) in the same structure
- distinguish between pulley systems and gear systems that increase force and those that increase speed
- identify pulley systems (e.g. clotheslines, flagpoles, cranes, elevators, farm machinery) and gear systems (e.g. bicycles, hand drills, can openers) that are used in daily life, and explain the purpose and basic operation of each
| Can You Feel the Energy? | - assess the impact on society and the environment of technological innovations related to light and sound  
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- assess the impacts on society and the environment of light and/or sound energy produced by different technologies, taking different perspectives into account (e.g. the perspectives of someone who has to walk on the street late at night, a cottage owner, a person who is hearing impaired, manufacturers of and merchants who sell MP3 players)  
- investigate the basic properties of light (e.g. conduct experiments to show that light travels in a straight path, that light reflects off of shiny surfaces, that light refracts [bends] when passing from one medium to another, that white light is made up of many colours, that light diffracts [bends and spreads out] when passing through an opening)  
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# ASSESSMENT RUBRIC

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BEFORE THE PARK

IT’S ALIVE

1. Describe a habitat around your school.

2. a) Brainstorm: Imagine your school playground 20 years ago. What do you think it looked like then? Use words or draw a picture.

   b) What plants and animals do you think you could find then?

   c) What happened to those animals when the houses and school were built?
3. Observe the following food web that could be found near your school.

![A food web diagram](image)

Suppose one part of the web was damaged or missing, could all the other living things keep surviving?

4. **Predict:** In what ways do the plants and animals around us help our lives?
ROCKS & ROLL

Observe the following picture of **strip mining** and **shaft mining**.

1. **In Groups**: Create a Venn diagram on the similarities and differences of these 2 types of mining.
2. What do you think happens to all the rocks that aren’t used from the strip mining?

3. What impact does mining have on the environment?
4. Collect and examine 2 rock samples from your teacher. How many similarities and differences can you find between them?

5. How do you think these rocks were formed? Igneous, Sedimentary or Metamorphic?

BEFORE THE PARK

UP & DOWN & AROUND WE GO

1. a) **Design and Test**: Create a single pulley to lift a weight.

   b) **Design and Test**: Repeat the same task using a single to single pulley and a double to double pulley.

   c) **Vocabulary**: Simple machines always have a *trade-off*, meaning they do something good, but unfortunately, there is a bad part. For each pulley combination, list what was good about it and what was bad about it.

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BEFORE THE PARK  UP & DOWN & AROUND WE GO

3. a) **Design and Test**: Create a gear train where a:
   i) medium gear turns a small gear
   ii) medium gear turns a medium gear
   iii) medium gear turns a large gear.

b) Fill out the table to describe the trade-off.

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BEFORE THE PARK CAN YOU FEEL THE ENERGY?

CAN YOU FEEL THE ENERGY?

1. Brainstorm: Look around your classroom. List all the sources of light.
2. **Design and Test in Groups**: Design an experiment to prove that light travels in a straight line until it hits something where it can be reflected or absorbed.

3. Describe some positive and negative benefits of light in everyday life.

4. Use a Venn diagram to compare sound and light.
5. Technology has made great advancements in sound. For example, your parents did not have tiny MP3 players. Use the T chart to explain how this has helped our world, but also had some negative impact as well.
GRADE 4 SCIENCE

AMUSEMENT RIDE ACTIVITIES

AT THE PARK

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

IT’S ALIVE
1. Before Canada’s Wonderland was built in 1981, it was a field with tall grass, shrubs and some trees. What types of plants and animals do you think you could find there?

2. Find some examples where Canada’s Wonderland has integrated natural habitats within the Park and rides.

3. How does the natural habitat benefit the people who attend the Park?

4. Based on what you saw at Canada’s Wonderland, is it possible for humans, plants and animals to live together? Provide reasons.
5. In what ways do plants, animals and humans have to adapt in order to live in the same environment?
1. When Canada’s Wonderland was first built, it was dug up and there was a lot of left over rocks. Some of those rocks are still there today. How are rocks being used there today?

2. Some of the left over rocks were transformed into different products. Find some examples of how these rocks have been reused. Hint: look down at your feet.

3. How do rocks help create a natural habitat at Canada’s Wonderland?
4. Find a rock at Canada’s Wonderland and write down all of its characteristics. When you get back to school, see if you can use your skills to classify it using *colour*, *texture*, *hardness* and *lustre*. 
UP & DOWN & AROUND WE GO

1. Find some examples of machines that could use gears or pulleys at Canada’s Wonderland.

2. What is their trade-off?

3. **Predict**: What would happen if the gears were installed backwards on your example?
4. Some simple machines require electricity to make the gears and pulleys move which can damage the environment. Find some examples where Canada’s Wonderland uses natural energy to propel its rides.

5. Some rides need electricity. How can we reduce the impact those rides have on the environment?
CAN YOU FEEL THE ENERGY?

1. List all the sources of light at Canada’s Wonderland.

2. Where does Canada’s Wonderland get most of its light from?
   How does this help the environment?

3. How could this light source have a negative impact on humans if we don’t protect ourselves?
4. When you are riding on a roller coaster, describe all the sounds you hear. Why is it that you cannot hear your friends if they are sitting behind you on the ride, but you can hear them just fine once you are off the ride?
A MEDIEVAL RENOVATION

Prior Classroom Learning Required

✓ Problem Solving and Reasoning Skills
✓ Basic Concepts of the Grade 4 Science Strands:
  - Habitats and Communities
  - Pulleys and Gears
  - Light and Sound
  - Rocks and Minerals
✓ Group Work
✓ Design Process

➤ Canada’s Wonderland has decided to relocate their Medieval Attraction to a new area. The highlight of this new centre will be a new and improved large castle with a performance stage in the middle of the courtyard. Being mindful of the environment, Canada’s Wonderland has vowed to make this their “Greenest” attraction ever.

➤ Using a variety of skills and information, which you mastered over your Grade 4 year, you will be responsible for making decisions and designing this new attraction from the ground up.

NOTE These Summative Assessment activities are for the purpose of this program and do not accurately reflect operational procedures or plans for Canada’s Wonderland.
A MEDIEVAL RENOVATION

Keep on Digging!

Canada’s Wonderland has decided to move their new Medieval Attraction to the edge of their park boundaries. The current area is very rocky, so they have hired you to oversee the strip mining of the area.

1. **Research:** You suspect that you are digging into shale. Find 3 facts about shale.

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2. **Design Option:** Use colour, texture and hardness tests to determine if you have shale.

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3. Congratulations! You have determined that this area is suitable to build your new castle. Unfortunately, you have large mounds of rock left over. Your boss called a company to come and remove all of the rocks. You told your boss to wait because you have a better idea. How could you reuse some of the rocks in building your new attraction and the surrounding area?
4. Draw a picture of your new castle and label where you recycled some of the leftover stones.

5. When using large machinery to strip mine and remove a lot of earth, what environmental issues are there?

6. Is it possible to fix any of the environmental problems?
Refer back to the **IT’S ALIVE** section about the types of animals and plants that were at Canada’s Wonderland. When you dug up this area, all those animals and plants had to leave. This is supposed to be the “Greenest” Attraction ever.

1. a) How are you planning to restore the animal’s habitat once you have finished building?

b) Go back to your drawing in the **KEEP ON DIGGING**! section and add the surrounding area and any improvements you have made to restore plant and animal life to the castle.
2. What will the people who attend the attraction have to do to make sure that they can co-exist with the animals and plants? Make a sign below that you will hang up around the attraction to remind them what to do and not to do.
3. The Chief Builder has come to you to help solve some problems.

a) We have a 2000 kg piece of metal that we need to get from the ground to the top of the castle roof. It is too heavy and tall to lift by hand. How should we get it up there? Explain how you would solve this problem.

b) The stage is in the centre of the courtyard and the stands surround it. That means when the performers are on stage, their backs will be facing some of the people. We want to make the stage rotate, but we cannot figure out how to do it. Explain how you would solve this problem.

c) Design Option: Build a model of either situation a) or b) to demonstrate how you solved the problem.
A MEDIEVAL RENOVATION

Lights, Camera, Action!

You have finished building the castle. Now it is time to install the lights and sound system for the performances. Below is a front view of the stage and the supports where the lights will be mounted.

Bar to Mount Lights

Stage

1. Below is a light sample and the angle which the light leaves the bulb. How many lights will you need to light the entire stage? Explain how you determined your answer.
2. Some of the performers have complained that the lights produce a lot of heat which makes it uncomfortable to perform. How could you use additional lighting sources to solve this problem?

3. Recall that this is an environmentally friendly attraction. Which light source will you choose to light up your stage? Explain why.

4. a) You have learned about trade-offs in various tasks. By choosing a better light source, you have made an environmentally friendly choice. What are some negative outcomes of choosing that light source? *Hint:* Does it bother the people, environment, animals, plants?

b) Fix or minimize 1 of those problems.
5. The sound technician is concerned that they only have 4 speakers in the entire courtyard. The technician claims that only the people in the direct pathways of the speakers will hear the sound. You have assured your friend that everyone will hear regardless of where they are sitting. **Use your knowledge of how sound travels to explain why everyone will hear the performance.**

![Diagram of sound waves from speakers]

6. **Design Option:** Any good castle has to have a Draw Bridge. Build a model of a working draw bridge using your knowledge of gears and/or pulleys.
A MEDIEVAL RENOVATION

Dear General Manager…

Congratulations! You have finished building a fantastic new attraction that is very environmentally friendly. Write a letter to the General Manager of Canada’s Wonderland explaining everything you did to ensure that this new castle will be the “Greenest” attraction at the Park!