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# **ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

# **GRADE 2**

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#### FOREWORD

The Government of Kenya (GoK) is committed to ensuring that policy objectives for Education, Training and Research meet the aspirations of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, the Kenya Vision 2030, National Curriculum Policy 2018, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the regional and global conventions to which Kenya is a signatory. Towards achieving the mission of Basic Education, the Ministry of Education (MoE) has successfully and progressively rolled out the implementation of the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) at Pre-Primary, Primary and Junior School levels.

The Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) reviewed the curriculum and rationalised the number of learning areas in 2024. The review and rationalisation process was informed by several factors, among them, the recommendations of the Presidential Working Party on Education Reforms (PWPER) and reports of the continuous curriculum monitoring and evaluation activities.

The reviewed curriculum designs build on competencies attained earlier by learners. The designs prepare the learner for smooth transition to the next level. The designs will also afford the learner opportunities for developing requisite competencies and enable them to interact with other people and the environment around them.

The key components of the curriculum designs include the National Goals of Education, the essence statement, general and specific learning outcomes as well as the strands and sub strands. Suggested learning experiences, key inquiry questions, core competencies, Pertinent and Contemporary Issues (PCIs), values and assessment rubrics are also outlined in the curriculum designs.

It is expected that all Government agencies and other stakeholders in Education will use the designs to plan for the effective and efficient implementation of the Competency Based Curriculum.

Thank you.

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#### PREFACE

The Ministry of Education (MoE) rolled out the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC), nationally in 2019, following a national convention in 2017 where the *Basic Education Curriculum Framework* (BECF) was adopted by stakeholders and a national pilot of the curriculum in the Early Years of Education (EYE) in 2018. According to the UNESCO IBE requirements, a curriculum should be reviewed every five years. So, the review of CBC was due from 2023. In view of this, the reviewed curriculum designs will enhance the implementation of CBC since it corporates the lessons learnt from the implementation of CBC so far.

Consistent periodical review of the curriculum is also critical in the realisation of the Vision and Mission of the on-going curriculum reforms as enshrined in the Sessional Paper No. I of 2019 whose title is: *Towards Realizing Quality, Relevant and Inclusive Education and Training for Sustainable Development* in Kenya. The Sessional Paper explains the shift from a content-focused curriculum to a focus on producing an engaged, empowered and ethical citizen.

Therefore, the reviewed curriculum designs will facilitate the inculcation of core competencies in CBC, which are identified as: communication and collaboration, critical thinking and problem solving, creativity and imagination, citizenship, digital literacy, learning to learn and self-efficacy.

The curriculum designs provide suggestions for interactive and differentiated learning experiences linked to the various strands and sub strands and other aspects of the CBC. The designs also outline suggested learning resources and varied assessment techniques. It is expected that the use of these designs will lead to enhanced learning outcomes at various levels, prepare the learner for smooth transition to subsequent grades and make learning enjoyable.

The MoE requests all stakeholders to keep giving feedback on the curriculum designs to inform the review during the next cycle.

Thank you.

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#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) Act Number 4 of 2013 (Revised 2019) mandates the Institute to develop and review curricula and curriculum support materials for basic and tertiary education and training. The curriculum development process is guided by research, international best practices as well as stakeholder engagement. The Institute conceptualised the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) in consultation with the Ministry of Education and other stakeholders. According to the *Basic Education Curriculum Framework* (KICD, 2017) the conceptualisation of CBC was informed by 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning needs, the Constitution of Kenya 2010, the Kenya Vision 2030, the East African Community Protocol, the International Bureau of Education (IBE) Guidelines and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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May God bless all the individuals and respective institutions who in one way or another supported the curriculum review process. Indeed, these designs will effectively guide the implementation of the CBC at Primary level, thereby preparing the learner to transition to the Junior School.

Best wishes to all learners and curriculum implementers.

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# NATIONAL GOALS OF EDUCATION

# 1. Foster nationalism, patriotism, and promote national unity

Kenya's people belong to different communities, races and religions and should be able to live and interact as one people. Education should enable the learner acquire a sense of nationhood and patriotism. It should also promote peace and mutual respect for harmonious co-existence.

# 2. Promote social, economic, technological and industrial needs for national development

Education should prepare the learner to play an effective and productive role in the nation.

# a) Social Needs

Education should instil social and adaptive skills in the learner for effective participation in community and national development.

# b) Economic Needs

Education should prepare a learner with requisite competences that support a modern and independent growing economy. This should translate into high standards of living for every individual.

# c) Technological and Industrial Needs

Education should provide the learner with necessary competences for technological and industrial development in tandem with changing global trends.

# 3. Promote individual development and self-fulfilment

Education should provide opportunities for the learner to develop to the fullest potential. This includes development of one's interests, talents and character for positive contribution to the society.

# 4 Promote sound moral and religious values

Education should promote acquisition of national values as enshrined in the Constitution. It should be geared towards developing a self-disciplined and ethical citizen with sound moral and religious values.

# 5. Promote social equity and responsibility

Education should promote social equity and responsibility. It should provide inclusive and equitable access to quality and differentiated education; including learners with special educational needs and disabilities. Education should also provide the learner with opportunities for shared responsibility and accountability through service learning.

# 6. Promote respect for and development of Kenya's rich and varied cultures

Education should instil in the learner appreciation of Kenya's rich and diverse cultural heritage. The learner should value own and respect other people's culture as well as embrace positive cultural practices in a dynamic society.

# 7. Promote international consciousness and foster positive attitudes towards other nations

Kenya is part of the interdependent network of diverse peoples and nations. Education should therefore enable the learner to respect, appreciate and participate in the opportunities within the international community. Education should also facilitate the learner to operate within the international community with full knowledge of the obligations, responsibilities, rights and benefits that this membership entails.

# 8. Good health and environmental protection

Education should inculcate in the learner the value of physical and psychological well-being for self and others. It should promote environmental preservation and conservation, including animal welfare for sustainable development.

# LESSON ALLOCATION AT LOWER PRIMARY

| S/No  | Learning Area  | Number of Lessons Per Week |
|-------|--|----------------------------|
| 1.    | Indigenous Language Activities                                 | 2                          |
| 2.    | Kiswahili Language Activities / Kenya Sign Language Activities | 4                          |
| 3.    | English Language Activities                                    | 5                          |
| 4.    | Mathematical Activities  | 5                          |
| 5.    | Religious Education Activities                                 | 3                          |
| 6.    | Environmental Activities                                       | 4                          |
| 7.    | Creative Activities  | 7                          |
| 8.    | Pastoral/Religious Instruction Programme                       | 1*                         |
| Total |  | 31                         |

# LEVEL LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION

By the end of Primary Education, the learner should be able to:

- a) Use verbal and or non-verbal cues to convey information in varied contexts.
- b) Demonstrate mastery of number concepts to solve problems in day to day life.
- c) Use appropriate social skills, moral and religious values to positively impact the society.
- d) Develop individual talents and interests for self-efficacy.
- e) Make informed decisions as local and global citizens of a diverse, democratic society in an interdependent world.
- f) Devise innovative strategies for environmental conservation and sustainability.
- g) Apply digital literacy skills for learning and enjoyment.
- h) Appreciate the country's rich and diverse cultural heritage for harmonious living.

# ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES GRADE 2

#### **ESSENCE STATEMENT**

Environmental Activities is an integrated learning area comprising both environmental, hygiene and nutrition concepts. The learning area builds on knowledge, skills, attitudes and values developed in Environmental Activities Grade 1. Skills of observation, identification, classification, manipulation, recording, interpretation, prediction, environmental conservation, intrapersonal and interpersonal skills are further developed. Experiential learning will be utilised to enable the learner explore the environment through hands-on activities for learning and enjoyment. This will enable the learner to develop a sense of connection and appreciation to the immediate natural environment and its cultural diversity. Therefore, the learning area endeavours to nurture an engaged and environmentally aware citizen. The competencies acquired will be up-scaled in upper grades through concepts in related learning areas.

#### GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of Lower Primary, the learner should be able to:

- a) acquire appropriate practical skills and values for problem solving in conserving the environment,
- b) communicate appropriate messages for conserving the environment,
- c) demonstrate appropriate values, attitudes and practices for sustainable interactions,
- d) explore the natural resources in the immediate environment for learning and enjoyment,
- e) practise proper hygiene and good health habits to promote the well-being of self, others and the environment,
- f) apply acquired competences in solving environmental challenges for sustainable development,
- g) participate in community service learning to promote environmental and social well-being,
- h) observe safety precautions to limit risks to self and others while exploring the environment,
- i) appreciate the country's rich and diverse cultural heritage for harmonious living in the community.

# SUMMARY OF STRANDS AND SUB STRANDS

| Strands                          | Sub Strands                         | Suggested Number of |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                  |                                     | Lessons             |
| 1.0 SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT           | 1.1 Our Home                        | 16                  |
|                                  | 1.2 Family Needs and Wants          | 8                   |
|                                  | 1.3 Our School                      | 8                   |
|                                  | 1.4 Our National Flag               | 8                   |
|                                  | 1.5 Our Rights and Responsibilities | 6                   |
|                                  | 1.6 Our Market                      | 8                   |
| 2.0 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT          | 2.1 Weather                         | 12                  |
|                                  | 2.2 Soil                            | 8                   |
|                                  | 2.3 Light                           | 12                  |
| 3.0 RESOURCES IN OUR ENVIRONMENT | 3.1 Water                           | 12                  |
|                                  | 3.2 Plants                          | 10                  |
|                                  | 3.3 Animals                         | 12                  |
|                                  | TOTAL NUMBER OF LESSONS             | 120                 |

# **STRAND 1.0: SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT**

| Strand                    | Sub-Strand                          | Specific Learning<br>Outcomes   | Suggested Learning Experiences   | Suggested Key<br>Inquiry Question(s)  |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 1.0 Social<br>Environment | <b>1.1 Our Home</b><br>(16 lessons) | <ul> <li>By the end of the sub-<br/>strand, the learner should<br/>be able to:</li> <li>a) differentiate between<br/>personal and<br/>common items used<br/>at home,</li> <li>b) identify materials<br/>used for cleaning<br/>personal and<br/>common items at<br/>home,</li> <li>c) clean personal and<br/>common items using<br/>locally available<br/>materials,</li> <li>d) advocate for a clean<br/>home environment<br/>for self and others'<br/>well-being.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>The learner is guided to:</li> <li>share information on personal and common items found at home,</li> <li>draw, colour and display personal and common items used at home,</li> <li>recite poems or sing songs on personal items,</li> <li>match personal and common items at home with their uses,</li> <li>observe pictures or animations of different materials used for cleaning personal and common items,</li> <li>improvise cleaning materials at home or school,</li> <li>manipulate a digital device to watch video clips or observe a demonstration from a resource person on cleaning personal and common items found at home,</li> <li>use water sparingly to clean personal items and dry them appropriately,</li> </ul> | <ol> <li>How can we keep<br/>our home clean?</li> <li>Why should we<br/>keep our home<br/>environment<br/>clean?</li> </ol> |

|  | <ul> <li>practise cleaning utensils using suitable soap and soft material,</li> <li>observe safety and hygiene when handling waste materials to avoid communicable diseases,</li> <li>sort and dispose of waste appropriately after cleaning personal and common items.</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Core Competencies to be developed:   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Critical thinking and Problem-solving: learner enhances innovative thinking in improvising cleaning materials using locally available resources. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Values:  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Responsibility: learner enhances self-drive when cleaning utensils at home.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pertinent and Contemporary Issues:   |  |  |  |  |  |

Learner observes safety and hygiene when washing hands after handling waste materials to avoid communicable diseases.

Link to other Learning Areas:

The skill of sorting draws knowledge learnt in pre-number concepts in Mathematical Activities.

| Strand                    | Sub-Strand                                      | Specific Learning Outcomes  | Suggested Learning Experiences   | Suggested Key<br>Inquiry Question(s) |
|---------------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1.0 Social<br>Environment | 1.2 Family<br>Needs and<br>Wants<br>(8 lessons) | <ul> <li>By the end of the sub-strand, the learner should be able to:</li> <li>a) mention differences between family needs and wants,</li> <li>b) identify places within the locality where family needs are met,</li> <li>c) classify family needs and wants for financial literacy awareness,</li> <li>d) prioritise family needs over family wants,</li> <li>e) appreciate family needs and wants within the locality</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>The learner is guided to:</li> <li>talk about family needs and wants,</li> <li>draw items that represent family wants,</li> <li>observe pictures and photographs of different places where family needs are met,</li> <li>draw and colour places where family needs are met,</li> <li>match places or facilities within the locality where family needs are met,</li> <li>sort and group pictures of goods and services into family needs and wants,</li> <li>watch video clips/listen to a resource person on different family needs and wants,</li> <li>draw and colour items that represent different family needs and wants,</li> </ul> | How can we meet our family needs?    |

| • observe pictures of different<br>meals taken at different times<br>of the day,  |
|---|
| <ul> <li>keep a daily record of meals<br/>eaten at home or school for<br/>one week,</li> </ul>                                  |
| <ul> <li>sort and group different food<br/>items into meals and snacks,</li> </ul>  |
| <ul> <li>play a game of picking out<br/>flashcards/paper<br/>cuttings/pictures that show<br/>family needs and wants.</li> </ul> |

Citizenship: learner develops awareness of the local environment when matching places or facilities within the locality where family needs are met.

#### Values:

Love: learner portrays a caring attitude towards peers when playing games of picking out flashcards/paper cuttings/pictures that show family needs and wants.

# **Pertinent and Contemporary Issues:**

Social economic issues: learner enhances financial literacy when sorting and grouping pictures of goods and services into family needs and wants.

# Link to other Learning Areas:

Family needs and wants relate to the skill of counting, sorting, and grouping in Mathematical Activities.

| Strand                    | Sub-Strand                       | Specific Learning Outcomes   | Suggested Learning<br>Experiences  | Suggested Key<br>Inquiry Question(s)                          |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.0 Social<br>Environment | 1.3 Our<br>School<br>(8 lessons) | <ul> <li>By the end of the sub-strand, the learner should be able to:</li> <li>a) name ways of keeping the school environment clean,</li> <li>b) identify common accidents at school,</li> <li>c) clean the school environment for the well-being of self and others,</li> <li>d) advocate for a clean and safe school environment.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>The learner is guided to:</li> <li>use video clips or pictures to find out how to keep the school environment clean,</li> <li>walk around the school compound to find out dangerous places and items,</li> <li>draw or write down dangerous places and items in school,</li> <li>practise cleaning the school environment,</li> <li>recite poems or sing songs about a clean school environment,</li> <li>role play ways of giving first aid to common accidents in school (<i>suffocation, falls, burns, cuts, choking</i>),</li> <li>make <i>papier-mâché art</i> of appropriate objects or models from paper waste.</li> </ul> | How can you keep the<br>school environment<br>clean and safe? |

Self-efficacy: learner develops the skill of knowing the school by walking around the school compound to find out dangerous places and items.

#### Values:

Unity: learner enhances cooperation when cleaning the school environment in groups.

# Pertinent and Contemporary issues:

Social Economic Issues: learner develops disaster risk reduction when role-playing ways of giving first aid to common accidents in school.

# Link to other Learning Areas:

Paper waste recycling relates to concepts of making papier-mâché in Creative Activities.

| Strand                    | Sub-Strand                                     | Specific Learning Outcomes  | Suggested Learning<br>Experiences  | Suggested Key Inquiry<br>Question(s)                        |
|---------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| 1.0 Social<br>Environment | <b>1.4 Our</b><br>National Flag<br>(8 lessons) | <ul> <li>By the end of the sub-strand, the learner should be able to:</li> <li>a) identify the meaning of colours on the Kenya national flag,</li> <li>b) name events in which Kenya's national anthem is sung,</li> <li>c) observe etiquette when raising and lowering the Kenya national flag,</li> <li>d) appreciate the importance of the national anthem.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>The learner is guided to:</li> <li>find information on the meaning of colours on the Kenya national flag,</li> <li>manipulate a digital device to watch videos or observe pictures with colours of the Kenya national flag,</li> <li>draw and colour the national flag,</li> <li>role-play the expected behaviour when raising and lowering the Kenya national flag,</li> <li>listen to audio-visual clips or read print materials to identify occasions when the Kenya national anthem is sung.</li> </ul> | How can you show<br>respect for the Kenya<br>National flag? |

Citizenship: learner develops active community skills when observing the expected behaviour related to the Kenya national flag and national anthem.

Values:

Patriotism: learner enhances loyalty to the nation when singing the national anthem.

**Pertinent and Contemporary Issues:** 

Citizenship: learner enhances social cohesion and nationalism when singing the Kenya national anthem.

Link to other Learning Areas:

Features of the Kenya national flag relate to learning of colours in Creative Activities.

| Strand                    | Sub-Strand   | Specific Learning Outcomes  | Suggested Learning Experiences   | Suggested Key<br>Inquiry Question(s)   |
|---------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| 1.0 Social<br>Environment | <ul> <li>1.5 Our Rights and Responsibilities</li> <li>(6 lessons)</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>By the end of the sub-strand, the learner should be able to:</li> <li>a) outline Child Rights and Responsibilities at home and in the school,</li> <li>b) carry out the responsibilities of a child at home and in school,</li> <li>c) appreciate Child Rights and Responsibilities for the attainment of social justice.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>The learner is guided to:</li> <li>listen to age-appropriate stories involving expectations and experiences on Child Rights and Responsibilities (<i>parental care, health care, protection from exploitation and cruelty</i>),</li> <li>listen to a resource person on Child Rights and Responsibilities in a home or school,</li> <li>use multimedia resources to explore the responsibilities of children at home and in school,</li> <li>work with peers to role-play responsibilities of children in school,</li> <li>perform age-appropriate responsibilities at school.</li> </ul> | Why are child rights<br>and responsibilities<br>important at home<br>and school? |

Communication and Collaboration: learner develops teamwork when role-playing the responsibilities of children in school.

# Values:

Social Justice: learner enhances equity when performing age-appropriate responsibilities at school.

# **Pertinent and Contemporary Issues:**

Citizenship: learner enhances Child Rights awareness when sharing own expectations, experiences, duties and responsibilities at home or school.

# Link to other Learning Areas:

Listening to a resource person on Child Rights and Responsibilities relates to active listening and speaking in English Language Activities.

| Strand                    | Sub-Strand                       | Specific Learning Outcomes   | Suggested Learning<br>Experiences   | Suggested Key Inquiry<br>Question(s)     |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1.0 Social<br>Environment | 1.6 Our<br>Market<br>(8 lessons) | <ul> <li>By the end of the sub-strand, the learner should be able to:</li> <li>a) identify physical features on the way to a local market,</li> <li>b) locate local market using physical features,</li> <li>c) identify activities that take place in a market,</li> <li>d) value things and people found in a market.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>The learner is guided to:</li> <li>share experiences on<br/>physical features on the<br/>way to a local market,</li> <li>draw and colour physical<br/>features found on the way<br/>to the local market,</li> <li>model main physical<br/>features found on the way<br/>to the local market,</li> <li>label and match pictures<br/>of parts of the road for the<br/>safety of self and others<br/>(vehicle use and<br/>pedestrian walkways),</li> <li>manipulate digital devices<br/>to watch video clips or<br/>observe pictures of<br/>activities that take place in<br/>a market,</li> <li>listen to a resource person</li> </ul> | How can you locate your<br>local market? |
|                           |                                  |  | on activities that take place in a market,  |  |

|   |  |  | • • • • •                          |                        |  |
|---|--|--|------------------------------------|------------------------|--|
|   |  |  | • visit the nearest market to      |                        |  |
|   |  |  | find out activities that take      |                        |  |
|   |  |  | place,                             |                        |  |
|   |  |  | • role play buying and             |                        |  |
|   |  |  | selling activities to              |                        |  |
|   |  |  | recognise the                      |                        |  |
|   |  |  | 0                                  |                        |  |
|   |  |  | interdependence and                |                        |  |
|   |  |  | connections of people              |                        |  |
|   |  |  | found in a market,                 |                        |  |
|   |  |  | • make a shop corner using         |                        |  |
|   |  |  | locally available                  |                        |  |
|   |  |  | materials.                         |                        |  |
| Core Competencies to be developed:  |  |  |                                    |                        |  |
| Citizenship: learner recognises the interdependence and connections of people found in a market.                                |  |  |                                    |                        |  |
| Values:   |  |  |                                    |                        |  |
| Integrity: learne   | er enhances hones  | st and fair negotiations when role-pla | aying buying and selling.          |                        |  |
| Pertinent and   | <b>Contemporary</b> I  | ssues:                                 |                                    |                        |  |
| • Citizenship: learner enhances acknowledgement for self and others when interacting with people found in a market.             |  |  |                                    |                        |  |
| • Financial Literacy: learner develops spending skills when visiting the nearest market to find out activities that take place. |  |  |                                    |                        |  |
|   | •  |  | S the nearest market to find out t | ien mes mar and prace. |  |
|   | Learning Areas:  |  |                                    |                        |  |
| Buying and sel  | Buying and selling in a market relates to the concept of money in Mathematical Activities. |  |                                    |                        |  |

# SUGGESTED ASSESSMENT RUBRIC

| Level                       | Exceeds Expectations        | Meets                 | Approaches             | Below Expectations      |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Indicator                   |                             | Expectations          | Expectations           |                         |
| Ability to practise proper  | Practises proper hygiene    | Practises proper      | Practises proper       | Rarely practises proper |
| hygiene at home and         | at home and school most     | hygiene at home       | hygiene at home and    | hygiene at home and     |
| school.                     | frequently.                 | and school.           | school occasionally.   | school.                 |
| Ability to practise good    | Practises good healthy      | Practises good        | Practises good healthy | Rarely practises good   |
| healthy habits at home      | habits at home and          | healthy habits at     | habits at home and     | healthy habits at home  |
| and school.                 | school most frequently.     | home and school.      | school occasionally.   | and school.             |
| Ability to practise proper  | Practises proper            | Practises proper      | Practises proper       | Rarely practises proper |
| sanitation at home and      | sanitation at home and      | sanitation at home    | sanitation at home and | sanitation at home and  |
| school.                     | school most frequently.     | and school.           | school occasionally.   | school.                 |
| Ability to observe          | Observes etiquette when     | Observes etiquette    | Observes etiquette     | Observes etiquette      |
| etiquette when raising and  | raising and lowering the    | when raising and      | when raising and       | when raising and        |
| lowering the Kenya          | Kenya national flag very    | lowering the Kenya    | lowering the Kenya     | lowering the Kenya      |
| national flag.              | keenly.                     | national flag keenly. | national flag less     | national flag with      |
|                             |                             |                       | keenly.                | prompts.                |
| Ability to carry out duties | Carries out duties and      | Carries out duties    | Carries out duties and | Carries out duties and  |
| and responsibilities as a   | responsibilities as a child | and responsibilities  | responsibilities as a  | responsibilities as a   |
| child.                      | very keenly.                | as a child keenly.    | child less keenly.     | child with prompts.     |
| Ability to observe safety   | Observes safety             | Observes safety       | Observes safety        | Observes safety         |
| precautions in the          | precautions in the          | precautions in the    | precautions in the     | precautions in the      |
| immediate environment.      | immediate environment       | immediate             | immediate environment  | immediate environment   |
|                             | most keenly.                | environment keenly.   | less keenly.           | with prompts.           |

# **STRAND 2.0: NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

| Strand                     | Sub-Strand                  | Specific Learning<br>Outcomes  | Suggested Learning Experiences   | Suggested Key Inquiry<br>Question(s)      |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|---|
| 2.0 Natural<br>Environment | 2.1 Weather<br>(12 lessons) | <ul> <li>By the end of the sub-strand, the learner should be able to:</li> <li>a) identify weather conditions at different times of the day,</li> <li>b) create a weather record, using weather symbols,</li> <li>c) predict weather conditions at different times of the day,</li> <li>d) develop curiosity in weather conditions experienced in the locality.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>The learner is guided to:</li> <li>discuss weather conditions at different times of the day,</li> <li>draw weather symbols to represent different weather conditions and display them in class,</li> <li>observe and record prevailing weather conditions as an outdoor activity in collaboration with peers,</li> <li>make a weather record or chart using weather symbols for one week,</li> <li>play relevant and educative computer games on weather conditions,</li> <li>observe pictures and video clips to identify ways of responding to various weather conditions,</li> </ul> | Why do we need to<br>predict the weather? |

|  | <ul> <li>role play on ways of<br/>responding to various weather<br/>conditions,</li> <li>use weather symbols to<br/>interpret weather conditions at<br/>different times of the day,</li> <li>participate in a class contest,<br/>on narrating the previous<br/>week's weather occurrences<br/>from a weather chart.</li> </ul> |
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| <b>Core Competencies to be deve</b><br>Digital Literacy: learner interac | <b>loped:</b><br>ts with digital technology when playing relevant and educative games on weather conditions.   |
| Values:<br>• Unity: learner develops coo                                 | peration when observing and recording prevailing weather conditions as an outdoor activity.  |
| Pertinent and Contemporary   | <b>Issues:</b><br>effective communication skills when participating in a class contest, on narrating weather   |

• Learner Support Programs: learner develops career guidance skills when creating a weather record using weather symbols for one week.

# Link to other learning areas:

Drawing weather symbols relates to the skill of drawing and colouring in Creative Activities.

| Strand                     | Sub-Strand  | Specific Learning Outcomes  | Suggested Learning Experiences  | Suggested Key<br>Inquiry Question(s)                                   |
|----------------------------|-------------|---|---|--|
| 2.0 Natural<br>Environment | (8 lessons) | <ul> <li>By the end of the sub-strand, the learner should be able to:</li> <li>a) identify types of soil found in the locality,</li> <li>b) classify types of soil in the locality,</li> <li>c) make items from soil,</li> <li>d) appreciate different types of soil in the immediate environment.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>The learner is guided to:</li> <li>walk within the school compound or visit the school neighbourhood to observe types of soil,</li> <li>model soil ribbons using soil samples,</li> <li>observe modelled ribbons to find out which soil sample makes smooth long ribbons,</li> <li>classify types of soil depending on the length of ribbons made and size of particles,</li> <li>make paper cuttings or pictures of different types of soil and create a portfolio,</li> <li>model different objects using soil,</li> <li>clean the working area and wash hands with soap and clean running water after handling soil.</li> </ul> | How can you identify<br>different types of soil<br>in our environment? |

Learning to Learn: learner develops the skill of learning independently when modelling soil ribbons using soil samples and finding out the soil sample that makes smooth long ribbons.

# Values:

Unity: learner develops cooperation skills when modelling objects with different types of soil.

**Pertinent and Contemporary Issues:** 

Health Promotion issues: learner develops preventive health skills when cleaning the working area and hands with soap and clean running water after handling soil to prevent communicable diseases.

Link to other Learning Areas:

Modelling objects using soil draws knowledge from modelling techniques in Creative Activities.

| <ul> <li>(12 lessons)</li> <li>a) identify sources of light in the environment,</li> <li>b) manipulate objects in the presence of light to form shadows for enjoyment,</li> <li>c) describe a variety of ways of conserving light for a sustainable supply of light energy,</li> <li>d) appreciate different sources of light in the environment.</li> <li>d) appreciate different sources of light in the environment.</li> <li>e) manipulate objects in the presence of light to form shadows,</li> <li>e) practise switching off lights when not in use and during day time,</li> <li>c) create light conservation messages,</li> <li>e) make posters with simple messages on the</li> </ul> | Strand | Sub-Strand | Specific Learning Outcomes   | Suggested Learning<br>Experiences  | Suggested Key<br>Inquiry Question(s)                   |
|---|--------|------------|--|--|--|
| <ul> <li>type messages on the conservation of light using digital devices,</li> </ul>   |        |            | <ul> <li>learner should be able to:</li> <li>a) identify sources of light in the environment,</li> <li>b) manipulate objects in the presence of light to form shadows for enjoyment,</li> <li>c) describe a variety of ways of conserving light for a sustainable supply of light energy,</li> <li>d) appreciate different sources of</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>The learner is guided to:</li> <li>observe pictures and<br/>photographs of different<br/>sources of light in the<br/>environment,</li> <li>manipulate objects in the<br/>presence of light to form<br/>shadows,</li> <li>practise switching off lights<br/>when not in use and during<br/>day time,</li> <li>create light conservation<br/>messages,</li> <li>make posters with simple<br/>messages on the<br/>conservation of light</li> <li>type messages on the<br/>conservation of light using</li> </ul> | 1. How can we<br>conserve light in<br>our environment? |

Communication: learner develops writing skills when making posters with simple messages on the conservation of light to create awareness.

#### Values:

Unity: learner develops cooperation skills when manipulating objects in the presence of light to form shadows for enjoyment.

# **Pertinent and Contemporary Issues:**

Social Economic Issues: learner develops financial skills when practising switching off lights when not in use and during day time.

# Link to other Learning Areas:

Posters on energy conservation relate to writing skills in English Language Activities.

# SUGGESTED ASSESSMENT RUBRIC

| Level   | <b>Exceeds Expectations</b>  | Meets Expectations   | Approaches   | Below Expectations   |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Indicator   |  |  | Expectations   |  |
| Ability to predict<br>weather conditions at<br>different times of the<br>day. | Predicts weather<br>conditions at different<br>times of the day most<br>precisely.         | Predicts weather<br>conditions at different<br>times of the day. | Predicts weather<br>conditions at different<br>times of the day less<br>precisely. | Predicts weather<br>conditions at different<br>times of the day with<br>prompts. |
| Ability to classify<br>types of soil in the<br>locality.                      | Classifies types of soil<br>in the locality most<br>precisely.                             | Classifies types of soil<br>in the locality<br>precisely.        | Classifies types of soil<br>in the locality less<br>precisely.                     | Classifies types of soil<br>in the locality with<br>prompts.                     |
| Ability to describe a<br>variety of ways of<br>conserving light.              | Extensively describes a<br>variety of ways of<br>conserving light from<br>various sources. | Describes a variety of<br>ways of conserving<br>light.           | Describes a few ways<br>of conserving light.                                       | Describes a few ways<br>of conserving light<br>when given hints.                 |

| Strand                                    | Sub-Strand                    | Specific Learning<br>Outcomes   | Suggested Learning Experiences   | Suggested Key Inquiry<br>Question(s)         |
|---|-------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 3.0<br>Resources in<br>Our<br>Environment | <b>3.1 Water</b> (12 lessons) | <ul> <li>By the end of the sub-strand, the learner should be able to:</li> <li>a) identify ways of storing water at home and school,</li> <li>b) conserve water at home and school for future use,</li> <li>c) state the importance of keeping water safe for people and animal use,</li> <li>d) appreciate safe water storage to prevent health risks to self and others.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>The learner is guided to:</li> <li>explore various ways of storing water at home and school,</li> <li>draw items used to store water at home and school,</li> <li>practise storing water in bottles and water cans at home and school,</li> <li>watch video clips, pictures and photographs on appropriate ways of storing water at home and school,</li> <li>share experiences on why water is stored at home and school,</li> <li>visit with peers in the neighbourhood to identify different ways of storing water.</li> </ul> | Why do we store water at home and in school? |

# STRAND 3.0: RESOURCES IN OUR ENVIRONMENT

# **Core Competencies to be developed:**

Communication and Collaboration: learner develops teamwork when walking around the neighbourhood to identify different ways of storing water.

#### Values:

- Responsibility: learner enhances hard work skills when storing water in bottles and water cans for future use at home and school.
- Social Justice: learner enhances cooperation when making visits to the neighbourhood to identify different ways of storing water.

# **Pertinent and Contemporary Issues:**

Health Promotion Issues: learner develops preventive health skills and awareness when storing water appropriately at home and school to prevent communicable diseases.

# Link to other Learning Areas:

Drawing items used to store water relates to the skill of drawing and colouring in Creative Activities.

| Strand                                    | Sub-Strand                 | Specific Learning Outcomes  | Suggested Learning<br>Experiences  | Suggested Key Inquiry<br>Question(s)                  |
|---|----------------------------|---|--|---|
| 3.0<br>Resources in<br>Our<br>Environment | 3.2 Plants<br>(10 lessons) | <ul> <li>By the end of the sub-strand, the learner should be able to:</li> <li>a) identify ways of caring for plants using locally available materials,</li> <li>b) perform plant-care activities using locally available materials,</li> <li>c) advocate for plant protection for environmental sustainability.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>The learner is guided to:</li> <li>observe pictures,<br/>photographs or watch<br/>video clips of people<br/>watering, manuring and<br/>mulching plants,</li> <li>water, manure and mulch<br/>for some plants in the<br/>school compound,</li> <li>observe pictures,<br/>photographs or video clips<br/>of healthy plants that have<br/>been conserved,</li> <li>write plant protection<br/>messages by hand or<br/>electronic device,</li> <li>recite poems or sing songs<br/>on plant protection.</li> </ul> | How can you care for<br>plants in the<br>environment? |

**Core Competencies to be developed:** Creativity and Imagination: learner develops originality when creating plant protection messages using own handwriting, or electronic resources.

# Values:

Responsibility: learner develops self-drive skills when writing plant protection messages by hand, or electronic resources.

# Pertinent and Contemporary Issues:

Citizenship: learner develops environmental education and climate change skills when watering, manuring, and mulching plants in the school compound.

# Link to other Learning Areas:

Messages on plant protection relate to writing skills in English Language Activities.

| Strand                                    | Sub-Strand                  | Specific Learning Outcomes  | Suggested Learning<br>Experiences  | Suggested Key Inquiry<br>Question(s)           |
|---|-----------------------------|---|--|--|
| 3.0<br>Resources in<br>Our<br>Environment | 3.3 Animals<br>(12 lessons) | <ul> <li>By the end of the sub-strand, the learner should be able to:</li> <li>a) identify food items from animals,</li> <li>b) relate food items with respective animals,</li> <li>c) carry out activities of caring for animals in the locality,</li> <li>d) advocate for clean and secure animal shelters to reduce risks to the animals.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>The learner is guided to:</li> <li>observe pictures and photographs of different food items from animals,</li> <li>observe and name pictures of animals that provide food,</li> <li>sort and group food items from animals and display them in class,</li> <li>listen to a resource person on ways of caring for animals,</li> <li>discuss the importance of fair treatment of animals,</li> <li>observe videos on ways of keeping an animal shelter clean,</li> <li>practise feeding and cleaning animal shelter (for small domestic animal) at home or school,</li> </ul> | Why should an animal<br>stay in a clean place? |

|  | • | wash hands with soap and     |  |
|--|---|------------------------------|--|
|  |   | water after cleaning the     |  |
|  |   | animal shelter,              |  |
|  | • | dispose of waste             |  |
|  |   | appropriately after cleaning |  |
|  |   | an animal shelter while      |  |
|  |   | observing safety.            |  |

Communication and Collaboration: learner develops speaking and listening skills when discussing the importance of fair treatment of animals in groups.

### Values:

Love: learner develops empathy skills when feeding and cleaning animal shelters at home or school.

# **Pertinent and Contemporary Issues:**

Social Economic Issues: learner develops animal welfare awareness when participating in cleaning animal shelters at home or school.

# Link to other Learning Areas:

Matching, sorting, and grouping food items from animals draws the skills of sorting and grouping in Mathematical Activities.

# SUGGESTED ASSESSMENT RUBRIC

| Level Exceeds Expectation |                              | Meets Expectation      | Approaches               | Below Expectation         |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Indicator                 |                              |                        | Expectation              |                           |
| Ability to describe       | Describes varied             | Describes              | Describes                | Describes                 |
| the conservation          | conservation methods of      | conservation           | conservation methods     | conservation methods      |
| of water for people       | water for people and         | methods of water for   | of water for people      | of water for people       |
| and animal use.           | animal use with in-depth     | human and animal       | and animal use with      | and animal use            |
|                           | details.                     | use.                   | minimal details.         | without details.          |
| Ability to                | Very often conserves         | Conserves water        | Occasionally             | Rarely conserves          |
| conserve water for        | water for people and         | for people and         | conserves water for      | water for people and      |
| people and animal         | animal use using             | animal use.            | people and animal use.   | animal use with           |
| use.                      | appropriate varied           |                        |                          | prompts.                  |
|                           | methods.                     |                        |                          |                           |
| Ability to carry out      | Carries out watering,        | Carries out            | Carries out watering,    | Carries out               |
| activities for caring     | manuring, and mulching       | watering, manuring,    | manuring, or mulching    | watering/manuring/mulc    |
| for plants using          | plants using locally         | and mulching plants    | plants using locally     | hing plants using locally |
| locally available         | available materials          | using locally          | available materials      | available materials with  |
| materials.                | consistently.                | available materials.   | inconsistently.          | prompts.                  |
| Ability to identify       | Identifies animals as        | Identifies animals     | Identifies animals as    | Identifies animals        |
| animals as                | sources of food that         | as sources of food     | sources of food that     | as sources of food        |
| sources of food           | people eat with a lot of     | that people eat.       | people eat with          | that people eat           |
| that people eat.          | details.                     |                        | minimal details.         | without details.          |
| Ability to carry out      | Most frequently carries      | Carries out activities | Occasionally carries     | Rarely carries out        |
| activities of caring      | out activities of caring for | of caring for animals  | out activities of caring | activities of caring for  |
| for animals in the        | animals in the locality.     | in the locality.       | for animals in the       | animals in the locality.  |
| locality.                 |                              |                        | locality.                |                           |

# Suggested Learning Resources, Assessment Methods, and Non-Formal Activities

| Suggested learning resources   | Suggested assessment methods |  |  |  |  |
|--|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| • Approved curriculum support materials  | Observation                  |  |  |  |  |
| • Resources from the local environment ( <i>home and school</i> )              | • Written test               |  |  |  |  |
| • Flashcards   | Oral questions               |  |  |  |  |
| • Pictures, newspapers, magazines, journals                                    | Aural questions              |  |  |  |  |
| Digital devices     Peer assessment  |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Assorted farm equipment     Self-assessment                                    |                              |  |  |  |  |
| • Assorted cleaning agents, tools, and equipment                               |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Resource persons   |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Non-formal Activities that Support Learning                                    |                              |  |  |  |  |
| • School routine activities such as cleaning, flag raising, worship activities |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Games and sports   |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Clubs and societies  |                              |  |  |  |  |