Teacher's Edition Grade 3 · Unit 1







Performance Expectations at a Glance

In this unit, students will discover and practice the Science and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Crosscutting Concepts needed to perform the following Performance Expectations.

Performance Expectations	MODULE: Forces and Motion	MODULE: Electricity and Magnetism
3–5-ETS1-1	•	•
3–5-ETS1-2	•	•
3-PS2-1	•	
3-PS2-2	•	
3-PS2-3		•
3-PS2-4		•

Orrelations by Module to the NGSS

MODULE: Forces and Motion		
3–5-ETS	Engineering Design	
3-5- ETS1-1	Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.	8–9, 24–25, 33, <i>36–37, 41–44</i>
SEP Science a	nd Engineering Practices	
 Asking Questions and Defining Problems Asking questions and defining problems in 3–5 builds on grades K–2 experiences and progresses to specifying qualitative relationships. Define a simple design problem that can be solved through the development of an object, tool, process, or system and includes several criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost. (3–5-ETS1-1) 		8–9, 11, 24–25, 33, 36–37, 43–44
DCI Disciplinary Core Ideas		
Possible solution (constraints). The desired features compared on the	and Delimiting Engineering Problems is to a problem are limited by available materials and resources e success of a designed solution is determined by considering the of a solution (criteria). Different proposals for solutions can be e basis of how well each one meets the specified criteria for success takes the constraints into account. (3–5-ETS1-1)	8–9, 24–25, 33, 36–37, 43–44

CCC Crosscutting Concepts	
nfluence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World People's needs and wants change over time, as do their demands for new and improved technologies. (3–5-ETS1-1)	36–37, 43–44

3–5-ETS	Engineering Design	
3-5- ETS1-2	Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.	24–25, 24–25, 33, 36–37, 41–44
SEP Science a	nd Engineering Practices	
Constructing explanation of the second secon	Ianations and Designing Solutions anations and designing solutions in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences the use of evidence in constructing explanations that specify cribe and predict phenomena and in designing multiple solutions to ompare multiple solutions to a problem based on how well they meet constraints of the design problem. (3–5-ETS1-2)	24–25, 30–31, 36–37, 43–44
DCI Disciplina	ary Core Ideas	
 ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions Research on a problem should be carried out before beginning to design a solution. Testing a solution involves investigating how well it performs under a range of likely conditions. (3–5-ETS1-2) At whatever stage, communicating with peers about proposed solutions is an important part of the design process, and shared ideas can lead to improved designs. (3–5-ETS1-2) 		24–25, 36–37, 43–44
CCC Crosscutting Concepts		
 Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World Engineers improve existing technologies or develop new ones to increase their benefits, decrease known risks, and meet societal demands. (3–5-ETS1-2) 		36–37, 43–44

Next Generation Science Standards

3-PS2	Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions		
3-PS2-1	Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence of the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces on the motion of an object. [Clarification Statement: Examples could include an unbalanced force on one side of a ball can make it start moving; and balanced forces pushing on a box from both sides will not produce any motion at all.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to one variable at a time: number, size, or direction of forces. Assessment does not include quantitative force size, only qualitative and relative. Assessment is limited to gravity being addressed as a force that pulls objects down.]	24–26, 27, 29, 30–31, 36–37, 43–44	
SEP Science a	and Engineering Practices		
-	l ature of Science ations Use a Variety of Methods tions use a variety of methods, tools, and techniques. (3-PS2-1)	24–25, 30–31, 36–37	
 Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to include investigations that control variables and provide evidence to support explanations or design solutions. Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, using fair tests in which variables are controlled and the number of trials considered. (3-PS2-1) 		8–9, 16–17, 24–25, 41–44	
DCI Disciplina	ary Core Ideas		
 PS2.A: Forces and Motion Each force acts on one particular object and has both strength and a direction. An object at rest typically has multiple forces acting on it, but they add to give zero net force on the object. Forces that do not sum to zero can cause changes in the object's speed or direction of motion. (Boundary: Qualitative and conceptual, but not quantitative addition of forces are used at this level.) (3-PS2-1) 		<i>2</i> 6, 28–29, 30–31	
PS2.B: Types of In • Objects in contact	nteractions ct exert forces on each other. (3-PS2-1)	28–29, 30–31, <i>36–37</i>	
CCC Crosscutt	CCC Crosscutting Concepts		
Cause and Effect • Cause and effect	t relationships are routinely identified. (3-PS2-1)	<i>2</i> 5, 28–29, 30–31, <i>3</i> 6– <i>37</i>	

3-PS2	Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions	
3-PS2-2	Make observations and/or measurements of an object's motion to provide evidence that a pattern can be used to predict future motion.[Clarification Statement: Examples of motion with a predictable pattern could include a child swinging in a swing, a ball rolling back and forth in a bowl, and two children on a seesaw.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include technical terms such as period and frequency.]	8–9, 13–14, <i>16–17, 24–26</i>
SEP Science	and Engineering Practices	
Connections to Nature of Science Science Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence • Science findings are based on recognizing patterns. (3-PS2-2)		8, 13, <i>16–17</i>
 Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to include investigations that control variables and provide evidence to support explanations or design solutions. Make observations and/or measurements to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence for an explanation of a phenomenon or test a design solution. (3-PS2-2) 		8–9, 16–17
DCI Disciplinary Core Ideas		
 PS2.A: Forces and Motion The patterns of an object's motion in various situations can be observed and measured; when that past motion exhibits a regular pattern, future motion can be predicted from it. (Boundary: Technical terms, such as magnitude, velocity, momentum, and vector quantity, are not introduced at this level, but the concept that some quantities need both size and direction to be described is developed.) (3-PS2-2) 		8–9, 12–13, 14, <i>1</i> 6–17
CCC Crosscu	tting Concepts	
PatternsPatterns of change can be used to make predictions. (3-PS2-2)		8–9, 13, 14

Other Correlations	
Math Connections	
3.O.A.A.1-7	16–17
MP.5	8, 16–17, 25, 37
MP.6	8, 11, <i>1</i> 6–17, <i>25</i> , 37

ELD Connections		
ELD.P1.3.1	Teacher Edition Only: 18	
ELD.P1.3.5	Teacher Edition Only: 35	
ELD.P1.3.12	Teacher Edition <i>Only</i> : 12–13, 38	
CCSS ELA/Literacy Connections		
RI.3.4	10–12, 32	
L.3.4	10–12	
ALSO INTEGRATES		
CCC Stability and Change	12–14	
Math 3.MD.B.4	24–25	
ELA RI.3.1	28–29, 30–31, <i>37</i>	
ELA RI.3.2	32–33	
ELA W.3.7	32–33	
ELA W.3.8	32–33	

MODULE: Electricity and Magnetism

3–5-ETS	Engineering Design	
3-5- ETS1-1	Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.	52–53, 60, 62, 63, 88–89
SEP Science a	SEP Science and Engineering Practices	
 Asking Questions and Defining Problems Asking questions and defining problems in 3–5 builds on grades K–2 experiences and progresses to specifying qualitative relationships. Define a simple design problem that can be solved through the development of an object, tool, process, or system and includes several criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost. (3–5-ETS1-1) 		52–53, 60, 62, 63, 88–89

DCI Disciplinary Core Ideas		
 ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems Possible solutions to a problem are limited by available materials and resources (constraints). The success of a designed solution is determined by considering the desired features of a solution (criteria). Different proposals for solutions can be compared on the basis of how well each one meets the specified criteria for success or how well each takes the constraints into account. (3–5-ETS1-1) 	60,63, 88–89	
CCC Crosscutting Concepts		
 Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World People's needs and wants change over time, as do their demands for new and improved technologies. (3–5-ETS1-1) 	60, 62, 63, 88	

3–5-ETS	Engineering Design		
3-5- ETS1-2	Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.	78–79, 88–89	
SEP Science a	and Engineering Practices		
 Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to the use of evidence in constructing explanations that specify variables that describe and predict phenomena and in designing multiple solutions to design problems. Generate and compare multiple solutions to a problem based on how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the design problem. (3–5-ETS1-2) 		70–71, 78–79, 88–89	
DCI Disciplina	DCI Disciplinary Core Ideas		
 ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions Research on a problem should be carried out before beginning to design a solution. Testing a solution involves investigating how well it performs under a range of likely conditions. (3–5-ETS1-2) At whatever stage, communicating with peers about proposed solutions is an important part of the design process, and shared ideas can lead to improved designs. (3–5-ETS1-2) 		70–71, 78–79, 88–89	
CCC Crosscutting Concepts			
 Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World Engineers improve existing technologies or develop new ones to increase their benefits, decrease known risks, and meet societal demands. (3–5-ETS1-2) 		76, 78–79, 80, 88–89	

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3-PS2	Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions	
3-PS2-3	Ask questions to determine cause and effect relationships of electric or magnetic interactions between two objects not in contact with each other. [Clarification Statement: Examples of an electric force could include the force on hair from an electrically charged balloon and the electrical forces between a charged rod and pieces of paper; examples of a magnetic force could include the force between two permanent magnets, the force between an electromagnet and steel paperclips, and the force exerted by one magnet versus the force exerted by two magnets. Examples of cause and effect relationships could include how the distance between objects affects strength of the force and how the orientation of magnets affects the direction of the magnetic force.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to forces produced by objects that can be manipulated by students, and electrical interactions are limited to static electricity.]	52–53, 56–57, 60, 62, 63
SEP Science a	and Engineering Practices	
 Asking Questions and Defining Problems Asking questions and defining problems in grades 3–5 builds on grades K–2 experiences and progresses to specifying qualitative relationships. Ask questions that can be investigated based on patterns such as cause and effect relationships. (3-PS2-3) 		52–53, 56–57, 60, 62, 63
DCI Disciplina	ary Core Ideas	,
PS2.B: Types of Interactions 52–53, 56–57, 63• Electric, and magnetic forces between a pair of objects do not require that the objects be in contact. The sizes of the forces in each situation depend on the properties of the objects and their distances apart and, for forces between two magnets, on their orientation relative to each other. (3-PS2-3)52–53, 56–57, 63		52–53, 56–57, 63
CCC Crosscutting Concepts		
Cause and Effect • Cause and effect change. (3-PS2-3	t relationships are routinely identified, tested, and used to explain	<i>52</i> –53, <i>63</i> , <i>70–71</i> , <i>78–79</i> , 81

3-PS2	Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions	
3-PS2-4	Define a simple design problem that can be solved by applying scientific ideas about magnets. [Clarification Statement: Examples of problems could include constructing a latch to keep a door shut and creating a device to keep two moving objects from touching each other.]	<i>70–71, 74</i> , 75, <i>78–79</i> , 81

Asking Questions and Defining Problems	71, 73, 74, 75, 78–79, 81
• Define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool. (3-PS2-4)	
DCI Disciplinary Core Ideas	
 PS2.B: Types of Interactions Electric, and magnetic forces between a pair of objects do not require that the objects be in contact. The sizes of the forces in each situation depend on the properties of the objects and their distances apart and, for forces between two magnets, on their orientation relative to each other. (3-PS2-4) 	70– <i>71</i> , 72 –73, <i>74</i> , 75, <i>78</i> –79, 81
CCC Crosscutting Concepts	
 Interdependence of Science, Engineering, and Technology Scientific discoveries about the natural world can often lead to new and improved technologies, which are developed through the engineering design process. (3-PS2-4) 	76, <i>78–79</i> , 81)

Other Correlations		
CCSS Math Connections		
MD.B.3	78–79	
ELD Connections		
ELD P1.3.1	81	
ELD. P1.3.5	Teacher Edition Only: 62, 80	
CCSS ELA/Literacy Connections		
ELD P1.3.12	55, 64, 77	
L.3.4	56–57, 72–73	
L.3.5	72–73	
RI.3.4	56–57, 58 –59, 72–73, 76	
RI.3.7	56, 73, 81	

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Performance Expectations at a Glance

In this unit, students will discover and practice the Science and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Crosscutting Concepts needed to perform the following Performance Expectations.

Performance Expectations	MODULE: Plants	MODULE: Animals
3-LS1-1	•	•
3-LS2-1		٠
3-LS3-1	•	٠
3-LS4-2	•	•



MODULE: Plants

3-LS1	From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes	
() 3-LS1-1	Develop models to describe that organisms have unique and diverse life cycles but all have in common birth, growth, reproduction, and death. [Clarification Statement: Changes organisms go through during their life form a pattern.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of plant life cycles is limited to those of flowering plants. Assessment does not include details of human reproduction.]	8, 10–11, 13–14, <i>17, 40–41</i>
SEP Science	and Engineering Practices	
simple models a	Using Models builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to building and revising nd using models to represent events and design solutions. s to describe phenomena. (3-LS1-1)	12, 14, <i>17</i> , <i>40–41</i>
 Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence Science findings are based on recognizing patterns. (3-LS1-1) 		9, <i>11–12</i> , 14
DCI Disciplin	ary Core Ideas	
Reproduction is	nd Development of Organisms s essential to the continued existence of every kind of organism. Plants ve unique and diverse life cycles. (3-LS1-1)	5, <i>8</i> –9, 11–14, 17, 19, <i>40–41</i>

CCC Crosscutting Concepts		
• Patterns	s of change can be used to make predictions. (3-LS1-1)	8–9, 11–12, 14, <i>17</i> , <i>29</i> , 33

3-LS3	Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits	
3-LS3-1	Analyze and interpret data to provide evidence that plants and animals have traits inherited from parents and that variation of these traits exists in a group of similar organisms. [Clarification Statement: Patterns are the similarities and differences in traits shared between offspring and their parents, or among siblings. Emphasis is on organisms other than humans.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include genetic mechanisms of inheritance and prediction of traits. Assessment is limited to non-human examples.]	<i>24</i> , 25, <i>28–29</i> , 33
SEP Science a	nd Engineering Practices	
quantitative appro observations. Whe	Terpreting Data 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to introducing baches to collecting data and conducting multiple trials of qualitative en possible and feasible, digital tools should be used. rpret data to make sense of phenomena using logical reasoning.	24, 28–29, 33
DCI Disciplina	ry Core Ideas	
LS3.A: Inheritance of TraitsMany characteristics of organisms are inherited from their parents. (3-LS3-1)		26–27, 28–29, 33, 35
 LS3.B: Variation of Traits Different organisms vary in how they look and function because they have different inherited information. (3-LS3-1) 		21, 27, 28–29, 33, 35
CCC Crosscutt	ing Concepts	
Patterns • Similarities and d phenomena. (3-L	lifferences in patterns can be used to sort and classify natural S3-1)	24, 28–29, 33, 34

Next Generation Science Standards

3-LS4	Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity	
3-LS4-2	Use evidence to construct an explanation for how the variations in characteristics among individuals of the same species may provide advantages in surviving, finding mates, and reproducing. [Clarification Statement: Examples of cause and effect relationships could be plants that have larger thorns than other plants may be less likely to be eaten by predators; and animals that have better camouflage coloration than other animals may be more likely to survive and therefore more likely to leave offspring.]	28–29, 32
SEP Science a	nd Engineering Practices	
Constructing expland and progresses to variables that des design problems.	lanations and Designing Solutions anations and designing solutions in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences the use of evidence in constructing explanations that specify cribe and predict phenomena and in designing multiple solutions to g., observations, patterns) to construct an explanation. (3-LS4-2)	28–29
DCI Disciplina	ary Core Ideas	
 LS4.B: Natural Selection Sometimes the differences in characteristics between individuals of the same species provide advantages in surviving, finding mates, and reproducing. (3-LS4-2) 		26, 28–29
CCC Crosscutting Concepts		
Cause and Effect • Cause and effect (3-LS4-2)	t relationships are routinely identified and used to explain change.	27, 28–29

Other Correlations		
CCSS Math Connections		
3.MD.B.4	28, 40	
ELD Connections		
ELD.3.PI.9	15, 32, 34	

CCSS ELA/Literacy Connections		
RI.3.7	10–11, 14	
SL.3.1-3.3	7, 8–9, 23, 40,	
ALSO INTEGRATES:		
SEP Analyzing and Interpreting Data	<i>8–9</i> , 14, <i>17</i> , 33	
SEP Engaging in Argument from Evidence	14, <i>17</i> , 25, <i>28</i>	
SEP Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	28, 37–42	
CCC Stability and Change	17, 40	
CCC Structure and Function	10–11, 26	
ELD.3.PI.3.1	18	
ELD.3.PI.3.12	12	
ELA RI.3.1	27, 32	
ELA RI.3.3	30–31	
ELA W.3.2	29	

MODULE: Animals		
3–5-ETS	From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes	
🦲 3-LS1-1	Develop models to describe that organisms have unique and diverse life cycles but all have in common birth, growth, reproduction, and death. [Clarification Statement: Changes organisms go through during their life form a pattern.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of plant life cycles is limited to those of flowering plants. Assessment does not include details of human reproduction.]	47, <i>50–51</i> , 52–55, <i>57</i> , <i>59</i> , 61
SEP Science and Engineering Practices		
 Developing and Using Models Asking questions and defining problems in 3–5 builds on grades K–2 experiences and progresses to specifying qualitative relationships. Develop models to describe phenomena (3-LS1-1) 		47, 50–51, 52–53, 56–57, 59

 Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence Asking questions and defining problems in 3–5 builds on grades K–2 experiences and progresses to specifying qualitative relationships. Science findings are based on recognizing patterns. (3-LS1-1) 	47, 53–55, 59, 61	
Disciplinary Core Ideas		
 LS1.B: Growth and Development of Organisms Reproduction is essential to the continued existence of every kind of organism. Plants and animals have unique and diverse life cycles. (3-LS1-1) 	47, <i>50–51</i> , 52–55, <i>56–57</i> , <i>59</i> , 60–61	
CCC Crosscutting Concepts		
Patterns Patterns of change can be used to make predictions. (3-LS1-1) 	47, <i>50–51</i> , 53–55, <i>59</i> , 61	

3-LS2	Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics	
3-LS2-1	Construct an argument that some animals form groups that help members survive.	<i>82–84</i> , 85, 86, 88, <i>90–91</i> , <i>93</i>
SEP Science a	nd Engineering Practices	
 Engaging in Argument from Evidence Engaging in argument from evidence in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to critiquing the scientific explanations or solutions proposed by peers by citing relevant evidence about the natural and designed world(s). Construct an argument with evidence, data, and/or a model. (3-LS2-1) 		<i>82–84</i> , 85, 93
DCI Disciplinary Core Ideas		
 LS2.D: Social Interactions and Group Behavior Being part of a group helps animals obtain food, defend themselves, and cope with changes. Groups may serve different functions and vary dramatically in size. (Note: Moved from K–2.) (3-LS2-1) 		79, 86–88, <i>90–91, 93</i> , 95
CCC Crosscutting Concepts		
Cause and Effect • Cause and effect (3-LS2-1)	t relationships are routinely identified and used to explain change.	<i>82–83, 90–91,</i> 95

3-LS3	Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits	
9-LS3-1	Analyze and interpret data to provide evidence that plants and animals have traits inherited from parents and that variation of these traits exists in a group of similar organisms. [Clarification Statement: Patterns are the similarities and differences in traits shared between offspring and their parents, or among siblings. Emphasis is on organisms other than humans.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include genetic mechanisms of inheritance and prediction of traits. Assessment is limited to non-human examples.]	65, <i>66–67</i> , 69, 72–73, 74, <i>7</i> 5
SEP Science	and Engineering Practices	
 Analyzing and Interpreting Data Analyzing data in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to introducing quantitative approaches to collecting data and conducting multiple trials of qualitative observations. When possible and feasible, digital tools should be used. Analyze and interpret data to make sense of phenomena using logical reasoning. (3-LS3-1) 		66–67, 75
DCI Disciplin	ary Core Ideas	
LS3.A: Inheritance of TraitsMany characteristics of organisms are inherited from their parents. (3-LS3-1)		63, 66–67, 68–69, 74, 77
 LS3.B: Variation of Traits Different organisms vary in how they look and function because they have different inherited information. (3-LS3-1) 		66–67, 68–69, 72, 74, 77
CCC Crosscut	ting Concepts	
Patterns Similarities and 		65, 66–67, 69, 75, 77

3.LS4	3-LS4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity	
3-LS4-2	Use evidence to construct an explanation for how the variations in characteristics among individuals of the same species may provide advantages in surviving, finding mates, and reproducing. [Clarification Statement: Examples of cause and effect relationships could be plants that have larger thorns than other plants may be less likely to be eaten by predators; and animals that have better camouflage coloration than other animals may be more likely to survive and therefore more likely to leave offspring.]	70–71, 72–73, 75

SEP Science and Engineering Practices		
 Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to the use of evidence in constructing explanations that specify variables that describe and predict phenomena and in designing multiple solutions to design problems. Use evidence (e.g., observations, patterns) to construct an explanation. (3- 	63, 67, 68–69, 70–71, 72–73, 75, 76	
DCI Disciplinary Core Ideas		
 LS4.B: Natural Selection Sometimes the differences in characteristics between individuals of the same species provide advantages in surviving, finding mates, and reproducing. (3-LS4-2) 	65, 69, 70–71, 72–73, 75	
CCC Crosscutting Concepts		
Cause and Effect • Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified and used to explain change. (3-LS4-2)	69, 70–71, 72–73, 75	

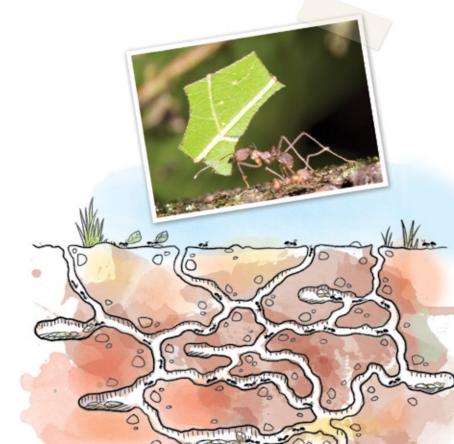
Other Correlations		
CCSS Math Connections		
3.MD.B.4		
ELD Connections		
ELD.3.PI.9	Teacher Edition <i>Only</i> : <i>50–51</i> , 54, <i>56–</i> <i>57</i> , 65, 71, 72, 74, 88	
ELD.3.PI.12	Teacher Edition Only: 85	
CCSS ELA/Literacy Connections		
RI.3.7	52–55, 70–71	
SL.3.1-3.3	49, 56–57, 65, 71, 81, <i>102</i>	
ALSO INTEGRATES:		
SEP Analyzing and Interpreting Data	66–67, 93	
CCC Cause and Effect	56–57, 59, 77	
CCC Stability and Change	56–57, 59	
CCC Structure and Function	69	

Math 3.MD.B.3	50
Math 3.MD.B.4	66
ELD.PI.3.1	Teacher Edition Only: 60, 92
ELD.PI.3.2	Teacher Edition Only: 60
ELD.PI.3.11	76
ELA W.3.1	71
ELA W.3.2	95
ELA W.3.7	59

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Inspire Science Different Environments







Performance Expectations at a Glance

In this unit, students will discover and practice the Science and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Crosscutting Concepts needed to perform the following Performance Expectations.

Performance Expectations	MODULE: Survive the Environment	MODULE: Change of Environments
3–5-ETS1-1		•
3–5-ETS1-3	•	
3-LS3-2	•	
3-LS4-1		•
3-LS4-3	•	•
3-LS4-4		•

Orrelations by Module to the NGSS

MODULE: Survive the Environment		
3–5-ETS	Engineering Design	
3-5- ETS1-3	Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved.	8–9, 11–12. 26–28, 31, 38–39, 43–46
SEP Science a	nd Engineering Practices	
 Planning and Carrying Out Investigations Planning and carrying out investigations to answer questions or test solutions to problems in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to include investigations that control variables and provide evidence to support explanations or design solutions. Plan and conduct an investigation collaboratively to produce data to serve as the basis for evidence, using fair tests in which variables are controlled and the number of trials considered. (3–5-ETS1-3) 		8–9, 11–12, 43–46
DCI Disciplinary Core Ideas		
 ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions Tests are often designed to identify failure points or difficulties, which suggest the elements of the design that need to be improved. (3–5-ETS1-3) 		11–12, 38–39, 45–46
 ETS1.C: Optimizing the Design Solution Different solutions need to be tested in order to determine which of them best solves the problem, given the criteria and the constraints. (3–5-ETS1-3) 		11–12 26–27, 31, 38–39, 45–46

3-LS3	Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits	
3-LS3-2	Use evidence to support the explanation that traits can be influenced by the environment. [Clarification Statement: Examples of the environment affecting a trait could include normally tall plants grown with insufficient water are stunted; and a pet dog that is given too much food and little exercise may become overweight.]	8–9, 11–12, 30, 32–34, 45–46
SEP Science	and Engineering Practices	
Constructing exp and progresses t variables that des design problems	planations and Designing Solutions blanations and designing solutions in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences to the use of evidence in constructing explanations that specify scribe and predict phenomena and in designing multiple solutions to e.g., observations, patterns) to support an explanation. (3-LS3-2)	5, 8–9, 10, 14, 21
DCI Disciplin	ary Core Ideas	1
 LS3.A: Inheritance of Traits Other characteristics result from individuals' interactions with the environment, which can range from diet to learning. Many characteristics involve both inheritance and environment. (3-LS3-2) 		<i>8–9, 11–12,</i> 14, 21
LS3.B: Variation of TraitsThe environment also affects the traits that an organism develops. (3-LS3-2)		8–9, 21, 32–34, 26–28, 38–39
CCC Crosscut	ting Concepts	
Cause and Effec • Cause and effec (3-LS3-2)	t ct relationships are routinely identified and used to explain change.	8–9, <i>11–12</i> , 14, 21

3-LS4	Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity	
 3-LS4-3	Construct an argument with evidence that in a particular habitat some organisms can survive well, some survive less well, and some cannot survive at all. [Clarification Statement: Examples of evidence could include needs and characteristics of the organisms and habitats involved. The organisms and their habitat make up a system in which the parts depend on each other.]	14, 16–17. 36, 38, <i>38–39, 45–46</i>

SEP Science and Engineering Practices		
 Engaging in Argument from Evidence Engaging in argument from evidence in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to critiquing the scientific explanations or solutions proposed by peers by citing relevant evidence about the natural and designed world(s). Construct an argument with evidence. (3-LS4-3) 	29, 35, <i>38–39</i>	
DCI Disciplinary Core Ideas		
 LS4.C: Adaptation For any particular environment, some kinds of organisms survive well, some survive less well, and some cannot survive at all. (3-LS4-3) 	<i>31</i> , 32–34, 36, <i>38–39</i> , 41, <i>43–46</i>	
CCC Crosscutting Concepts		
Cause and Effect • Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified and used to explain change. (3-LS4-3)	<i>26–28</i> , 30, <i>31</i> , 36, <i>38–39</i> , 41	

Other Correlations		
CCSS Math Connections		
3.MD.B.4	26–27	
ELD Connections		
ELD.PI.3.10	<i>11–12</i> , 15, 18–19, 33, 36, <i>38–39</i> , 40, <i>43–46</i>	
CCSS ELA/Literacy Connections		
RI.3.7	14, 36	
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ALSO INTEGRATES:		
3–5-ETS1-1	39–40, 44–48	
SEP Analyzing and Interpreting Data	8–9, 11–12, 26–28	
SEP Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions	23, 28, 29, 38–39, 45–46	
SEP Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	8–9, 11–12, 26–28, 38–39, 43–46	

SEP Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	26–28, 37, 38–39
DCI LS2.C	<i>11–12</i> , 14, 16–17, 34, 38, <i>38–39</i> , 41
DCI LS4.D	14, 32–34, <i>43–46</i>
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CCC Scale, Proportion, and Quantity	11–12, 15, 43–46
CCC Systems and System Models	10, 13, 15, 38–39, 43–46
Math 3.MD.B.3	11
ELD.PI.3.1	8–9, 16–17, 38–39, 43–46
ELD.PI.3.10	<i>11–12</i> , 15, 18–19, 33, 36, <i>38–39</i> , 40, <i>43–46</i>
ELD.PI.3.11	8–9, <i>11–12</i> , 15, 18–19, 20, 37, 38–39, 43–46
ELA RI.3.1	10, 13, 16–17
ELA RI.3.3	11–12, 15, 36, 38–39, 43–46
ELA W.3.1	11–12, 15, 36, 38–39, 43–46
ELA W.3.7	11–12

MODULE: Change the Environment

3–5-ETS	Engineering Design	
3-5- ETS1-1	Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.	77, 81, 85–90
SEP Science and Engineering Practices		
Asking questions progresses to spe • Define a simple object, tool, proc	and Defining Problems and defining problems in 3–5 builds on grades K–2 experiences and crifying qualitative relationships. design problem that can be solved through the development of an cess, or system and includes several criteria for success and aterials, time, or cost. (3–5-ETS1-1)	81, 85–90

DCI Disciplinary Core Ideas		
 ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems Possible solutions to a problem are limited by available materials and resources (constraints). The success of a designed solution is determined by considering the desired features of a solution (criteria). Different proposals for solutions can be compared on the basis of how well each one meets the specified criteria for success or how well each takes the constraints into account. (3–5-ETS1-1) 	77, 81, 85–90	
CCC Crosscutting Concepts		
 Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World People's needs and wants change over time, as do their demands for new and improved technologies. (3–5-ETS1-1) 	72, 77, 85–90	

3-LS4	Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity		
6-LS4-1	Analyze and interpret data from fossils to provide evidence of the organisms and the environments in which they lived long ago. [Clarification Statement: Examples of data could include type, size, and distributions of fossil organisms. Examples of fossils and environments could include marine fossils found on dry land, tropical plant fossils found in Arctic areas, and fossils of extinct organisms.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include identification of specific fossils or present plants and animals. Assessment is limited to major fossil types and relative ages.] Make observations and/or measurements to provide evidence of the effects of weathering or the rate of erosion by water, ice, wind, or vegetation.	54–55, 58, 59, 60, <i>61</i> , 63, <i>64–65</i> , 67, <i>85–90</i>	
SEP Science a	SEP Science and Engineering Practices		
 Analyzing and Interpreting Data Analyzing data in 3 -5 builds on K -2 experiences and progresses to introducing quantitative approaches to collecting data and conducting multiple trials of qualitative observations. When possible and feasible, digital tools should be used. Analyze and interpret data to make sense of phenomena using logical reasoning. (3-LS4-1) 		54–55, 59, 61, 64–65	
DCI Disciplinary Core Ideas			
 LS4.A: Evidence of Common Ancestry and Diversity Some kinds of plants and animals that once lived on Earth are no longer found anywhere. (Note: Moved from K -2.) (3-LS4-1) Fossils provide evidence about the types of organisms that lived long ago and also about the nature of their environments. (3-LS4-1) 		54–55, 56–58, 61, 64–65, 67, 85–90	

CCC Crosscutting Concepts	
 Scale, Proportion, and Quantity Observable phenomena exist from very short to very long time periods. (3-LS4-1) 	<i>54–55</i> , 56–57, <i>59</i> , <i>61</i> , 67
Scientific Knowledge Assumes an Order and Consistency in Natural Systems Science assumes consistent patterns in natural systems. (3-LS4-1) 	58, 59, 60, 63, 64–65, 85–90

3-LS4	Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity	
3-LS4-3	Construct an argument with evidence that in a particular habitat some organisms can survive well, some survive less well, and some cannot survive at all. [Clarification Statement: Examples of evidence could include needs and characteristics of the organisms and habitats involved. The organisms and their habitat make up a system in which the parts depend on each other.]	51, 58, 67, 69, 75–76, 78–79, <i>81, 85–90</i>
SEP Science a	nd Engineering Practices	
Engaging in argur progresses to criti citing relevant evi	ment from Evidence nent from evidence in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and iquing the scientific explanations or solutions proposed by peers by dence about the natural and designed world(s). ument with evidence. (3-LS4-3)	51, 59, 73, 76, 77, <i>81</i> , 88–90
DCI Disciplina	ary Core Ideas	
· ·	n r environment, some kinds of organisms survive well, some survive me cannot survive at all. (3-LS4-3)	67, 75–76, 78–79, <i>81</i> , <i>85–90</i>
CCC Crosscutting Concepts		
Cause and Effect • Cause and effect (3-LS4-3)	t relationships are routinely identified and used to explain change.	67, 72, 74, 75–76, 77, 78–79, <i>81</i> , 82, <i>85–90</i>

3-LS4	Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity	
3-LS4-4	Make a claim about the merit of a solution to a problem caused when the environment changes and the types of plants and animals that live there may change.* [Clarification Statement: Examples of environmental changes could include changes in land characteristics, water distribution, temperature, food, and other organisms.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to a single environmental change. Assessment does not include the greenhouse effect or climate change.]	72, 75–76, 77, 81, 85–90
SEP Science a	nd Engineering Practices	
Engaging in argur progresses to criti citing relevant evi • Make a claim abo	Engaging in Argument from Evidence73, 76, 77, 81, 88–90Engaging in argument from evidence in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to critiquing the scientific explanations or solutions proposed by peers by citing relevant evidence about the natural and designed world(s).73, 76, 77, 81, 88–90• Make a claim about the merit of a solution to a problem by citing relevant evidence about how it meets the criteria and constraints of the problem. (3-LS4-4)73, 76, 77, 81, 88–90	
DCI Disciplina	ary Core Ideas	
• When the enviro temperature, or a others move to r	n Dynamics, Functioning, and Resilience nment changes in ways that affect a place's physical characteristics, availability of resources, some organisms survive and reproduce, new locations, yet others move into the transformed environment, econdary to 3-LS4-4)	72, 75–76, 77, 78–79, 81, 85–90
 LS4.D: Biodiversi • Populations live organisms living 	in a variety of habitats, and change in those habitats affects the	<i>72</i> , 74–76, 77, 78–79, <i>81</i> , 83, <i>85–90</i>
CCC Crosscutting Concepts		
Systems and System can be	tem Models described in terms of its components and their interactions. (3-LS4-4)	74–76, 83, 85–90
Interdependence Society and the N	levant scientific concepts and research findings is important in	72, 77, 85–90

Other Correlations		
CCSS Math Connections		
MP. 2 54, 64		
MP.5	54	
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ELD Connections		
ELD.PI.3.1	Teacher's Edition Only: 66	
ELD.PI.3.10	Teacher's Edition Only: 72, 73, 82	
ELD.PI.3.11	Teacher's Edition Only: 72, 73	
CCSS ELA/Literacy Connections		
RI.3.1, 3, 5, 7	56–57, 58, 60, <i>61</i> , 63, 74–76	
SL.3.1	59, 79, 81	
W.3.1, 7	72, 77, 81	
ALSO INTEGRATES:		
CCC Patterns	54–55, 59	
Math 3.MD.B.2	54–55	
ELD.PI.3.5	Teacher's Edition Only: 60	
ELD.PI.3.6	Teacher's Edition Only: 58, 80	
ELA W.3.2	57, 77	

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Performance Expectations at a Glance

In this unit, students will discover and practice the Science and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Crosscutting Concepts needed to perform the following Performance Expectations.

Performance Expectations	MODULE: Weather
3-ESS2-1	•
3-ESS2-2	٠
3-ESS3-1	•
3–5-ETS1-1	٠
3–5-ETS1-2	•



MODULE: Weather

3-ESS2	Earth's Systems	
() 3-ESS2-1	Represent data in tables and graphical displays to describe typical weather conditions expected during a particular season. [Clarification Statement: Examples of data could include average temperature, precipitation, and wind direction.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment of graphical displays is limited to pictographs and bar graphs. Assessment does not include climate change.]	8–9, 16–17, 21, 24–25, 26–27, 28, 29– 30, 31, 32, <i>34–35</i>
SEP Science a	nd Engineering Practices	
quantitative appro observations. Whe • Represent data in	Exerpreting Data 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to introducing baches to collecting data and conducting multiple trials of qualitative en possible and feasible, digital tools should be used. In tables and various graphical displays (bar graphs, pictographs) to hat indicate relationships. (3-ESS2-1)	8–9, 14, <i>1</i> 6– <i>17</i> , 19, <i>24–25</i> , 28, 32, <i>34–35</i>
DCI Disciplinary Core Ideas		
 ESS2.D: Weather and Climate Scientists record patterns of the weather across different times and areas so that they can make predictions about what kind of weather might happen next. (3-ESS2-1) 		<i>8–9</i> , 13–14, 15, <i>16–17</i> , 19
CCC Crosscutting Concepts		
Patterns • Patterns of change	ge can be used to make predictions. (3-ESS2-1)	<i>8–9</i> , 10–13, 15, <i>16–17</i> , 18, 19

3-ESS2	From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes		
0 3-ESS2-2	Obtain and combine information to describe climates in different regions of the world.	21, 24–25, 26, 28, 29–30, 31, 32, 33, <i>34–35</i> , 37	
SEP Science a	nd Engineering Practices		
Obtaining, evaluat experiences and p methods.	ating, and Communicating Information ting, and communicating information in 3–5 builds on K–2 progresses to evaluating the merit and accuracy of ideas and bine information from books and other reliable media to explain ESS2-2)	21, 23, 24–25, 26–27, 28, 29–30, 31, 32, 34–35, 36, 37, 42–43, 44–45, 46, 47, 48–49, 51, 58, 61, 62–63, 64–65, 66–67, 68, 70–71, 72, 75–80	
DCI Disciplina	DCI Disciplinary Core Ideas		
	and Climate is a range of an area's typical weather conditions and the extent to ditions vary over years. (3-ESS2-2)	26, 28–30, 31, 32, 33, <i>34–35</i> , 37, 53	
CCC Crosscutting Concepts			
Patterns • Patterns of change	ge can be used to make predictions. (3-ESS2-2)	21, 23, <i>24–25</i> , 26–27, 28, 29–30, 31, 32, 33, <i>34–35</i> , 37, 53	

3-ESS3	Earth's Place in the Universe	
3-ESS3-1	Make a claim about the merit of a design solution that reduces the impacts of a weather related hazard. [Clarification Statement: Examples of design solutions to weather- related hazards could include barriers to prevent flooding, wind resistant roofs, and lightning rods.]	41, <i>42–43</i> , 44–45, <i>4</i> 6, 47, 48–49, 53, 55, <i>58</i> , 61, 62–63, <i>64–65</i> , 66– <i>67</i> , 68, 70– <i>71</i> , 72, <i>75–</i> 80
SEP Science and Engineering Practices		
 Engaging in Argument from Evidence Engaging in argument from evidence in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to critiquing the scientific explanations or solutions proposed by peers by citing relevant evidence about the natural and designed world(s). Make a claim about the merit of a solution to a problem by citing relevant evidence about how it meets the criteria and constraints of the problem. (3-ESS3-1) 		42–43, 61, 64–65, 66–67, 70–71
DCI Disciplinary Core Ideas		
 ESS3.B: Natural Hazards A variety of natural hazards result from natural processes. Humans cannot eliminate natural hazards but can take steps to reduce their impacts. (3-ESS3-1) (Note: This Disciplinary Core Idea is also addressed by 4-ESS3-2.) 		39, 41, <i>42–43</i> , 44–45, <i>4</i> 6, 47, 48–49, 53, 55, 58, 61, 62–63, <i>64–</i> 65, 66–67, 68, <i>70–71</i> , 72, 73, <i>75–80</i>

CCC Crosscutting Concepts			
 Cause and Effect Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified, tested, and used to explain change. (3-ESS3-1) 	39, <i>42–43</i> , 45, 46, 47, 48–49, 53, 58, 73		
 Connections to Nature of Science Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World Engineers improve existing technologies or develop new ones to increase their benefits (e.g., better artificial limbs), decrease known risks (e.g., seatbelts in cars), and meet societal demands (e.g., cell phones). (3-ESS3-1) 	51, 58, 62–63, 64–65, 68, 70–71		
Science is a Human Endeavor • Science affects everyday life. (3-ESS3-1)	62–63		

3–5-ETS	Engineering Design		
3–5- ETS1-1	Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.	58, 62–63, 64–65, 70–71, 75–80	
SEP Science a	SEP Science and Engineering Practices		
Asking Questions and Defining Problems41, 62–63, 64–65, 70–71Asking questions and defining problems in 3–5 builds on grades K–2 experiences and progresses to specifying qualitative relationships.41, 62–63, 64–65, 70–71• Define a simple design problem that can be solved through the development of an object, tool, process, or system and includes several criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost. (3–5-ETS1-1)41, 62–63, 64–65, 70–71			
DCI Disciplinary Core Ideas			
ETS1.A: Defining and Delimiting Engineering Problems58, 62–63, 64–65, 68, 70–71, 75–80• Possible solutions to a problem are limited by available materials and resources (constraints). The success of a designed solution is determined by considering the desired features of a solution (criteria). Different proposals for solutions can be compared on the basis of how well each one meets the specified criteria for success or how well each takes the constraints into account. (3–5-ETS1-1)58, 62–63, 64–65, 68, 70–71, 75–80			
CCC Crosscutting Concepts			
 Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World People's needs and wants change over time, as do their demands for new and improved technologies. (3–5-ETS1-1) 		58, 62–63, 64–65, 70–71	

3–5-ETS	Engineering Design				
3–5- ETS1-2	Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem based on how well each is likely to meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.	47, 63, 70–71, 75–80			
SEP Science	SEP Science and Engineering Practices				
 Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to the use of evidence in constructing explanations that specify variables that describe and predict phenomena and in designing multiple solutions to design problems. Generate and compare multiple solutions to a problem based on how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the design problem. (3–5-ETS1-2) 		42–43, 47, 51, 55, 58, 62–63, 64–65, 70–71, 72, 75–80			
DCI Disciplin	ary Core Ideas				
 ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions Research on a problem should be carried out before beginning to design a solution. Testing a solution involves investigating how well it performs under a range of likely conditions. (3–5-ETS1-2) At whatever stage, communicating with peers about proposed solutions is an important part of the design process, and shared ideas can lead to improved designs. (3–5-ETS1-2) 		43, 51, 64–65, 70–71, 75–80			
CCC Crosscutting Concepts					
 Influence of Engineering, Technology, and Science on Society and the Natural World Engineers improve existing technologies or develop new ones to increase their benefits, decrease known risks, and meet societal demands. (3–5-ETS1-2) 		51, 62–63, 68			

Other Correlations		
CCSS Math Connections		
3.MD.B.3	11, <i>1</i> 6– <i>1</i> 7, 28, <i>35</i>	
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ELD Connections		
ELD.PI.3.1	Teacher's Edition <i>Only</i> : 3, 8–9, 18, 23, 24–25, 36, 41, 42–43, 52, 57, 58, 66– 67, 75–80	
ELD.PI.3.2	Teacher's Edition Only: 13, 20, 68	

ELD.PI.3.5	Teacher's Edition <i>Only</i> : 3, 8–9, 11, 16– 17, 23, 24–25, 29, 41, 42–43, 57, 58, 66–67, 75–80
ELD.PI.3.9	Teacher's Edition <i>Only</i> : <i>16–17</i> , 51, 75–80
CCSS ELA/Literacy Connections	
RI.3.1, 3, 4, 5, 7	5, 8–9, 10–11, 12–13, 15, <i>16–17</i> , 19, 21, 24–25, 26–27, 28, 29–30, 32, 33, <i>34–</i> <i>35</i> , 39, 45, 47, 51, 62–63, 66–67
SL.3.1, 2, 3, 4	3, 8–9, 18, 23, 24–25, 36, 41, 42–43, 57, 58, 66–67, 72, 75–80
W.3.8	8–9, 16–17, 24–25, 28, 31, 32, 42–43, 68
ALSO INTEGRATES:	
SEP Analyzing and Interpreting Data	42–43, 58
SEP Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions	8–9, 10–11, 12, 18, <i>24–25</i> , 29–30, 32, <i>34–35</i> , 36, 37
SEP Engaging in Argument from Evidence	5, 21, <i>24–25</i>
SEP Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	5, <i>8–9</i> , 10–11, 12–14, 15, <i>16–17</i> , 18, 19
SEP Planning and Carrying Out an Investigation	34–35
CCC Cause and Effect	10–13, 23, 27, 29–30, <i>34–35</i> , 37
CCC Structure and Function	23, 29–30, 32, 37, 45, 58, 61, 62–63, 64–65, 70–71
Math MP.5	8–9, 10–11, 14, <i>1</i> 6– <i>1</i> 7, 19, <i>24–25</i> , 28, 32 34–35, <i>42–43</i>
ELD.PI.3.6	Teacher's Edition Only: 33, 46