Material World Unit

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| **Stage 1** | | **Timing: 8 weeks/ 1 hour per week** | |
| **Knowledge and Understanding Outcomes** | | **Skills Outcomes** | |
| ST1-12MW – identifies ways that everyday materials can be physically changed and combined for a particular purpose  ST1-13MW – relates the properties of common materials to their use for particular purposes | | ST1-4WS – investigates questions and predictions by collecting and recording data, sharing and reflecting on their experiences and comparing what they and others know  ST1-5WT – uses a structured design process, everyday tools, materials, equipment and techniques to produce solutions that respond to identified needs and wants | |
| **Content – Key Ideas** | | **Values and Attitudes Outcomes** | |
| >Everyday materials can be physically changed in a variety of ways.  >Different materials can be combined, including by mixing, for a particular purpose.  >The different properties of materials enable them to be used for particular purposes. | | ST1-1VA – shows interest in and enthusiasm for science and technology, responding to their curiosity, questions and perceived needs, wants and opportunities  ST1-2VA – demonstrates a willingness to engage responsibly with local, national and global issues relevant to their lives, and to shaping sustainable futures  ST1-3VA – develops informed attitudes about the current and future use and influence of science and technology based on reason | |
| **Vocabulary** | | **Learning Support** | |
| Material, hard, soft, strong, weak, transparent, waterproof, flexible, absorb, stretch, cut, bend, heat, cool, freeze, melt, mix, combine, change, observe, predict, similarity, difference, | | A broad variety of teaching and learning activities are provided to cater for the needs and interests of all students. Open-ended tasks allow all students to work at the level most appropriate for them.  ***Students with learning difficulties***  -additional pictures and prompts, word banks to assist with writing tasks, modified writing activities, tools and equipment modified or adjusted to meet needs, examples and case studies personally relevant to students  ***Gifted and talented students***  -additional texts to extend knowledge at own level and pace, provision to conduct deeper and further investigations, more advances tools and equipment to meet more sophisticated designing and making processes, examples and case studies that extend beyond the students’ immediate and familiar experiences | |
| **Assessment** | | **Learning across the Curriculum** | |
| In this unit, assessment incorporates a variety of strategies to support the investigative and hands-on nature of the unit. It includes both formal and informal assessment approaches, and incorporates teacher observations as well as self and peer-assessment.  Students are provided with opportunities to demonstrate their learning through a wide variety of activities. These include:   * inquiry and design projects * investigation and problem-solving activities * spoken and written responses, incorporating drawings, symbols and words * compare and contrast activities * presentations and discussion | | Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures  Asia and Australia’s engagement with Asia  Sustainability  Critical and creative thinking  Ethical understanding  Information and communication technology ability  Intercultural understanding  Literacy  Numeracy  Personal and social capability  Civics and citizenship  Difference and diversity  Work and enterprise | |
| **Quality Teaching Framework** | | | |
| ***Intellectual Quality***  Deep Knowledge  Deep Understanding  Problematic Knowledge  Higher-Order Thinking  Metalanguage  Substantive Communication | ***Quality Learning Environment***  Explicit Quality Criteria  Engagement  High expectations  Social Support  Students’ self-regulation  Student direction | | ***Significance***  Background Knowledge  Cultural Knowledge  Knowledge Integration  Inclusivity  Connectedness  Narrative |

**Lesson 1 – Focus - Introduction**

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**Lesson 2 – Focus - Changing Shape**

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**Lesson 3 – Focus – Will It Mix?**

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**Lesson 4 – Focus – Making Glue (Paper Mache Balloon)**

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**Lesson 5 – Focus – Heating Materials**

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**Lesson 6 – Focus – Cooling Materials**

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**Lesson 7 – Focus – How Aboriginal people used materials**

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| ST1-13MW – Relates the properties of common materials to their use for particular purposes | The different properties of materials enable them to be used for particular purposes.  *Identify a range of natural materials used by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and share ideas about the ways they are used to suit a particular purpose, eg the use of wood, stone and fibres in the built environment* | 1. Revise with the students some of the materials and their uses from previous lessons. 2. Explain that for many thousands of years, Aboriginal Australians used the materials they found in the environment to make products that met their needs. 3. View some of the objects at the Australian Museum: <http://australianmuseum.net.au/Explore-Indigenous-Australian-Objects>   Discuss the objects, including the materials used and the purpose of the object. Discussion may also include what materials would now be used to make this object or do the same job.   1. In their science journals, students will write a description of one of the objects, including its name, what it is made from and what it was used for. Students may also include what object we might use for the same job. 2. View the Aboriginal Art online website to consider in more detail the methods and materials used in both traditional and contemporary Aboriginal art: <http://www.aboriginalartonline.com/methods/methods.php> 3. Optional: Create an artwork inspired by traditional methods, e.g. dot painting with ochre colours, bark-style painting on brown paper | * Science journals * Optional: paints and materials for art work |  |

**Lesson 8 – Focus – Right for the job**

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**Methods for Extension Activities:**

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