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LESSON ALLOCATION AT UPPER PRIMARY

S/No	Learning Area	Number of Lessons
1.	English	5
2.	Kiswahili / Kenya Sign Language	4
3.	Mathematics	5
4.	Religious Education	3
5.	Science & Technology	4
6.	Agriculture and Nutrition	4
7.	Social Studies	3
8.	Creative Arts	6
9.	Pastoral/Religious Instruction Programme	1
Total		35

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.

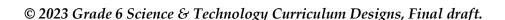
8. Good health and environmental protection

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.

LEVEL LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR PRIMARY EDUCATION

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

- a) Communicate appropriately using verbal and or non-verbal modes in a variety of contexts.
- b) Demonstrate mastery of number concepts to solve problems in day to day life
- c) Demonstrate social skills, moral and religious values for positive contribution to society
- d) Develop one's interests and talents for personal fulfilment
- e) Make informed decisions as local and global citizens of a diverse, democratic society in an interdependent world.
- f) Explore, manipulate, manage and conserve the environment effectively for learning and sustainable development
- g) Acquire digital literacy skills for learning and enjoyment.
- h) Appreciate the country's rich, diverse cultural heritage for harmonious living



ESSENCE STATEMENT

Science and Technology is a learning area which engages in the human pursuit to understand the relationships between the living and non-living universe. Science is a discipline that deals with explanations and predictions about nature and the universe while Technology is the application of science to create devices that can solve problems and do tasks.

The achievement of Vision 2030 greatly depends on Science, Technology and Innovation. Sessional Paper No.1 of 2005 highlights the fact that for a breakthrough towards industrialisation, achievement of the desired economic growth targets and social development, a high priority needs to be placed on the development of human capital through education and training by promoting the teaching of sciences and information technology. This is also highlighted in the Sessional Paper 14, 2012 which stresses the need for sustainable basic and higher education, with an emphasis on Science, Technology and Innovation (ST&I). This makes it necessary for Science and Technology to be taught in Upper Primary Education level.

This learning area builds on the competencies introduced at the lower primary under the learning area of Environmental Activities and equips the learner with pre-requisite skills which are required in Integrated Science and Pre-technical and Pre-career studies at the lower secondary level. These enable learners to prepare for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in subsequent levels of the education cycle. Inquiry based learning (IBL), Project based learning (PBL), Problem based learning (PBL) and Social Scientific Issue learning (SSI) approaches will be employed throughout the learning experiences in this area as advocated for by John Dewey's social constructivist theory which emphasises the learner should be given an opportunity to learn through hands-on activities. Engineering design shall be used as a pedagogical strategy to bridge science concepts with other learning areas to solve simple open-ended problems, develop creative thinking and analytical skills among learners, make decisions, and consider alternative solutions to address a variety of situations.

SUBJECT GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course, the learner should be able to:

- Interact with the environment for learning and sustainable development.
- Apply digital literacy skills appropriately for communication, learning and enjoyment.
- Appreciate the contribution of science and technology in the provision of innovative solutions.
- Use scientific knowledge to observe and explain the natural world.
- Make functional discoveries that impact individuals and the wider society.
- Use innovative approaches as well as critical thinking and problem solving skills to stimulate scientific inquiry, at the local, national and global levels for lifelong learning.

STRAND 1.0 LIVING THINGS AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT

Strand	Sub Strand	Specific learning	Suggested learning	Suggested Key inquiry
		outcomes	experiences	question
1.0 Living	1.1 Fungi	By the end of the sub	The learner is guided to:	What is the importance
things and	(12 lessons)	strand the learner	 use print and non-print 	of Fungi?
their	• Common Fungi	should be able to:	materials to search for	
Environment	(mushrooms, toadstool, puff balls, yeast and moulds) Importance of Fungi (food, fermentation, health and medicine) Note: scientific names and details on application of fungi in food processing not required	a) identify common fungi in the environment, b) describe the importance of fungi in nature, c) appreciate the importance of fungi in the economy.	images of common fungi such as puffballs, toadstools, mushrooms and moulds, share findings with peers, take a walk in the school compound and the adjacent environment to observe and identify different types of Fungi, grow moulds on available food materials, observe and	
			share with peers,use print and non-print materials to search for	
			information on the economic importance of moulds, yeast and mushrooms, record and	

discuss with peers.
Note:
-Learners are guided to
observe precautions and
safe disposal of wastes when
handling fungi.

- Communication and collaboration: The learner speaks clearly and effectively during discussions on the economic importance of moulds, yeast and mushrooms.
- Self-efficacy: The learner successfully grows moulds on food materials, observes and shares with peers.

Values:

• Responsibility: The learner observes safety when handling fungi.

PCIs:

- Financial Literacy: The learner searches for information on the economic importance of moulds, yeast and mushrooms.
- Environmental conservation: The learner practises safe disposal of wastes generated from growing Fungi.

Links to other learning areas:

- The information on the economic importance of Fungi is linked to food production in Agriculture and Nutrition.
- The information on growing Fungi is linked to appreciation of God's creation in Religious Education.

Strand	Sub Strand	Specific learning outcomes	Suggested learning experiences	Suggested Key inquiry question
1.0 Living	1.2	By the end of the sub	The learner is guided to:	What are the common fea
things and	Invertebrates	strand the learner	• use print and non-	of invertebrates?
the	(14 lessons)	should be able to:	print material to	
Environment	• Common	a) identify	search for	
	Invertebrates:	common	information on	
	(insects; spiders,	invertebrates in	common	
	ticks and mites;	the	invertebrates and	
	millipedes and	environment,	share with peers,	
	centipedes; snails	b) practise	• discuss safety	
	and slugs; worms;	precautions in	precautions applied	
	Sea invertebrates -	handling	when handling	
	octopus, starfish	invertebrates,	invertebrates,	
	and crabs)	c) describe the	 collaboratively use print 	
	• Importance of	general	and non-print materials	
	invertebrates	characteristics	to search for	
	(food,	of invertebrates,	information on general	
	pollination, soil	d) outline the	characteristics of	
	aeration, pests,	economic	invertebrates and share	
	transmission of	importance of	with peers,	
	diseases)	invertebrates,	• explore the school	
	Note: scientific	e) appreciate the	compound and the	
	names not	importance of	adjacent environment to	
	required	invertebrates in	identify different	
		nature.	invertebrates and their	

	characteristics; practise safety precautions in handling invertebrates, • make an inventory of common invertebrates in their locality, • discuss the economic importance of invertebrates.
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- Critical thinking and problem solving: The learner displays open mindedness as they discuss the economic importance of invertebrates.
- Creativity and Imagination: The learner makes observations and creates an inventory of common invertebrates in their locality.

Values:

• Love: The learner cares for others as they explore the school compound and their locality to identify different invertebrates and their characteristics.

PCIs:

- Animal Welfare: The learner cares for the invertebrates as they explore the school compound and their locality to identify different invertebrates and their characteristics.
- Safety and security: The learner observes safety precautions in handling invertebrates.
- Health promotion issues: The learner discusses the role of invertebrates in transmission of diseases.

Links to other learning areas:

• The information on transmission of diseases is linked to communicable diseases in Agriculture and Nutrition.

Strand	Sub Strand	Specific learning	Suggested learning experiences	Suggested Key inquiry	
	outcomes			question	
1.0 Living	1.3 Human	By the end of the sub	The learner is guided to:	1. What is the human	
things and	circulatory	strand the learner	• use print and non-print	circulatory system	
the	system	should be able to:	materials to search for	made up of?	
Environment	(16 Lessons)	a) identify main	information on the main parts		
	• Parts of	parts of the	of the human circulatory	2. What measures	
	the	human	system and share with peers,	enhance a healthy	
	human	circulatory	 use locally available material 	human circulatory	
	circulator	system,	to model the human	system?	
	y system	b) describe	circulatory system and share		
	(heart,	functions of main	with peers,		
	blood	parts of the	• use simulation software,		
	vessels	human	online interactive platforms or		
	and	circulatory	digital images to illustrate		
	blood),	system,	main parts of the human		
	Note: details	c) outline the	circulatory system,		
	of different	symptoms and	• use print and non-print		
	blood vessels	prevention of	material to search for		
	and parts of	common health	information on parts of the		
	the body not	conditions of the	heart (auricles, ventricles and		
	needed.	human	vessels) and their functions,		
	• Parts of	circulatory	record and share their		
	the heart	system,	findings,		
	and their	d) develop a routine	• collaboratively discuss the		

arteries, high	
high blood	
pressure	
and heart	
attack)	

- Self-Efficacy: The learner successfully develops a routine plan for maintaining a healthy circulatory system.
- **Digital literacy:** The learner uses simulation software, online interactive platforms or digital images to illustrate the human circulatory system.

Values:

- **Responsibility:** The learner shows resilience in practising ways for maintaining a healthy circulatory system.
- Unity: The learner respects others opinions as they collaboratively discuss and develop a routine plan on maintaining a healthy human circulatory system.

PCIs:

• **Health promotion issues:** The learner discusses ways of maintaining a healthy human circulatory system and develops a routine for maintaining a healthy circulatory system.

Links to other learning areas:

- The information on common health conditions of the human circulatory system is linked to lifestyle diseases in Agriculture and Nutrition.
- The modelling of the human circulatory system is linked to modelling in Creative arts and Sports.

Suggested Assessment	Suggested Assessment Rubric					
Levels Indicators	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Approaches Expectations	Below expectations		
Describing the importance of fungi	Describes the importance of fungi comprehensively	Describes the importance of fungi	Describes the importance of fungi partially	Describes the importance of fungi partially with prompts		
Practising precautions in handling invertebrates	Practises precautions in handling invertebrates comprehensively	Practises precautions in handling invertebrates	Practises some precautions in handling invertebrates	Practises some precautions in handling invertebrates with prompts		
Outlining the economic importance of invertebrates	Outlines the economic importance of invertebrates exhaustively	Outlines the economic importance of invertebrates	Outlines the economic importance of invertebrates partially	Outlines the economic importance of invertebrates partially with prompts		
Describing functions of main parts of the human circulatory system	Describes functions of main parts of the human circulatory system in- depth		Describes functions of main parts of the human circulatory system partially	Describes functions of main parts of the human circulatory system partially with prompts		
Developing a routine plan for maintaining a healthy circulatory system	Develops a detailed routine plan for maintaining a healthy circulatory system	Develops a routine plan for maintaining a healthy circulatory system	Develops a simple routine plan for maintaining a healthy circulatory system	Develops an incomplete routine plan for maintaining a healthy circulatory system		

STRAND 2.0 MATTER

Strand	Sub Strand	Specific learning	Suggested learning experiences	Suggested Key
		outcomes	8 1	inquiry question
2.0	2.1 Change of	By the end of the sub	The learner is guided to:	How is change of
Matter	state	strand the learner	• brainstorm the meaning of change of	state of matter
	(18 lessons)	should be able to:	state of matter,	important in day to
	• Changes of	a) identify the changes	• carry out activities to demonstrate	day life?
	state of	of state when	change of state of matter (melting,	
	matter.	substances are	evaporation, sublimation,	
	(melting	heated or cooled,	condensation, freezing, deposition)	
	evaporation,	b) describe the	collaboratively,	
	sublimation,	applications of the	note : observe safety while heating	
	deposition,	change of state of	substances to avoid fires and burns,	
	condensation	matter in everyday	• discuss the applications of change of	
	and freezing)	life,	state of matter in everyday life,	
	• Application	c) appreciate the	where possible use digital devices to	
	of change of		access videos, observe and record what	
	state of	change of state in	happens when matter is heated or	
	matter	day to day life.	cooled.	
			Project:	
			• Learners to make candles using waste	
			candle wax or beeswax,	
			• Learners to repair broken plastic	
			containers.	

- Communication and collaboration: The learner listens keenly and actively as they brainstorm the meaning of change of state of matter.
- Learning to learn: The learner procedurally carries out activities to demonstrate change of state of matter.

Values

• Respect: The learner appreciates diverse opinions of others while discussing the change of state of matter in everyday life.

Pertinent and contemporary Issues

• Socio-economic issues(Environmental Education): The learners make candles using waste candle wax or beeswax and repairing broken plastic containers

Linkage to other learning areas:

• Agriculture and Nutrition – The learner appreciate evaporation as a process of drying clothes and cereals

Strand	Sub Strand	Specific learning outcomes	Suggested learning experiences	Key inquiry question
2.0 Matter	 2.2 Composition of air (16 lessons) Composition of air in the atmosphere Uses of different components of air Air pollution 	b) outline uses of the different components of air,c) explain the effects of	 brainstorm on air and its constituent, draw a pie chart showing percentage composition of components of air, carry out activity to investigate the presence of oxygen in air collaboratively (Use a burning candle), discuss the uses of the different components of air, brainstorm on the meaning of air 	How does air pollution affect the environment?

pollution. Note: observe safety precautions
in air polluted environments
(Example: practice use of dust masks, goggles, overcoats).
Project:
Learners are guided to make posters on
common air pollutants, dangers of air
pollution and ways of controlling air
pollution.

- Citizenship: The learner engages in critical and constructive dialogue as they discuss on air pollutants and come up with ways of reducing air pollution in the environment.
- Learning to learn: The learner learns independently as they explore the school and neighborhood to identify air pollutants.

Values

- Responsibility: The learner observes safety precautions in an air polluted environment.
- **Patriotism**: The learner serves the community by making posters on common air pollutants, dangers of air pollution and ways of controlling air pollution to educate members of the community.

Pertinent and Contemporary Issues:

• Socio-economic and environmental issues (Environmental education and climate change): The learner practices methods of reducing air pollution.

Link to other learning areas

• Mathematics: The learner draws a pie chart showing the percentage composition of components of air.

Assessment Rubric				
Indicators	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Approaches	Below expectations
			Expectations	
Ability to identify	Accurately identifies all the	Correctly identifies	Correctly identifies two	correctly identifies
the changes of state	changes of state when	four changes of state	to three changes of state	one change of state
when substances are	substances are heated or	when substances are	when substances are	when substances are
heated or cooled	cooled.	heated or cooled	heated or cooled	heated or cooled.
ability to identify	Correctly identifies all the	Correctly identifies	correctly identifies at	correctly identifies
the components of	major components of air	the four major	least two major	one major component
air		components of air	components of air	of air
ability to explain the	Correctly explains several	Correctly explains	correctly explains a few	correctly explains
effects of air	effects of air pollution to the	several effects of air	effects of air pollution to	minimal effects of air
pollution to the	environment in detail.	pollution to the	the environment	pollution to the
environment		environment.		environment

STRAND 3.0 FORCE AND ENERGY

Strand	Sub Strand	Specific learning	Suggested learning experiences	Key inquiry	
		outcomes		question	
3.0 Force and	3.1 Light	By the end of the sub	The learner is guided to:	How does light	
energy	(16 lessons)	strand, the learner	• carry out activities to show the	travel?	
	• Movement of	should be able to:	movement on light through		
	light through	a) demonstrate the	different materials (transparent,		
	materials	movement of light	translucent and opaque),		
	 Ray diagrams 	through materials,	• perform an experiment to show		
	of images in	b) draw ray diagrams	reflection of light on plane mirrors		
	plane mirrors	of images formed	(laws of reflection),		
	• Formation of	on plane mirrors,	 locate and illustrate images formed 		
	shadows and	c) illustrate the	on plane mirrors and discuss their		
	eclipses	formation of	characteristics,		
	• Reflection of	shadows and	• carry out activities to demonstrate		
	light at plane	eclipses in nature,	and illustrate the formation of		
	surfaces	d) describe the	shadows and eclipses (solar &		
	• Image	formation of	lunar eclipses),		
	formation in	rainbow in nature,	• use digital or print media to search		
	plane mirrors	e) Appreciate the	for information on the movement		
	• Rainbow	importance of	of light through materials, image		
	formation	movement light in	formation on plane mirrors, the		
		everyday life.	formation of shadows, eclipses and		
			rainbow in nature,		
			• discuss the applications of		
			movement of light through		

different media (mirrors,
periscope, kaleidoscope, lenses,
magnifying glass, hand lens,
mirage, rainbow).
Project: Learner uses locally available
resources to make a functional periscope.

- **Digital literacy**: The learner interacts with digital technology as they use digital or print media to search for information on the movement of light through materials, image formation on plane mirrors, the formation of shadows, eclipses and rainbows in nature.
- Communication and Collaboration: The learner cooperates with peers as they discuss the applications of movement of light in different media.

Values:

• Unity: The learner works harmoniously with peers as they use locally available resources to make a functional periscope.

PCIs:

• Socio-economic issues: The learner observes safety and security as they use plane mirrors to perform experiments to demonstrate image formation and describe the characteristics of images formed.

Links to other Learning areas:

• Home Science when lighting up the home.

Strand	Sub Strand	Specific learning	Suggested learning	Key inquiry
		outcomes	experiences	question(s)
3.0 Force	3.2 Levers as simple	By the end of the sub	The learner is guided to:	How are levers used in
and energy	machines	strand, the learner	• brainstorm on the	our everyday life?
		should be able to:	meaning of levers as	
	(14 lessons)	a) identify common	simple machines,	
	• Examples of	3		
	levers	to day life,	parts of a lever	
	 Parts of levers 	b) describe parts of a	(fulcrum/pivot, effort, and	
	 Classification of 	lever as used in	load),	
	levers	making work	• carry out activities to	
	• uses of levers in	easier,	group levers into the three	
	day to day life	c) classify levers into	classes (first, second and	
		the three classes,	third class levers),	
		d) demonstrate the	• carry out activities in	
		use of levers in	groups to demonstrate the	
		making work	use of common levers as	
		easier,	simple machines, (a hole	
		e) appreciate the use	punch, pliers, scissors, a	
		of levers in making	see-saw, wheelbarrow,	
		work easier.	bottle openers, nail	
			clippers, a nutcracker,	
			shovel, fishing rod,	
			kitchen tongs and	
			tweezers.)	
			• use digital or print media	

to search for information	
on how levers make work	
easier in day to day life.	
Project : In groups, learners are	
guided to make and use a beam	
balance from locally available	
materials.	

- Creativity and imagination: The learner assembles different parts to make a beam balance from locally available materials.
- Learning to learn: The learner carries out activities with peers as they demonstrate the use of common levers as simple machines.

Values:

• **Respect:** The learner displays positive regard for self and others as they work together in groups to identify parts of a lever.

PCIs:

• Citizenship education: The learner exercises care and protection for one another while performing experiments to demonstrate the use of common levers as simple machines.

Link to other learning areas:

- Agriculture and Nutrition: Learner applies the principle of levers in farm tools, use of cutlery; spoons and bottle openers.
- Creative Arts: Learner applies the principle of simple leavers as they play on a seesaw.

Strand	Sub Strand	Specific learning outcomes	Suggested learning experiences	Key inquiry question
3.0 Force and energy	3.3 Slopes as simple machines (14 lessons) • Types of slopes • Uses of slopes	By the end of the sub strand, the learner should be able to: a) identify types of slopes used as simple machines, b) demonstrate how a slope makes work easier in day to day life, c) appreciate the use of slopes in everyday life.	The learner is guided to: • discuss the meaning of slope as a simple machine (inclined plane), • give practical examples on where slopes are used to make work easier around the school environment (ladders, ramps, staircase, road winding up-hill, wedge, roofs, loading a lorry), • discuss how slopes are used to make work easier in day to day life, • carry out activities to show how slopes make work easier, • where possible, use digital media to search for information on how slopes make work easier (elevators/lifts, escalators/moving stares, stair case, ladders, cableways, ramps, road	How are slopes used in everyday life?

winding up-hill, loading a lorry), • discuss the impuse of slopes in life. Project: make a simpuse in school or at locally available mater	portance of day to day ple slope for home using
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- Citizenship: The learner exercises ethical responsibility as they make a simple slope for use in school or at home using locally available materials
- Critical thinking and problem solving: The learner thinks clearly as they make a simple slope for use in school or at home using locally available materials.

Values:

- Integrity: The learner utilises resources prudently while making a simple slope for use in school or at home.
- **Peace:** The learner shows empathy as they make a simple slope for use in school or at home using locally available materials.

PCIs:

• Socio economic issues: The learner exercises safety and security as they carry out activities to show how slopes make work easier.

Links to other Learning areas:

• Agriculture and Nutrition: The learner relates the concept of slope in the use of farm tools, equipment and machinery to carry out the projects.

Assessment Rubric				
Indicators	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Approaches	Below expectations
			Expectations	
Ability to	Creatively demonstrates the	Demonstrates the	Demonstrates the	Demonstrates the
demonstrate the	movement of light through	movement of light	movement of light	movement of light
movement of light	all materials.	through all materials.	through at least two	through at least one
through materials.			materials.	material.
Ability to illustrate	Illustrates and labels the	Illustrates the	Illustrates the	Illustrates the formation
the formation of	formation of shadows and	formation of shadows	formation of shadows	of shadows and eclipses
shadows and eclipses	eclipses in nature correctly.	and eclipses in nature	and eclipses in nature	in nature omitting basic
in nature		correctly.	omitting some basic	details.
			details.	
Ability to identify	Identifies all common	Correctly identifies	Correctly identifies	Correctly identifies
common levers used	levers used in day to day	most common levers	some common levers	some common levers
in day to day life	life	used in day to day life.	used in day to day life.	used in day to day life
				with prompts.
Ability to	Demonstrates skillfully the	Demonstrates	Demonstrates	Demonstrates
demonstrate the use	use of levers to make work	effectively the use of	appropriately the use	inappropriately the use
of levers to make	easier	levers to make work	of levers to make	of levers to make work
work easier		easier	work easier	easier
Ability to identify	Identifies types of slopes	Identifies most types	Identifies a few types	Identifies a few types
types of slopes used	used as simple machines	of slopes used as	of slopes used as	of slopes used as
as simple machines	accurately.	simple machines	simple machines	simple machines with
				prompts.

Ability to	Demonstrates skillfully	Demonstrates	Demonstrates	Demonstrates
demonstrate how a	how a slope makes work	correctly how a	partially how a slope	partially with
slope makes work	easier in day to day life	slope makes work	makes work easier	prompts how a slope
easier in day to day	,	easier in day to day	in day to day life	makes work easier in
life		life		day to day life

APPENDIX: LIST OF ASSESSMENT METHODS, LEARNING RESOURCES AND NON-FORMAL ACTIVITIES

Assessment Methods in Science	Learning Resources	Non-Formal Activities
Reflections	Laboratory Apparatus	Visit the science historical sites.
Game Playing	and Equipment	Use digital devices to
Pre-Post Testing	 Textbooks 	conduct scientific research.
Model Making	Software	 Organizing walks to have
• Explorations	Relevant reading materials	live learning experiences.
• Experiments	Digital Devices	Developing simple guidelines
• Investigations	• Recordings	on how to identify and solve
• Conventions, Conferences,		some community problems.
and Debates		Conducting science
Applications		document analysis.
Teacher Observations		• Participating in talks by
Project		resource persons on science
 Journals 		concepts.
Portfolio		Participating in science clubs
Oral or Aural Questions		and societies
• Learner's Profile		Attending and participating
Written Tests		science and engineering fairs
Anecdotal Records		Organizing and participating
		in exchange programmes.
		Making oral presentations and
		demonstrations on science
		issues.

CSL at Upper Primary (grade 4-6)

At this level, the goal of the CSL activity is to provide linkages between concepts learnt in the various Learning Activities and the real life experiences. Learners begin to make connections between what they learn and the relevance to their daily life. CSL is hosted in the Social studies learning area. The implementation of the CSL activity is a collaborative effort where the class teacher coordinates and works with other subject teachers to design and implement the integrated CSL activity. Though they are teacher-guided, the learners should progressively be given more autonomy to identify problems and come up with solutions. The safety of the learners should also be taken into account when selecting the CSL activity. The following steps for the integrated CSL activity should be staggered across the school terms:

Steps in carrying out the integrated CSL activity

1) Preparation

- Map out the targeted core competencies, values and specific learning areas skills for the CSL activity
- Identify resources required for the activity (locally available materials)
- Stagger the activities across the term (Set dates and time for the activities)
- Communicate to learners, parents/caregivers/guardians, school administration, teachers and other relevant stakeholders in the school community
- Identify and develop assessment tools

2) Implementation CSL Activity

- Assigning roles to learners.
- Ensure every learner actively participates in the activity
- Observe learners as they carry out the CSL activity and record feedback.
- Use an appropriate assessment tool to assess both the process and the product (Assess learner's work from the beginning to the end product)
- Assess the targeted core competencies, values and subject skills.

3) Reflection on the CSL Activity

Conduct a self-evaluation session with learners on the integrated CSL activity undertaken by discussing the following:

- what went well and why
- what did not go well and why,
- what can be done differently next time
- what they have learnt.

There will be **one** integrated CSL activity that will be conducted **annually.** The thematic areas for the integrated CSL activity will be derived from the broader categories of the PCIs and concepts from the various Learning Areas. Teachers are expected to vary the themes yearly to allow learners to address different PCIs within their contexts. There should be a linkage between the skills from the learning areas and the themes.

The integrated CSL activity will take a Whole School Approach (WSA) where the entire school community is involved (learners, parents/caregivers/guardians, school administration, teachers). Parents/caregivers/guardians are key stakeholders in the planning and execution of the CSL activity. Although the teacher takes the lead role in the planning and integration of the CSL activity, learners will be expected to participate actively in the whole process.

The CSL activity provides an opportunity for the development of core competencies and the nurturing of various values. The teacher is expected to vary the core competencies and values emphasised in the activity yearly.

Assessment of the CSL Activity

Assessment of the integrated CSL activity will focus on 3 components namely: skills from various learning areas applied in carrying out the activity, and core competencies and values demonstrated. Assessment should focus on both the process and end product of the CSL activity. The teacher will assess learners in groups using various tools such as an observation schedule, checklist or rating scale or any other appropriate tool.