ELA Programs + Mystery Science

Topic Connections by Grade Level

A grade-by-grade guide to help align units from ELA programs with topically related Mystery Science units, for Kindergarten through Fifth Grade.

Included programs

Program	Publisher
ARC Core K-5	American Reading Company
Benchmark	Benchmark Advance
CKLA	Core Knowledge Language Arts · Domains in K–2, Units in 3–5
EL Education	EL Education
HMH Into Reading	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

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ARC Core K-5

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Grade	Unit	ELA topic	Mystery Science
Kindergarten	**Unit 1**	So You Want To Be a Scientist?	Severe Weather Weather Patterns
	Unit 2	Zoology	Animal Needs
	Unit 3	Ecology	Plant Needs
1st Grade	**Unit 2**	Wild and Endangered Animals	Animal Traits & Survival
	Unit 4	Plants	Plant Traits & Survival
2nd Grade	**Unit 2**	Bugs in Their Ecosystem	Plant Growth & Interactions
	Unit 3	Animal Stories & Animals	Animal Biodiversity & Habitats
3rd Grade	**Unit 1**	Dinosaurs & Knights	Fossils & Changing Environments
	Unit 2	Weather and Climate	Weather & Climate
4th Grade	**Unit 1**	Bravery & Your Brain	Human Body, Vision, & The Brain
	Unit 2	Animal Adaptations	Animal & Plant Adaptations
5th Grade	**Unit 1**	Aliens: Fact or Fiction	Stars & Planets
	Unit 2	Ecosystems	Ecosystems & The Food Web

Benchmark

Benchmark Advance

Grade	Unit	ELA topic	Mystery Science
Kindergarten	**Unit 1**	Plants and Animals Have Needs	Animal Needs Plant Needs
	Unit 8	Weather and Seasons	Severe Weather Weather Patterns
	Unit 10	Forces and Motion	Pushes and Pulls
1st Grade	**Unit 1**	Plants and Animals Grow and Change	Animal Traits & Survival Plant Traits & Survival
	Unit 8	Observing the Sky	Day Patterns Night Patterns
	Unit 10	Exploring Sound, Light, and Heat	Light, Sound, & Communication
2nd Grade	**Unit 1**	Habitats Around the World	Animal Biodiversity & Habitats
	Unit 8	Wind and Water Shape the Land	Erosion & Earth's Surface
	Unit 10	Changing Matter	States of Matter
3rd Grade	**Unit 1**	Animal Adaptations	Heredity, Survival, & Selection Life Cycles Fossils & Changing Environments
	Unit 8	Weather and Climate	Weather & Climate
	Unit 10	Forces and Interactions	Forces, Motion, & Magnets
4th Grade	**Unit 1**	Observing Nature	Human Body, Vision, & The Brain Animal & Plant Adaptations
	Unit 8	Earth Changes	Earth's Features & Processes
	Unit 10	The Power of Electricity	Energy & Energy Transfer Electricity, Light, & Heat
5th Grade	**Unit 1**	Cultivating Natural Resources	Ecosystems & The Food Web
	Unit 8	Water: Fact and Fiction	Water Cycle & Earth's Systems
	Unit 10	Transforming Matter	Chemical Reactions & Properties of Matter

CKLA

Core Knowledge Language Arts · Domains in K–2, Units in 3–5

Grade	Domain or Unit	ELA topic	Mystery Science
Kindergarten	**Domain 4**	Plants	Plant Needs
	Domain 8	Seasons and Weather	Severe Weather Weather Patterns Sunlight & Warmth
1st Grade	**Domain 6**	Astronomy	Day Patterns Night Patterns
	Domain 8	Animals and Habitats	Animal Traits & Survival
2nd Grade	**Domain 8**	Insects	Animal Biodiversity & Habitats Plant Growth & Interactions
3rd Grade	**Unit 2**	Animal Classification	Fossils & Changing Environments Life Cycles
	Unit 11	Ecology	Heredity, Survival, & Selection
4th Grade	**Unit 4**	Eureka! Student Inventor	Sound, Waves, & Communication Energy & Energy Transfer Electricity, Light, & Heat
	Unit 5	Geology	Earth's Features & Processes
5th Grade	**Unit 9**	Chemical Matter	Chemical Reactions & Properties of Matter

EL Education

EL Education

Grade	Module	ELA topic	Mystery Science
Kindergarten	**Module 2**	Learning through Science and Story: Weather Wonders	Severe Weather Weather Patterns
	Module 3	Research to Build Knowledge and Teach Others: Trees are Alive	Plant Needs
1st Grade	**Module 2**	What's Up in the Sky: A Study of the Sun, Moon, and Stars	Day Patterns Night Patterns
	Module 3	Growing as Researchers: Birds' Amazing Bodies	Animal Traits & Survival
	Module 4	Caring for Birds	Animal Traits & Survival
2nd Grade	**Module 2**	Learning through Science and Story: Fossils Tell of Earth's Changes	Erosion & Earth's Surface
	Module 3	Researching to Build Knowledge and Teach Others: The Secret World of Pollination	Plant Growth & Interactions
	Module 4	Providing for Pollinators	Plant Growth & Interactions
3rd Grade	**Module 2**	Researching to Build Knowledge and Teach Others: Adaptations and the Wide World of Frogs	Life Cycles Heredity, Survival, & Selection
	Module 4	Water Around the World	Weather & Climate
4th Grade	**Module 2**	Researching to Build Knowledge and Teach Others: Animal Defense Mechanisms	Animal & Plant Adaptations
5th Grade	**Module 2**	Researching to Build Knowledge and Teach Others: Biodiversity in the Rainforest	Ecosystems & The Food Web
	Module 4	The Impact of Natural Disasters	Water Cycle & Earth's Systems

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Grade	Unit	ELA topic	Mystery Science
Kindergarten	**Unit 8**	From Plant to Plate	Plant Needs
	Unit 9	Animal Habitats	Animal Needs
1st Grade	**Unit 3**	Amazing Animals	Animal Traits & Survival
	Unit 5	Now You See It, Now You Don't	Day Patterns Night Patterns
	Unit 9	Grow, Plant, Grow!	Plant Traits & Survival
2nd Grade	**Unit 2**	Look Around and Explore!	States of Matter
	Unit 8	Time to Grow!	Plant Growth & Interactions
	Unit 9	Home Sweet Habitat	Animal Biodiversity & Habitats
3rd Grade	**Unit 6**	Animal Behaviors	Life Cycles Heredity, Survival, & Selection
	Unit 9	From Farm to Table	Life Cycles
4th Grade	**Unit 2**	Come to Your Senses	Human Body, Vision, & The Brain Animal & Plant Adaptations
	Unit 6	Marvels of Nature	Earth's Features & Processes
	Unit 10	Communication Nation	Sound, Waves, & Communication
5th Grade	**Unit 5**	Project Earth	Water Cycle & Earth's Systems
	Unit 10	The Lives of Animals	Ecosystems & The Food Web