Grade 4 Science Pacing Guide

Unit	Standard	Weeks
Unit 1-Studying Science Key Vocabulary- Scientist, Science, Observation, Investigation, Hypothesis, Inference, Microscope, Pan Balance, Spring Scale, Data, Model, Two- dimensional Model, Three-dimensional, Computer Model Unit 2- Engineering Process Key Vocabulary- Engineering, Design, Prototype, Tool, Technology	 4-ETS1-1; Define a simple design reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost. 4-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. 4-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. 	1-8
Unit 4-Energy and Ecosystems Key Vocabulary- Ecosystem, Community, Population, Habitat, Niche, Producer, Consumer, Decomposer, Food Chain, Herbivore, Carnivore, Omnivore, Food Web, Natural Resource, Renewable Resource, Non-renewable Resource, Pollution, Conservation, Endangered Species	 4.P.3 Recognize that energy takes various forms that may be grouped based on their interaction with matter. 4.P.3.1 Recognize the basic forms of energy (light, sound, heat, electrical, and magnetic) as the ability to cause motion or create change. 4.P.3.2 Recognize that light travels in a straight line until it strikes an object or travels from one medium to another, and that light can be reflected, refracted, and absorbed. 	9-18
Unit 6- Earth and Space Key Vocabulary- Rotate, Axis, Orbit, Constellation, Moon Phases, Solar System, Planet	 4.E.1 Explain the causes of day and night and phases of the moon. 4.E.1.1 Explain the cause of day and night based on the rotation of Earth on its axis. 4.E.1.2 Explain the monthly changes in the appearance of the moon, based on the moon's orbit around the Earth 	
Unit 7- Properties of Matter Key Vocabulary- Matter, Physical, Property, Mass, Volume, Density, States of	4.P.2; Understand the composition and properties of matter before and after they undergo a change or interaction	19-28

Matter, Solid, Liquid, Gas, Change of State, Condensation, Evaporation Unit 8- Changes in Matter Key Vocabulary- Physical Change, Mixture, Solution, Chemical Property, Chemical Change, Chemical Reaction	 4.P.2.1; Compare the physical properties of samples of matter (strength, hardness, flexibility, ability to attract heat, electricity, and other magnets, reactions to water and fire) 4.P.2.2; Explain how minerals are identified using tests for physical properties of hardness, color, luster, streak, and cleavage. 4.P.2.3; Classify rocks as metamorphic, sedimentary or igneous based on their composition, how they are formed and the process that creates them. 	
Unit 9- Energy Key Vocabulary- Energy, Kinetic Energy, Potential Energy, Mechanical Energy, Chemical Energy, Electrical Energy, Heat, Conduction, Convection, Radiation, Conductor, Insulator	 4.P.3 Recognize that energy takes various forms that may be grouped based on their interaction with matter. 4.P.3.1 Recognize the basic forms of energy (light, sound, heat, electrical, and magnetic) as the ability to cause motion or create change. 4.P.3.2 Recognize that light travels in a straight line until it strikes an object or travels from one medium to another, and that light can be reflected, refracted, and absorbed. 	29-35
Unit 11- Motion Key Vocabulary-Position, Motion, Speed, Velocity, Force, Acceleration	 4.P.1; Explain how various forces affect the motion of an object. 4.P.1.1; Explain how magnets interact with all things made of iron and with other magnets to produce motion without touching them. 4.P.1.2; Explain how electrically charged objects push or pull on other electrically charged objects and produce motion. 	