Chemistry

Theme 1: Introduction to Chemistry

Chemistry finds applications in day-to-day life as well as in industries. Chemicals from simple to complex, are used in food, medicines, cosmetics, textile industry, agriculture, cleansing agents, etc. This theme will help children understand applications of Chemistry in their lives.

Learning Outcomes:

Children will be able to:

- discuss the importance of Chemistry in daily life and its role in different industries and life processes;
- list important applications of Chemistry in day to day life;
- list some industrial applications of Chemistry;
- discuss the bio-sketches of some great scientists and their works;
- appreciate the patience, perseverance, sacrifices and ethical conduct of scientists.

Introduction to Chemistry		
Key Concepts / Concerns	Pedagogy/ transactional strategies*	Suggested Learning Resources
Chemistry – meaning and importance.	 Discussing with children and explaining the meaning and importance of Chemistry in day to day life. Asking children to make a list of products used daily—pencil, rubber, paper, ink, shampoo, deodorants, perfumes, toothpaste, cosmetics. Discussing how Chemistry plays a role. 	 Children's own experiences. Products used in daily life since the morning. Visit to Qutab Minar Visit to a Chemical plant/industry under supervision. Photographs of scientists. Videos/PPTs.
Development of Chemistry-A historical perspective.	Discussing the development of Chemistry from the historical perspective with facts -when alchemists attempted to convert cheap metals to gold using philosopher stone, find a chemical that would enable people live longer etc. However, they could not succeed in their efforts to find such miraculous techniques. But they were successful to some extent in developing processes to extract metals and prepare alloys which proved of great use. Refer to the iron pillar near Qutab Minar.	
Notable chemists/	Asking children to get photographs	

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scientists and their contributions to Chemistry (at least 3 scientists).	of great chemists such as Mendeleev, Lavoisier, Dalton and discussing their works in class.	
> Food and Chemistry.	Providing common examples of food preservatives, food processing. Common food products like salt, sugar, tea, milk, jams etc.	
> Cosmetics and Chemistry.	Discussing some common examples like the constituents of talcum powder (names only).	
Clothing and Chemistry.	Discussing the journey from cotton to synthetic fabric such as terylene.	
Chemicals as Medicines.	Giving examples of simple chemicals such as aspirin, paracetamol in medicines.	
Chemicals in Industries.	Giving examples of: cleansing agents (soaps and detergents), stain	
	removals, etc. Organizing a visit to chemical industry (dye, plastic, fertilizer,	
	detergents and drugs.). Advising children to note the	
	number of starting materials used to create products and the final products that are formed.	

Integration: Languages, Biology, Geography,



Theme 2: Elements, Compounds and Mixtures

All materials / objects found around us are either in solid, liquid or gaseous form and occupy space and have mass. In science, the term matter is used for all these materials. Chemically, matter can be classified as element, compound and mixture. In nature, matter occurs mostly in the form of mixture. Importantly, substances are required in their pure form that is done by the separation of the components of a mixture by different techniques. The use of any particular separation technique depends upon the properties of the components of the mixture.

Learning Outcomes:

Children will be able to:

- define elements as made up of identical atoms;
- classify elements as metals and non-metals on the basis of their properties;
- define compound and mixture and discuss the points of difference between the two;
- use symbols of elements and molecular formulae of the compounds to represent their names as short hand notations;
- separate different components of samples of some mixtures;
- discuss the reasons for opting for a particular technique for separation of components of the mixture.

Elements, Compounds and Mixtures Pedagogy/ Transactional **Suggested Learning Key Concepts / Concerns** Resources Strategies* Showing samples of iron powder, Different samples of some Element substance sulphur powder and zinc granules. made up of identical metal and non-metals. Taking examples of certain elements Literature related atoms). to e.g. iron and discussing with children language of Chemistry. that it is made up of only one type of Periodic table of elements atoms i.e. iron atoms. Likewise. with names and symbols of discussing other examples of elements elements. Molecular model kit also. Use of symbols as short Introducing symbols and emphasising If molecular kit is not hand notations that every element has a symbol. available, balls and sticks writing names of Showing the periodic table and drawing models can be used. Models elements. children's attention towards of some compounds using Origin of symbols of symbols of elements. the kit. elements. Explaining the basis on which symbols Names and symbols of of the elements have been given and first 20 elements. qualitative meaning of symbols which Molecules of elements represent the name, with examples. contain atoms of the Using the molecular model kit to show same element (O2, N2, the models of some atoms and H_2). molecules (O₂, N₂, H₂). Compound (two or more Discussing that the molecules of than two elements combine compounds are made up of atoms of in fixed definite proportions different elements in a fixed proportion. form a compound. Examples of H₂O, CO₂, NO₂, CaO, Original properties of the ZnCl₂ etc. constituent elements are

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lost and a substance with new properties is formed). Molecules of compounds contain atoms of different elements. (H ₂ O, CO ₂ , NO ₂ , CaO, ZnCl ₂). Mixture (components of more than one substance combine in any proportion, original properties of the components are retained). Difference between mixtures and compounds (on the basis of proportion of combination of components and their properties).	 Taking examples of some mixtures such as solution of sugar, honey, milk and pointing out that the concentration of the components of the mixture can be different. Differentiating between mixtures and compounds by taking examples to emphasise that in compounds, elements are combined in fixed proportion and properties of the compounds are quite different from those of the elements formed. Example of C+O₂ → CO₂ Discussing details of the activity of the formation of FeS by heating Fe and S. Providing opportunities to children to perform simple activities: 	 Some samples of mixtures and compounds. Iron powder, sulphur and iron sulphide to show different properties of iron sulphide. Iron gets attracted towards magnet, sulphur is yellow in colour and floats over water. But iron sulphide has altogether different properties. Separation: filter paper, sieve, bar magnet, iodine, ammonium chloride, salt, tea leaves.
Separation techniques of mixtures into their components: Sieving Sedimentation Decantation Filtration Evaporation Magnetic Separation Sublimation	Filtration – (sand and water) Sedimentation (link to purification of water) Decantation (Tea brewing) Sublimation (Iodine crystals/ ammonium chloride, Naphthalene balls, Camphor). Evaporation (Salt water) Sieving (Rice powder/stones) Magnetic separation (Iron and sulphur) Discussing reasons for preferring a particular technique over another.	

Integration: Geography

Skills: Critical thinking, observation, systematic procedural development.



Theme 3: Matter

This theme focuses on enabling children to understand that matter around exists in different physical forms.ie. solids, liquids and gases. One form can be converted into another. Matter expands on heating and on cooling, it contracts. Besides the physical changes, matter can also undergo chemical changes on heating.

Learning Outcomes:

Children will be able to:

discuss the properties of solids, liquids and gases;

classify the matter into solid, liquid and gas;

discuss the inter-conversion of one state of matter into another;

explain the effect of heat on matter showing change of state, expansion and chemical change.

Matter		
Key Concepts / Concerns	Pedagogy/ Transactional Strategies*	Suggested Learning Resources
States of Matter	Collecting samples of some solids,	Different samples of solid,
Classification of matter into	liquids and gases and asking children	liquid, gases.
solid, liquid and gas on the	to group them on the basis of their	Solid – wood, common
basis of properties (shape,	properties. Listing the properties on	salt, pen, pencil.
volume). Factors	the basis of which children have done	Liquid – water, milk.
responsible for the	classification. From children's	Gas – balloons.
existence of matter in	responses, concluding that volume and	Water and burner.
different states.	shape of the samples are the basic	Sugar, pebbles, beaker,
	properties for their classification.	burner.
	Discussing these properties with	Ball and ring apparatus.
	reference to solids, liquids and gases in	Test tube, cork, capillary
	detail. (Egg in a bottle – Egg can be	tube, burner.
	kicked out by blowing air inside the	Apple, milk in a container.
	bottle)	
	Demonstrating and then carrying out	
	activities with children of inter	
	conversion of solid (ice), liquid (water)	
	and gas (vapour): children should arrive at the conclusion that solids	
	have definite volume and shape,	
	liquids have definite volume but no definite shape while gases have neither	
	definite volume nor definite shape; use	
	of a knife to cut a solid and a liquid	
Arrangement of atoms/	(Apple, Milk).	
molecules in solids, liquids	Discussing and explaining reasons for	
and gases: - intermolecular	the difference in properties of the	
space, cohesive forces).	three states of matter is intermolecular	
	forces, cohesive forces and Brownian	
There is space between the	movement among particles	
particles of matter.	constituting matter.	
	> Smaller particles occupy spaces	

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Effect of heat on matter (expansion, change of state	between the bigger particles.Carrying out activities such as: -Adding sugar to pebbles taken in a	
and chemical change)	plastic beaker. Adding sand to glass balls. Sugar and sand go into the space between the pebbles and glass balls respectively. (Intermolecular spaces	
	 are occupied). Carrying out activities relating to: expansion of matter on heating, evaporation and condensation, freezing and sublimation. 	
	 For solid- activity using ball and ring apparatus. For liquid- heating water filled in a test tube up to its brim. Mouth of the test tube is fitted with a cork with a capillary 	
	at the centre of the cork. On heating, water rises into the capillary. For gas- The mouth of an empty test tube is fitted with a cork having a	
	capillary at its centre. Pouring some coloured water into the capillary. On heating the tube, water rises in the capillary.	
	 Change of state- changing of ice to water to steam and reverse can be shown/ recalled. Chemical change – Burning of candle. 	

Integration: Physics, Languages **Life skills**: Cooperation and working together, creative thinking, decision making, conclusion drawing.





Theme 4: Water

The theme focuses on enabling children to understand that water is essential for sustenance of life. It is considered as a universal solvent due to its capacity to dissolve a large number of compounds in it. They will also appreciate that water is becoming scarce day by day and therefore it is important to use it judiciously, conserve it and keep our water resources clean.

Learning Outcomes:

Children will be able to:

define 'solute', 'solvent' and 'solution';

infer that solution is a homogeneous mixture of solute and solvent;

discuss different examples of solutions;

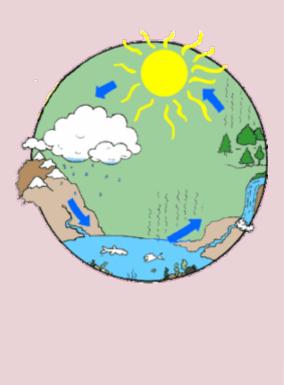
state reasons for pollution of water resources and suggest ways to conserve water.

Water		
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Importance of water in everyday life (household purpose, industry, watering plants, etc.). Water resources (well, river, hand pump, lakes, pond, etc.).	 Asking children to list out their activities since morning in which water has been used. Giving group work/activity to children to conduct a survey of the water resources in their neighbourhood/town/city. 	 Sodium chloride, sodium carbonate, sodium sulphate etc. Copper sulphate, water, beaker, glass rod. Survey. Audio-videos/Films. Projects. Visit to Eco park
Capacity to dissolve many salts in it.	Conducting an activity in front of the whole class/in groups to show the dissolution of salts like sodium chloride, sodium carbonate, sodium sulphate etc. e.g. sea water has many salts dissolved in it.	r
Definition of Solute, Solvent and Solution.	Encouraging children to derive definitions from the following activities: Preparing a solution of copper sulphate in which copper sulphate is solute and water is solvent. Taking common examples from daily life to identify solute, solvent and solution. Explaining that the component present in larger quantity in the solution is the	
Importance of water for sustenance of life on earth. Reasons for water pollution; its prevention; conservation of water.	solvent. Initiating a class discussion/debate on the importance of water for sustenance of life, its scarcity, pollution, etc. Assigning every child Project work on conducting a water audit at their homes	

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	by: Preparing a table of the amount of water used (approximate) for different purpose at home; drinking, bathing, washing, toilets, cleaning floors, car washing, etc. per day. After the audit is complete discussing in class and identifying ways to reduce water consumption at home. Showing films/audio-videos on aspects related to water pollution and initiating brainstorming to create awareness amongst children towards conservation of water, rain water harvesting, prevention of water pollution.	

Integration: Geography, LanguagesLife skills: cooperation and working together, concern for others, environmental awareness,

problem solving





Theme 5: Air and Atmosphere

This theme will enable children to know about the atmosphere around us and what air consists of and its importance. Air which is a mixture of different gases such as nitrogen, oxygen, helium, carbon dioxide, argon, moisture. Air is essential for sustenance of life on earth. They will also appreciate the need to keep air clean and that they should take the responsibility of making it free of pollutants.

Learning Outcomes:

Children will be able to:

describe different components of air and their composition;

state the importance of air for sustenance of life and for other physical and chemical processes;

describe the uses of oxygen and nitrogen;

discuss the causes of increase of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

Air and Atmosphere		
Key Concepts / Concerns	Pedagogy/ Transactional Strategies*	Suggested Learning Resources
 Air is present everywhere around us. Air - a mixture of gases namely, nitrogen, oxygen, carbon dioxide, water vapour; dust and smoke as pollutants. Percentage composition of air. Uses of the components present (importance of nitrogen to plants to be mentioned). Definition of atmosphere as layer of air around the earth. 	 Performing an activity in front of all the children: - Turn an empty glass bottle upside down in water and tilt it. Air bubbles come out of bottle and water goes inside it. Demonstrating an experiment to the children to show the presence of oxygen — lighting a candle in a shallow container. Filling some water in it. Putting an inverted glass over the lighted candle. The candle burns for some time and then extinguishes. When O2 gets consumed, the candle extinguishes. Followed by a discussion on the experiment. Nitrogen- a major part of air is still present above the water level which does not support combustion. N2 does not support burning of candle. Discussing that nitrogen is an essential element for the plants where it is found in form of Protein, enzymes etc. CO₂- turning of lime water milky by bubbling air in it shows the presence of CO2 in air. It is produced due to our day-to-day activities like burning of fuel. Smoke contains many harmful gases. 	Resources Bottle, a tub containing water. Literature related to composition of air and description of uses of the components of air. All equipment for doing simple experiments.
	Discussing how air is essential for life and other physical and chemical processes.	

Integration: Biology, Geography

Life skills: Sensitivity towards environment