



Knowledge Rich Curriculum Plan

SCIENCE- Physics Year 10

Lesson/Learning Sequence	Intended Knowledge: Students will know that	Prior Knowledge: In order to know this, students need to already know that	Working Scientifically	Tiered Vocabulary and Reading Activity
Lesson: Our Solar System	 Students will know that the Sun is the star of our Solar System. Students will know that our Solar system contains planets, dwarf planets, asteroids moons and comets. 	Students need to already know the order of the planets in our Solar system is Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus Students need to already know that planets within our Solar System orbit the Sun	Interpreting data	Tier 2: Celestial: relating to space Tier 3: Satellite: an object that is in orbit around a planet



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	 Students will know that our solar 			Comet: An icy
	system is part of the Milky Way			celestial object
	galaxy.			that is part of a
	 Students will know that galaxies 			Solar System
	contain billions of stars			
	 Students will know that moons are 			
	natural satellites.			
	Students will know that moons orbit			
	planets, and planets (and dwarf			
	planets) orbit the Sun.			
Lesson:	Students will know that a nebula is	Students need to already know that the Sun		Tier 3:
Life Cycle of	a cloud of dust and gas	is a star		Nebula: cloud of
Stars	Students will know that the cloud of	 Students need to already know that nuclear 		gas and dust
	dust and gas is pulled together by	fusion is where two small nuclei fuse		Supernova:
	gravitational attraction.	together to form a larger nucleus.		Explosion of a
	 Students will know that the dust 	•		massive star
	and gas drawn together by gravity			Black hole: part of
	causes fusion reactions			the life cycle of a
	 Students will know that fusion 			star that has
	reactions lead to an equilibrium			gravitational force
	between the gravitational collapse			so strong that
	of a star and the expansion of a star			light can't escape
	due to fusion energy.			
	 Students will know that the life 			
	cycle of a star depends on the size			
	of the star.			
	 Students will know that a star the 			
	same size of the Sun will go from			
	nebula > protostar > main sequence			
	star > red giant > white dwarf >			
	black dwarf			
	Students will know that a star much			
	bigger than the Sun will go from			
	nebula > protostar > main sequence			
	star > red super giant > supernova >			
	neutron star/ black hole			
	 Students will know that fusion in 			
	stars produce all of the naturally			
	occurring elements.			



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Lesson: Orbits and Satellites	 Students will know that elements heavier than iron are produced in a supernova Students will know that a supernova is an explosion of a massive star Students will know that the supernova distributes the elements throughout the universe. Students will know that gravity provides the force that allows planets and satellites to maintain their circular orbits. Students will know that satellites can be natural (e.g. the moon) and artificial Students will know that satellites can be either geostationary (position above Earth doesn't change) or orbital (also known as polar) Students will know how to explain that velocity changes and speed stays constant Students will know that as an orbiting object gets closer to the object its orbiting, its speed 	Students need to already know that planets orbit the Sun. Students need to already know that moons orbit the planets Students need to already know that velocity is a vector quantity	Interpreting data	Tier 2: Artificial: man- made Tier 3: Satellite: object that orbits planets
Lesson: Red-Shift and the Big Bang	 increases. Students will know that an increase in wavelength of light is observed from most distant galaxies. This effect is called red-shift Students will know that further away galaxies have bigger observed increases in wavelengths. This suggests that they are moving away faster. Students will know that red-shift provides evidence that the universe is expanding. Students will know that the Big Bang theory is supported by the 	Students need to already know that the Big Bang Theory is the accepted theory of the start of the Universe	Interpreting graphs Evaluating data	Tier 3: Big Bang theory: theory of the beginning of the Universe where it began as a hot dense area.



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	evidence of red shift and cosmic			
	microwave background radiation			
	 Students will know that the Big 			
	Bang theory suggests that the			
	universe began from a very small			
	region that was extremely hot and			
	dense.			
	 Students will know that 			
	observations of supernovae			
	suggests that distant galaxies are			
	moving faster.			
	 Students will know how to explain 			
	that the change of each galaxy's			
	speed with distance is evidence of			
	an expanding universe			
	 Students will know how to explain 			
	the evidence for the Big Bang model			
	Students will know how to explain			
	how scientists are able to use			
	observations to arrive at theories			
	such as the Big Bang theory			
	Students will know that there is a			
	large amount of the Universe that is			
	still not understood, such as dark			
	mass and dark energy.			