

# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Topics

## **Ecosystems**

**Big Ideas:** Common ecosystems including estuaries, oceans, lakes, ponds, forests, and grasslands have distinct characteristics.

Organisms in an ecosystem are interdependent and can be classified as producers, consumers,

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Visit <u>www.studyjams.com</u> Select *Science*, then *Ecosystem*.

You might also select *Plants*, then <u>Roots & Stems</u>, <u>Photosynthesis</u>, and <u>Plant Adaptations</u>. You can also select *Animals*, then <u>Animal Organ Systems</u>, <u>Animal Life Cycles</u>, and <u>Animal Adaptations</u>.

## **Key Terms:**

- ecosystem producer consumer
- decomposer food web photosynthesis

# **Human Body Systems**

**Big Ideas:** Some traits are learned while others are inherited. Inherited traits are passed from parents to offspring. The human body is made of many systems which perform specific functions necessary for life. These systems include the respiratory, digestive, circulatory, skeletal, muscular, and nervous systems.

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# **Key Terms:**

- traits parent offspring
- multicellular systems functions

# **Motion & Design**

**Big Ideas:** Forces, such as pushes and pulls, will get an object moving. Factors such as gravity, friction, or a change in mass affect the motion of objects. A graph can be created to illustrate an object's change in position over time.

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You might also select *Matter*, then <u>Properties of</u>
<u>Matter</u>, <u>Solids</u>, <u>Liquids</u>, <u>Gases</u>, <u>Physical & Chemical</u>
<u>Changes of Matter</u>, and <u>Energy & Matter</u>.

# **Key Terms:**

- gravity mass friction
- axis physical changes chemical changes

## Weather

**Big Ideas:** Weather data can be collected and used to compare weather patterns and to predict upcoming weather events. North Carolina weather is influenced by the Jet Stream, the Gulf Stream, and global wind patterns.

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Select Science then Weather and Climate.

You might also select *Energy, Heat & Light,* then *Heat* or *Light*. You can also select *Water Cycle* under the *Ecosystems* heading.

## **Key Terms:**

- water cycle temperature convection
- conduction radiation air masses