

# Year 3 Assessment Rubrics

## Year 3 Achievement Standard

By the end of Year 3, students use their understanding of the movement of the Earth, materials and the behaviour of heat to suggest explanations for everyday observations. They describe features common to living things. They describe how they can use science investigations to respond to questions and identify where people use science knowledge in their lives.

Students use their experiences to pose questions and predict the outcomes of investigations. They make formal measurements and follow procedures to collect and present observations in a way that helps to answer the investigations questions. Students suggest possible reasons for their findings. They describe how safety and fairness were considered in their investigations. They use diagrams and other representations to communicate their ideas.

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SCIENCE UNDERSTANDING						
Biological sciences	Living things can be grouped on the basis of observable features and can be distinguished from non-living things (ACSSU044)	Describes features common to living things	<i>Feathers, fur or leaves?</i>  'Lots of drawings' (Resource sheet 9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Makes groups that show combining living and non-living things</li><li>• Makes groups that are arbitrary and not based on significant common features</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identifies groups of things based on their observable features</li><li>• Identifies features that distinguish living from non-living things</li><li>• Makes groups with similar features but which may not correspond to key scientific features</li><li>• Labels groups using scientific names</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identifies non-living things</li><li>• Identifies groups based their observable features</li><li>• Groups living things using observable features and scientific names</li></ul>

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SCIENCE UNDERSTANDING						
Chemical sciences	A change of state between solid and liquid can be caused by adding or removing heat (ACSSU046)	Uses their understanding of materials to suggest explanations for everyday observations	Melting moments ‘Too hot!’ (Resource sheet 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Uses vocabulary to describe the behaviour of heat that might not be key to the activity</li><li>• Discusses that the Sun is a source of heat</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identifies that materials can change between a solid and a liquid when the temperature changes</li><li>• Identifies everyday objects that change between a solid and a liquid when the temperature changes</li><li>• Uses key vocabulary to describe the behaviour of heat</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Predicts the outcomes of investigations supported with detailed evidence based on experiences</li><li>• Makes a considered comparison of results with predictions and provides detailed reasons for findings</li><li>• Provides a detailed understanding of variables and how to conduct a fair test</li></ul>

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SCIENCE UNDERSTANDING						
Earth and space sciences	Earth’s rotation on its axis causes regular changes, including night and day (ACSSU048)	Uses their understanding of the movement of the Earth to suggest explanations for everyday observations	<i>Night and day</i> ‘Where’s the Sun?’ (Resource sheet 1) Annotated drawings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Describes how night is caused by being on the dark or shadow side of the Earth</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Explains how night and day are caused by the Earth rotating on its axis</li><li>Describes the shape and relative sizes of the Sun, Moon and Earth</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provides extended information about how night and day are caused by the Earth rotating on its axis</li></ul>
Physical sciences	Heat can be produced in many ways and can move from one object to another (ACSSU049)	Uses their understanding the behaviour of heat to suggest explanations for everyday observations	<i>Heating up</i> ‘Where’s the heat?’ (Resource sheet 7) Annotated drawings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Locates heat sources</li><li>Discusses that heat can cause objects to melt</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Identifies that heat can be produced in different ways by different heat sources</li><li>Explains that heat can move from one object to another.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Explains that heat moves from the hotter object to the colder object</li><li>Transfers knowledge of the behaviour of heat to explain everyday observations</li></ul>

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SCIENCE AS A HUMAN ENDEAVOUR						
Nature and development of science	Science involves making predictions and describing patterns and relationships (ACSHE050)	Describes how they can use science investigations to respond to questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Feathers, fur or leaves?</i></li><li>• <i>Melting moments</i></li><li>• <i>Night and day</i></li><li>• <i>Heating up</i></li></ul>	Identifies science investigations that relate to questions	Describes how they can use science investigations to respond to questions	Provides a detailed understanding of how they can use science investigations to respond to questions
Use and influence of science	Science knowledge helps people to understand the effect of their actions (ACSHE051)	Identifies where people use science knowledge in their lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Feathers, fur or leaves?</i></li><li>• <i>Melting moments</i></li><li>• <i>Night and day</i></li><li>• <i>Heating up</i></li></ul>	Makes suggestions about where people use science knowledge in their lives	Identifies where people use science knowledge in their lives	Provides a detailed understanding of where people use science knowledge in their lives and in the wider world

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SCIENCE INQUIRY SKILLS						
Questioning and predicting	With guidance, identify questions in familiar contexts that can be investigated scientifically and predict what might happen based on prior knowledge (ACSIS053)	Uses experiences to pose questions and predict the outcomes of investigations	<i>Elaborate</i> phase in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Feathers, fur or leaves?</i></li><li><i>Melting moments</i></li><li><i>Night and day</i></li><li><i>Heating up</i></li></ul>	Makes predictions without supporting evidence	Uses experiences to pose questions and predict the outcomes of investigations	Asks pertinent and investigable questions and predicts the outcomes of investigations supported with detailed evidence based on their knowledge and experiences
Planning and conducting	Suggest ways to plan and conduct investigations to find answers to questions (ACSIS054)	Describes how they can use science investigations to respond to questions	<i>Elaborate</i> phase in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Melting moments</i></li><li><i>Night and day</i></li></ul>	Makes suggestions about planning or conducting science investigations	Describes how they can use science investigations to respond to questions	Demonstrates a detailed understanding of how they can plan and conduct science investigations to respond to questions

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SCIENCE INQUIRY SKILLS						
Planning and conducting	Safely use appropriate materials, tools or equipment to make and record observations, using formal measurements and digital technologies as appropriate (ACSIS054)	Makes formal measurements and follow procedures to collect and present observations  Describes how safety was considered in the investigation	<i>Elaborate</i> phase in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Feathers, fur or leaves?</i></li><li>• <i>Melting moments</i></li><li>• <i>Night and day</i></li><li>• <i>Heating up</i></li></ul>	Follows guidelines on making and recording observations and using materials safely	Makes formal measurements and follows procedures to collect and present observations  Describes how safety was considered in the investigation	Independently records and presents observations using formal measurements where appropriate  Describes in detail how and why safety was considered in the investigation
	Use a range of methods including tables and simple column graphs to represent data and to identify patterns and trends (ACSIS057)	Presents observations in a way that helps to answer the investigation questions	<i>Elaborate</i> phase in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Feathers, fur or leaves?</i></li><li>• <i>Melting moments</i></li><li>• <i>Night and day</i></li><li>• <i>Heating up</i></li></ul>	Follows simple procedures to represent observations	Presents observations in a way that helps to answer the investigation questions	Has knowledge of different ways to represent data and uses these to identify meaningful patterns and trends
Processing and analysing data and information	Compare results with predictions, suggesting possible reasons for findings (ACSIS215)	Suggests possible reasons for findings	<i>Elaborate</i> phase in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Feathers, fur or leaves?</i></li><li>• <i>Night and day</i></li></ul>	Suggests reasons for findings that are obvious and follow explicitly from given evidence	Suggests possible reasons for findings	Applies scientific concepts and knowledge and constructs claims based on evidence to explain phenomena

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SCIENCE INQUIRY SKILLS						
Evaluating	Reflect on the investigation, including whether a test was fair or not (ACSIS058)	Describes how fairness was considered in the investigation	<i>Elaborate</i> phase in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Feathers, fur or leaves?</i></li><li><i>Melting moments</i></li><li><i>Night and day</i></li><li><i>Heating up</i></li></ul>	Demonstrates a non-scientific idea of a fair investigation	Describes how fairness was considered in the investigation	Identifies variables and articulates why a test is fair or not, and suggests ways to improve the investigation
Communicating	Represent and communicate ideas and findings in a variety of ways such as diagrams, physical representations and simple reports (ACSIS060)	Uses diagrams and other representations to communicate their ideas	<i>Elaborate</i> phase in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Melting moments</i></li><li><i>Heating up</i></li></ul>	Chooses from a limited repertoire of ways to represent and communicate their ideas and findings	Uses diagrams and other representations to communicate their ideas	Considers a variety of representations to communicate their ideas and findings

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#### GLOSSARY

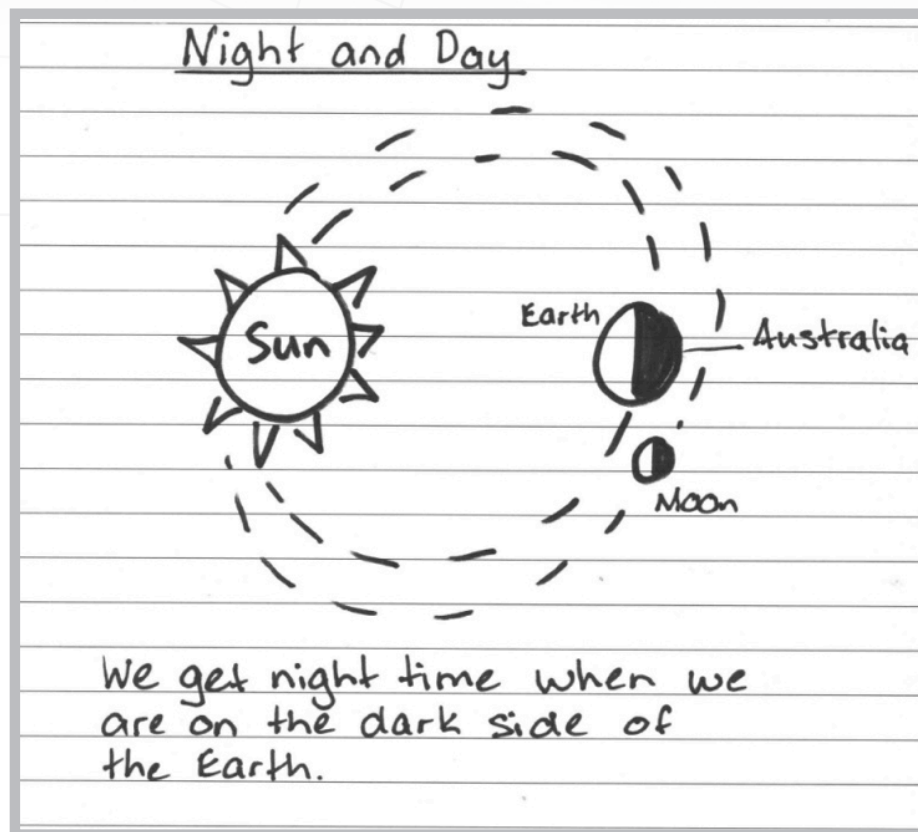
- Describe** Give an account of characteristics or features.
- Identify** Establish or indicate who or what someone or something is.
- Considered** Formed after careful thought.

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## Year 3 **Work samples**

### *Night and day*

### Summative Assessment of Science Understanding

Below Achievement Standard

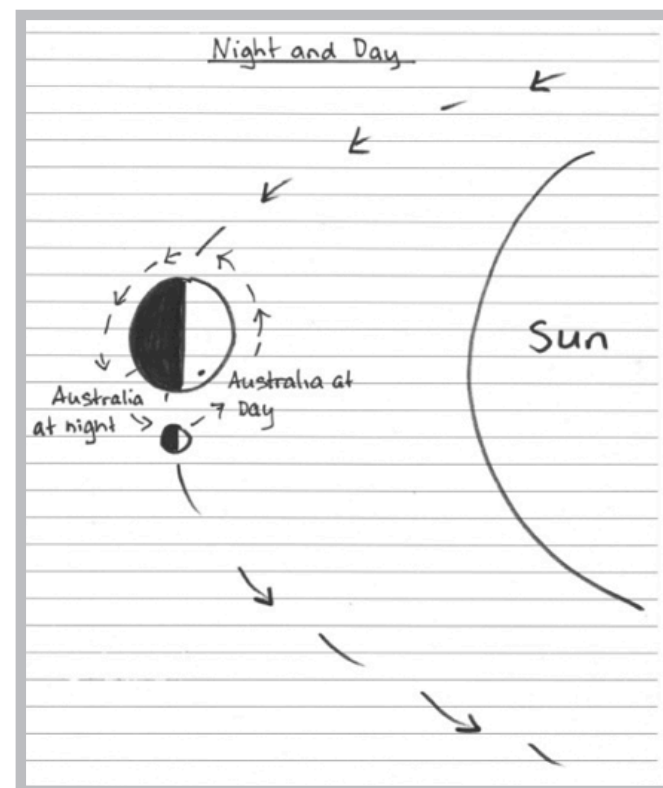
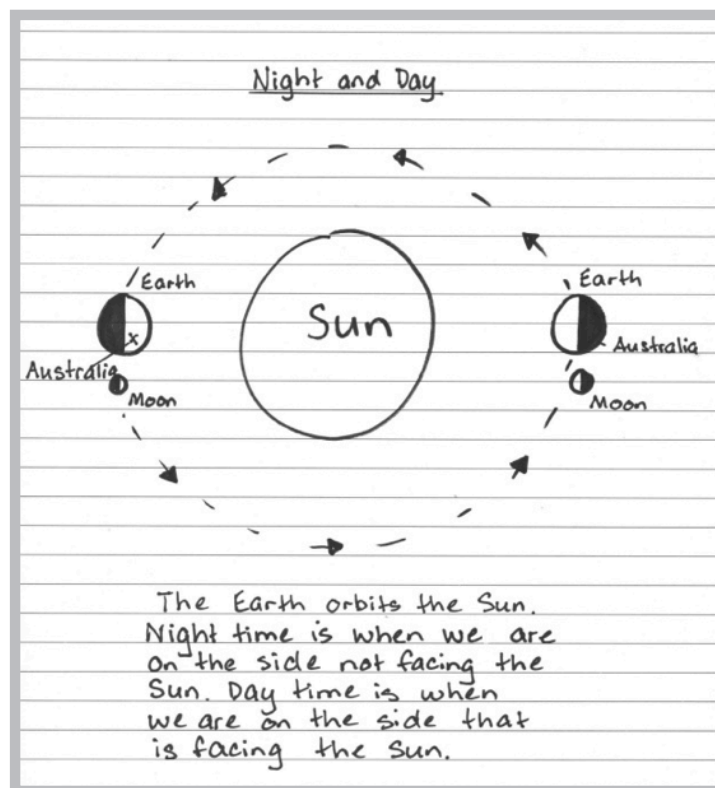


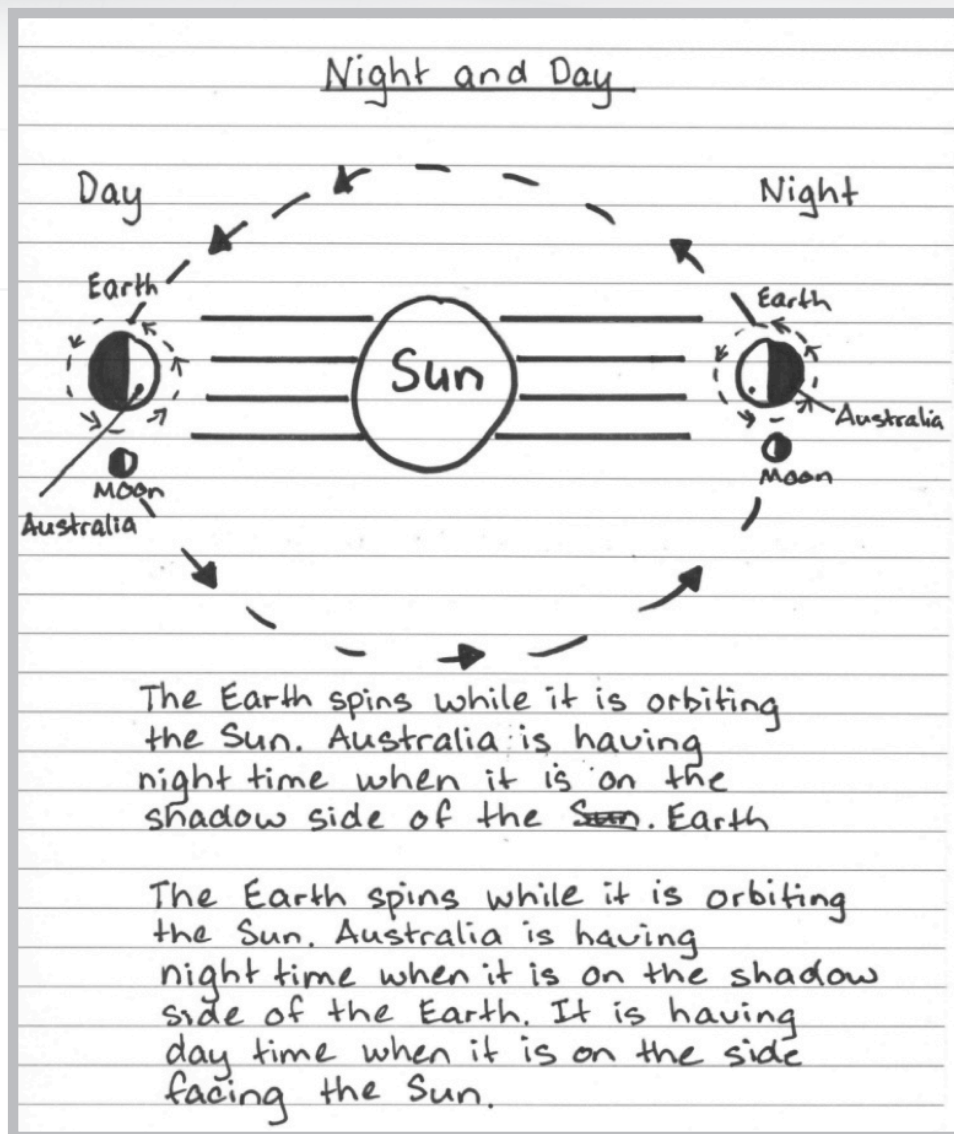
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### Night and day

### Summative Assessment of Science Understanding

### At Achievement Standard





## Year 3 **Work samples**

### *Night and day*

### **Summative Assessment of Science Understanding**

Above Achievement Standard

## Year 3 Work samples

### **Night and day** **Summative Assessment of Science Inquiry Skills**

#### **Below Achievement Standard**

#### Questioning and predicting

What do you predict will happen? Why?

The shadow will be long and then get shorter.

Give scientific explanations for your prediction

#### Planning and conducting

We could go outside and measure the stick's shadow.

#### Evaluating

**Evaluating the investigation**

What challenges did you experience doing this investigation?

It was windy

How did you, or how could you, overcome them?

Stop the wind with rocks

How could you improve this investigation (fairness, accuracy)?

Put rocks on the paper

## Year 3 Work samples

### Night and day

### Summative Assessment of Science Inquiry Skills

#### At Achievement Standard

#### Questioning and predicting

What do you predict will happen? Why?

The shadow will get shorter and then longer during the day because the Sun moves during the day.

Give scientific explanations for your prediction

#### Planning and conducting

We could measure the shadow length by measuring it in the morning, at lunch time and before we go home.

#### Evaluating

**Evaluating the investigation**

What challenges did you experience doing this investigation?

The paper kept moving because of the wind. Also it was cloudy.

How did you, or how could you, overcome them?

We put stones on the paper so it wouldn't move.

How could you improve this investigation (fairness, accuracy)?

Do the investigation on a day when there is no wind or clouds. which would make the test more fair. when we measure

resource sheet 3

## Year 3 Work samples

### Night and day

### Summative Assessment of Science Inquiry Skills

#### Above Achievement Standard

#### Questioning and predicting

What do you predict will happen? Why?

I predict the length and direction will change because the Sun moves across the sky and so shadows change too.

Give scientific explanations for your prediction

#### Planning and conducting

We could put the stick in the ground and keep measuring how long the shadow is during the day and see when it is longer and shorter.

#### Evaluating

**Evaluating the investigation**

What challenges did you experience doing this investigation?

Sometimes it was hard to measure on time because clouds were blocking the Sunlight.

How did you, or how could you, overcome them?

We waited for the clouds to go and then we measured the shadow length.

How could you improve this investigation (fairness, accuracy)?

We could do the investigation on a day with no clouds then the test would be more fair because we could measure at the exact times.

Resource sheet 3

# Student Self-Assessment

## Night and day Year 3 Earth and Space sciences

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Strand	What I can do	I need help to do this	I can do this	I can do this very well
<b>Science Understanding</b>	I can show how the Earth moves around the Sun.			
	I can show how night and day are caused by the Earth moving around the Sun.			
<b>Science as a Human Endeavour</b>	I can say how we can use science to help us understand about night and day.			
	I can say where we use what we have learnt in science in our lives.			
<b>Science Inquiry Skills</b>	I can predict what will happen to the length of the shadow of a stick during the day.			
	I can describe what variables are.			
	I can describe what a fair test is.			
	I can measure the length of the stick's shadow in centimetres.			
	I can make a column graph of the results of the shadow investigation.			
	I can explain why we got the results we did from the investigation.			
	I can say how we might improve the investigation to make it more fair.			

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