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# **Ecosystems Everywhere (K)**

Hello! This document includes a brief outline of our Ecosystems Everywhere workshop, as well as relevant BC curriculum connections. In this workshop, students will learn about the fundamentals of living things and how they interact in ecosystems. They will then explore the basics of plant life by building their very own biodome!

BC Curriculum Ties	BC Science Curriculum Links K:
(In addition to satisfying multiple core competencies)	Content  Basic needs of plants and animals  Include habitat — food, water, shelter, and space  Adaptations of local plants and animals  May include structural features or behaviors that allow organisms to survive  Living things make changes to accommodate daily and seasonal cycles  Ilving things may make physical and behavioral changes to survive in different conditions (e.g., migration, hibernation, etc.)  Questioning and Predicting & Processing and Analyzing data and Information  Demonstrate curiosity and a sense of wonder about the world
	<ul> <li>Observe objects and events in familiar contexts</li> <li>Experience and interpret the local environment</li> </ul>
Grade Levels	K
Time	1~1.5 Hours

1. Be able to identify the differences between living and non-
living things
2. Understand how plants, animals, and the environment are
linked through the food chain
3. Understand the basic needs of plants

# **Activity Descriptions**

### Living vs Non-living

Objective: To explain to students the difference between living and non-living things Participants will:

- Learn the characteristics of living things such as the ability to adapt and grow
- Play a fun, active game where the students will have to choose if something is living or non-living

### **Ecosystem Collage**

Objective: To show students how all the plants and animals in an environment interact Participants will:

- Learn about ecosystems and try to name plants and animals that exist in a given ecosystem
- Draw the plants and animals they named
- Combine all of their drawing in a classroom collage

#### **Plant Biodome**

Objective: To show students what plants need to survive Participants will:

- Learn how soil, water, sunlight, and air are needed for plants to grow
- Use their green thumb to create their own plant biodome that will grow!

We can't wait to connect with your school & expose your students to the STEM field with our exciting, hands-on STEM activities!



