Soil and Rocks

LESSON PLAN

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

The students learn about

- ♦ soil and its formation
- types of soil and features of each type
- ♦ different layers of soil
- ♦ importance of soil
- rocks and gems, and their uses

TEACHING AIDS

Animation/pictures/charts on different types of soil, layers of soil, rocks and gems; Samples of different types of soil and its components, rocks.

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- ♦ Teacher will start the lesson with 'Science Vocabulary' section by telling the meaning/definition of new terms which are used in the chapter.
- ♦ Now, teacher will show the samples of soil and make students feel it by touching that it is formed of many things and give a simple brief introduction of soil.
- ♦ With the help of teaching aids, teacher will explain the process of soil formation.
- ♦ Showing samples/pictures/charts/animation on different types of soil, teacher will explain the types of soil and features of each type.
- For better understanding, teacher can perform Activity given under the head 'Clayey soil'.
- ♦ Teacher will explain that colour of soil changes from place to place.
- ❖ To check the understanding of the topics taught, teacher will ask students to solve 'Check Point 1'.
- ♦ With the help of teaching aids, teacher will explain different layers of soil.
- ♦ To show different components of soil, teacher can perform Activity given under the head 'Layers of soil'.
- ♦ Teacher will emphasise that the components of layers of soil are different from each other.
- ♦ Now, teacher will explain the importance of soil to the living beings.
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- ♦ Teacher will give a brief idea of rocks and gems (considering the class level of students).
- ♦ Now, teacher will make students solve 'Check Point 2'.
- ♦ The teacher will sum up the chapter by going through the points given under the head 'Wrapping it up'.
- ♦ Finally, the teacher will help students to solve all the questions given in the 'Exercises'.

BOOST UP

- ♦ Teacher may encourage students to collect samples of soil from different locations.
- ♦ Students can be asked to collect different types of stones and use them in some creative work such as model making, decoration, etc.
- ♦ Teacher can give a brief idea of soil pollution and ways to stop it in very simple way (considering the class level of students).

EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

The students

- ♦ understand what soil is and how it is formed.
- ⇒ can differentiate between different types of soil.
- ♦ can identify different layers of soil and their components.
- know the importance of soil to living beings.
- have a brief idea of rocks and gems.

EVALUATIVE QUESTIONS

The teacher may ask the following questions for evaluating learning and understanding of students.

- 1. Where does soil come from?
- **2.** How do rocks get cracked?
- 3. Which type of soil has more air spaces between its particles?
- **4.** Which type of soil has smallest particles?
- **5.** How many layers does the soil have?
- 6. What does the top layer of soil contain?