

Skeletons Inside and Out		Grade 2: Growth and Changes in Animals	
Curriculum Connections	Topic	Life Systems	
	Fundamental Concepts	Structure and Function	
<p><b>Description</b>            In this lesson, students will explore the difference between an endoskeleton and an exoskeleton, as well as why some animals have one over the other. Students will have the chance to build their own exoskeleton.</p>			
<p><b>Big Ideas</b>            Animals have distinct characteristics</p>		<p><b>Overall Expectations</b>            2. investigate similarities and differences in the characteristics of various animals            3. demonstrate an understanding that animals grow and change and have distinct characteristics</p>	
<p><b>Specific Expectations</b>            2.5 investigate the ways in which a variety of animals adapt to their environment and/or to changes in their environment            3.2 describe an adaptation as a characteristic body part, shape, or behaviour that helps a plant or animal survive in its environment</p>			