

KS1 – Lesson Plan 1

What do we see in the sky during the day?

Aim: To learn about the Sun and clouds in the sky during the day.	Key Words: Sun, clouds, sky, day, shine	Preparation: • Pictures of the Sun and clouds • Blue construction paper • Cotton wool • Yellow paper or foam • Glue and scissors
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Prior Learning: basic understanding of day and night.

Warm-up:

Show pictures of the Sun and different types of clouds. Ask children what they notice about the sky during the day and what makes it look different from nighttime.

Main Teach:

1. **Describe the Day Sky:** explain that during the day we see the Sun in the sky, which shines brightly and makes the sky look blue. Discuss how clouds can be white or grey and move across the sky.
2. **Sun and Clouds Activity:** use pictures to show how the Sun and clouds look in the sky. Explain that clouds can cover the Sun and make the sky look different.

Activity:

Create a Day Sky Picture: children make their own picture of the day sky using blue construction paper for the background. They glue cotton wool to represent clouds and cut out yellow paper or foam shapes for the Sun. Encourage them to add their own details to their sky pictures.

Extension Challenge:

Weather Watch: over a week, children observe and draw the sky each day, noting the Sun and clouds. They can share their drawings and talk about what they noticed.

Plenary:

Review what makes the sky look different during the day. Ask children to show and describe their pictures and share one thing they learned about the day sky.

ART	Make a sun and cloud hat using paper and craft materials to wear and display their day sky creations.
D.T.	Create a simple sun and cloud moving mobile using paper plates and straws to show how the Sun and clouds can move across the sky.