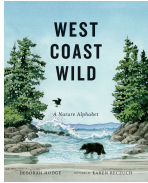


## INFORMATION ON

# WEST COAST WILD & THE BC SCIENCE CURRICULUM

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The BC Ministry of Education has recently implemented a new curriculum for all subjects and grades. Adoption of the curriculum by teachers is now mandatory. This document explains how *West Coast Wild: A Nature Alphabet* by Deborah Hodge fits with the new BC science curriculum.

### HOW WEST COAST WILD ALIGNS WITH THE NEW BC SCIENCE CURRICULUM

The new science curriculum includes an emphasis in these areas:

- a focus on place and locality in British Columbia
- a strengthened focus on ecology and environmental education
- Aboriginal perspectives reflected in the content at each grade level

#### PLACE AND LOCALITY

*West Coast Wild* focuses on a specific place and locality. The book is set in BC's Pacific Rim region of the Pacific west coast.

#### FOCUS ON ECOLOGY

*West Coast Wild* has a strong focus on ecology and the environment. The book features a unique ecosystem where a temperate rainforest meets the sea and describes an extraordinary community of plants and animals that thrive in an interconnected web of life.

#### ABORIGINAL PERSPECTIVE

*West Coast Wild* acknowledges an Aboriginal perspective. The book recognizes the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations who have lived as stewards of the land and sea in this area for thousands of years. In their words, "Everything is one and all is connected."

#### GRADES K-2

*West Coast Wild* is intended for an audience of Grades K-2. The new BC science curriculum for these grades includes some specific content and learning goals that align with the content of this book:

- life cycles of local plants and animals
- basic needs of plants and animals (food, water, shelter and space)
- how local plants and animals depend on their environment

- how different features of plants and animals help them meet their basic needs and survive in their environment
- daily or seasonal changes and how plants and animals are affected by these
- stewardship of the environment

#### LANGUAGE ARTS CONNECTION

*West Coast Wild* is an alphabet book and it presents an example of an important literary technique that can be used to encourage the development of reading and writing skills in the primary grades.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on *West Coast Wild: A Nature Alphabet* by Deborah Hodge, please see her website. Thank you for your interest!

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