The Primary Australian Literacy Mathematics & Science (PALMS) Program aims to enrich and support the teaching of earth science from Kindergarten to Year 6 across Australia. This will be achieved by providing, within the mandated Earth and Space Science curriculum, hands-on activities integrating aspects of Chemical Sciences, Physical Sciences and Biological Sciences as well as relevant components of English, Mathematics and other subjects into teaching packages.

These teaching packages will be made available at www.palms.edu.au.

Earth and Space Sciences

As there is no mandated curriculum for science in Kindergarten, this package is an overview covering a wide range of topics that students will cover in subsequent years. The main focus of the Earth and Space Sciences package is to enthuse and excite students, sparking their curiosity for this important topic. The package also aims to develop students' scientific literacy and investigation skills, using their senses to explore the world around them.

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