

CLASS 8

SCIENCE

REVISION NOTES

Revision Notes: Class 8 Science Chapter 1 Exploring the Investigative World of Science

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Purpose of the chapter: an orientation chapter that previews every topic covered later in the Grade 8 Curiosity book (microorganisms & health, electricity, force & pressure, matter, light, natural phenomena, ecosystems, climate) while teaching how to investigate.

The scientific method (as taught here): (1) start with a focused question born from curiosity/observation → (2) design a simple experiment, deciding what you can change/control (variables) and what you will observe/measure (outcomes) → (3) change only one variable at a time while keeping other conditions constant, noting everything observed → (4) analyse results and draw conclusions, which often leads to new follow-up questions rather than one final answer.

Progression across grades: Grade 6 focuses on wonder ('why/how' questions); Grade 7 shows how answers open new questions; Grade 8 is about designing experiments and controlling variables to actually test ideas.

Key vocabulary: curiosity, investigation, scientific question, variable, observation/measurement, controlling one variable at a time, systematic investigation.

Central worked example: why a puri/batura/phulka puffs up unevenly when fried — used to identify controllable variables (dough thickness, flour type, oil temperature, drop technique) versus observable outcomes (puffs or not, time to puff, thin-side persistence).

Two recurring symbols in the book: a root (grounding in real observation/tradition) and a kite (imagination/curiosity taking flight) — together representing the balance good investigation needs.

Why it matters: reframes science from memorising facts to finding out facts yourself — every student is a 'young investigator', and the chapter is honest that even the puri-puffing phenomenon isn't fully understood by scientists today.

No formal exercise: unlike most chapters, this one has only in-text discussion questions, no end-of-chapter numbered exercise.

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