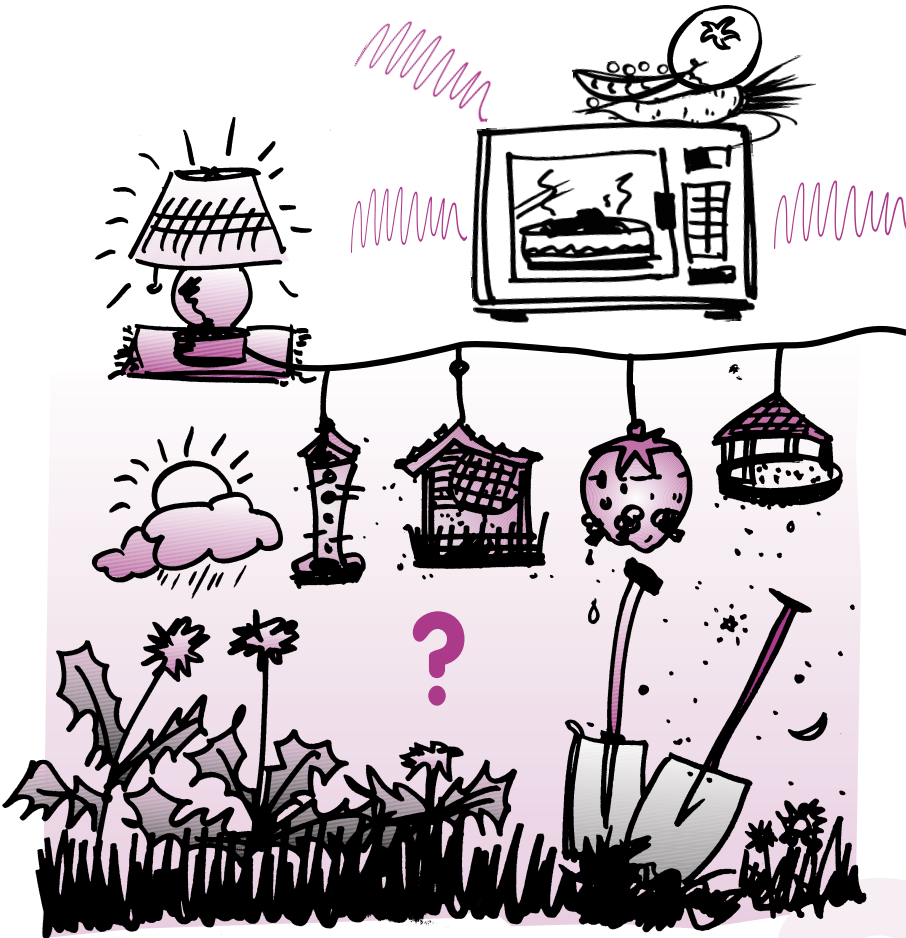


Science Surrounds Us

Here are some examples of questions children ask.

These and others provide a great starting point to have fun with your child in investigating the answers.



In the Home

- why does bread rise?
- how does a microwave cook my food?
- which diaper absorbs the most?
- how can I clean the grease off pots?
- why do I need to eat my vegetables?
- how does a light switch work?

In the Backyard

- what do plants need to grow?
- how can I build my own composter?
- why is it so hard to get rid of weeds?
- which type of shovel is best to dig a hole?
- which birdfeeder attracts more birds?
- what stars can I see at night?

In the Playground

- how can I balance on the teeter-totter with my dad?
- why do I sweat?
- which bicycle gear will help me get up a hill?
- why can't I roller-blade on the grass?
- why does the metal bench rust?
- why do I have to wear sunscreen?

Your child's question can lead to investigations using:

- observations
- simple experiments
- construction projects
- discussions
- research (print, Internet, asking an "expert")

