

The Unit Study Planner: A How-To Guide

A **unit study** explores one topic across several subjects at once, for example a "Ladybugs" unit that covers science, reading, and art together. The **Unit Study Planner** gives each unit study one place to plan the subjects and skills it covers, the books and resources you will use, the hands-on activities and field trips, and what everyone learned along the way.

Unit Study Planner

+ New unit study

Plan a themed unit study: the subjects and skills it covers, the books and resources you will use, hands-on activities and field trips, and what you learned along the way.

Ladybugs Aug 10, 2026 – Aug 21, 2026

SUBJECTS	SKILLS DEVELOPED
Science, Reading, Art	Observation, life-cycle sequencing, fine-motor drawing

WHAT WE LEARNED

Key facts: Ladybugs are beetles; they eat aphids; a ladybug can eat 5,000 insects in its lifetime.

New information: Not all ladybugs are red, and spots are not their age.

- Ladybugs help gardens by eating pests
- Insects grow through metamorphosis

2 activities

2 hands-on ideas

Resources

View / edit

Delete

You will find it in the left-hand menu under **Plan & Teach**, as **Unit Study Planner**.

The page at a glance

Each unit study you create appears as a card showing its title and date range, the **Subjects** and **Skills Developed** it covers, a short **What We Learned** summary, and small chips telling you how many **activities** and **hands-on ideas** it has and whether it lists any **resources**. Each card has a **View / edit** button and a **Delete** button.

Before you add anything, the page shows a short "No unit studies yet. Start one for a topic you want to explore across subjects." message.

Starting a unit study

1. Click + **New unit study** (top-right). The planning form opens right on the page, no popup window.
2. Fill in as much or as little as you like. Only the **Unit / Topic** name is required; every other field is optional, so you can start with a title and flesh the unit out later.

New unit study

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Unit / Topic

What are you studying?

Start date (optional)

mm/dd/yyyy



End date (optional)

mm/dd/yyyy



Subjects & Skills Developed

Subjects

Subjects covered...

Skills Developed

Skills practiced...

Planning & Resources

Books

Videos / Documentaries

Websites / Online

Printables / Worksheets

Supplies / Materials

Activities

+ Add activity

Hands-On Ideas & Field Trips

+ Add idea

What We Learned

Key Facts

New Information

Important Takeaways

+ Add takeaway

Cancel

Save unit study

The form is grouped into sections:

Section	What goes here
Unit / Topic	The name of the study (for example, "Ladybugs"), plus an optional Start date and End date .
Subjects & Skills Developed	The subjects the unit touches and the skills your children practice.
Planning & Resources	Free-text lists of Books, Videos / Documentaries, Websites / Online, Printables / Worksheets , and Supplies / Materials .
Activities	A list of activities to do during the unit; add a row for each, with an optional date.
Hands-On Ideas & Field Trips	A list of hands-on ideas and outings for the unit.
What We Learned	Key Facts and New Information you want to capture as you go.
Important Takeaways	A short list of the big ideas to remember.

3. Click **Save** to keep the unit study, or **Cancel** to discard it. Saved units appear as cards at the top of the page.

Tip: You do not have to fill everything in before you start teaching. Save the unit with just a title and the subjects, then come back and add resources, activities, and what you learned as the unit unfolds.

Editing a unit study

Click **View / edit** on a card to reopen the same form with everything filled in. Change any field, add activities or takeaways, then click **Save**. Your changes take effect right away.

Deleting a unit study

Click **Delete** on a card. Your browser asks you to confirm, since this cannot be undone. Click **OK** to remove the unit study, or **Cancel** to keep it.

Quick reference

I want to...	Do this
Open the planner	Left menu → Plan & Teach → Unit Study Planner
Start a unit study	+ New unit study → fill in the form → Save
Add activities or field trips	In the form, add rows under Activities or Hands-On Ideas & Field Trips
Record what you learned	Fill in Key Facts , New Information , and Important Takeaways
Change a unit study	View / edit on its card → change → Save
Remove a unit study	Delete on its card → confirm

Screenshots use the sample "Demo Family" account.