



PYP Program of Inquiry

2018-2019

Grade Age: 3-4 years old						
Transdisciplinary Theme	Who we are	Where we are in place and time	How we express ourselves	How the world works	How we organize ourselves	Sharing the planet
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Subject Focus	PSE		PSE	Science Social Studies PSE		Science PSE
Central Idea	People’s unique characteristics shape their identity		Understanding our feelings helps us express ourselves in different ways.	Water exists in the world in different forms and is used in various ways		Animals adapt to their environment in order to grow and survive

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Describing my characteristics * How people are the same and different *How I change over time 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Identification of our feelings * Ways people express their feelings * Our responsibility in expressing our feelings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sources of water * How does water change * Uses of sources of water 	
Key concepts	Form, connection, change		Form, perspective, responsibility	Form, change, function		Form, function, causation

Grade Age: 4-5 years old						
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Subject Focus	Social Studies PSE		PSE	Science PSE		Science PSE
Central Idea	Developing relationships require mindful interactions		Arts are modes of expression that promote creativity	Understanding the way the materials behave and interact determines how people use them to meet their needs		Plants are living things that have a role in our lives

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Lines of inquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * How relationships develop * Setting goals to promote relationships * My role as member in a classroom community 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Different forms of arts * Using the arts as means of expression * How people interpret arts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Exploring different materials * Manipulation of material * Reusing material 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Characteristics of plants * The different uses of plants * Our responsibility towards plants in our environment
Key concepts	Causation, perspective, responsibility		Form, function, perspective	Form, change, function		Form, perspective, responsibility

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Subject Focus	PSE		Social Studies Language PSE	Science Social Studies PSE	PSE	Science Social Studies PSE
Central Idea	Increasing awareness of personal abilities allows people to challenge and improve themselves		Stories communicate ideas and beliefs that connect people to different cultures	Exploring light allows people to use it to meet their interests and needs	Play allows us to explore and express ourselves in different ways	Small creatures interact with their environments and make differences in the world around us

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Age: years old						
Lines of inquiry	Who we are * Identifying personal abilities * Exploring various strategies to improve our abilities * Setting goals to improve ourselves	Where we are in place and time	How we express ourselves * Different genres that tell a story * Why stories are created * Stories stem from different cultures	How the world works *Different sources of light * The uses of light to meet people’s needs * The impact of light on our lives	How we organize ourselves * What is play * How reflecting on our play helps us to improve * How we share our ideas and interpretations with others	Sharing the planet *Small creatures that live on our environment * The role of small creatures in the environment * Human responsibility towards small creatures
	Key concepts Form, function, responsibility		Form, function, connection	Form,function, causation		Form, function, responsibility

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Central Idea	Friendships enrich our lives and require nurturing in order to develop	Celebrations are a reflection of various cultures	Simple machines impact our daily lives	People use their senses to investigate properties of matter	School communities may be enriched by their members and the different ideas they bring	Living things interact within their habitats to meet their needs

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Lines of inquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Maintaining a good friendship* Importance of friendships* Characteristics that develop a healthy friendship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Characteristics of celebrations* The history of celebrations* Similarities and differences of celebrations around the world	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Different types of simple machines* How the use of simple machines depend on force and energy* The effect of machines on our lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Properties of matter* Changes in matter* Our senses as tools to investigate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Who are the people who work in a school community* What different roles are played by members of our school community* How do members of our school community work together	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Characteristics of living things* How living things meet their needs within their habitats* Our responsibility in maintaining healthy habitats

Key concepts		Function- causation- connection	Form, function, connection	Form, change, function		
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Central Idea	Our individual characteristics can make a contribution to our community.	Exploring the past reveals the way people are connected.	People manipulate materials to express their creativity.	Earth's predictable patterns determine the behavior of living things.	Cities have special characteristics that make them unique.	All living things go through a process of change.

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1. What makes a person significant
 2. Factors that influence our choice of relationships
 3. Our responsibilities as role model

1. The history of the place we come from
 2. The geographical characteristics of a place
 3. How aspects of our history influence our identity

1. What are the characteristics of different materials
 2. Manipulation and application of materials to new purposes
 3. Our understanding of these creative achievements

1. Patterns related to Earth’s natural cycles (sun, moon, gravity)
 2. Natural Cycles (day/night, seasons)
 3. Assessing the impact of natural cycles on living things

1. The natural features of cities
 2. Similarities and differences between cities
 3. Attractions that make cities special and unique

1. Life cycles
 2. How living things change over their lifetime
 3. Developmental stages of various living things

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Central Idea	The role of rights and responsibilities in our society (year Long).	The relationship of ancient civilizations to the modern world.	Appreciating what people believe can enable us to become global citizens.	Uses of different forces causes change in the environment.	Human activities have an interdependence with the natural world.	People can make choices to support the sustainability of water.

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Lines of inquiry	1. What are rights and responsibilities 2. The impact of rights and responsibilities on humankind and the environment 3. Influences on rights and responsibilities	1. Characteristics of civilizations 2. Achievements of ancient civilizations 3. How past civilizations relate to our current lives	1. Characteristics of a global citizen 2. Similarities and differences among belief systems 3. How do we express ourselves as global citizens	1. The different uses of force 2. The changes caused by the use of force 3. How understanding force helps us understand our world	1. Characteristics of biomes 2. Effects of human economic activities on biomes 3. Our responsibility in maintaining sustainable biomes	1. properties and states of water 2. The availability & distribution of water 3. The choices people make to manage the use of water
Key concepts	Form, Change, Causation	Form, Change, Connection	Form, Perspective, Function	Function, Change, Connection	Form, Causation, Responsibility	Change, Causation, Responsibility

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Central Idea	•The human body is a complex machine dependent on its systems	•Human migration is a response to challenges, risks and opportunities	•Inventions shape the lives of humankind	•Light and sound help people experience their world	•Economic systems and conditions guide decision making	•Our use of natural resources entails social and environmental consequences

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Lines of inquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Body systems and how they function •The interdependence of body systems • Systems in our body interact to achieve balance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Reasons why people migrate •Migration throughout history •Effects of migration on communities cultures and individuals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •How inventions stem from ideas • Evolution of inventions • Impact of inventions on everyday life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sources of light and sound • Ways lights and sounds are experienced • How light and sound can be changed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Characteristics of economic systems •How different economic systems work together internationally •How economic systems have an impact on us 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What natural resources are •Consumption of natural resources •The responsibility of stakeholders in conserving natural resources.
Key concepts						

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Central Idea	Many factors play a role in developing a sense of self	The time and place of events shape lives and experiences throughout history	Media informs the way we understand the world	Our everyday life depends on reliable energy sources.	Government structures and institutions regulate the way we live	Maintaining healthy ecosystems supports life on Earth

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Lines of inquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The characteristic that identify self-knowledge •How self-efficacy can be developed •Addressing the complexity of evolving identity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How geography has a role in history • The history of events affects the lives of people. •The geo- political analysis of current events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The use of persuasive language, images and sound in media •How media affects values, perceptions and knowledge •What it means to be media literate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The different forms and changes of energy •The different sources of energy •Our responsibility in harnessing energy in a sustainable way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Government systems •Why governments are formed •How different governments interact and cooperate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ecosystems are part of the natural environment •The interdependent relationships in ecosystems •Human responsibilities towards maintaining balanced ecosystems
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