

Elementary School Programme of Inquiry 2022-2023

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Central idea	Family relationships contribute to shaping our identity.		Through play we express our feelings and ideas and come to new understandings.	The Earth's natural cycles influence the activity of living things.		The sea is a habitat that needs to be preserved.
Lines of inquiry	Different families Responsibilities within the family How families influence who we become		Communicating through play Imaginative use of materials The role of toys in play	Natural cycles (eg night and day, weather patterns, seasons) The actions people take in response to Earth's natural cycles Patterns of behaviour in living things related to Earth's natural cycles		What lives in the sea What sea creatures need to survive How our actions affect sea life

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Central idea	People's relationships with each other can have an impact on well-being.		Stories can engage their audience and communicate meaning.	All living things go through a process of change.	People play different roles in the communities to which they belong.	Plants sustain life on Earth and play a role in our lives.
Lines of inquiry	How we develop relationships How relationships affect us Roles and behaviours within relationships		How to construct an effective story What stories can convey How stories are created and shared Feelings and emotions that stories evoke	Patterns of growth How living things change over their Lifetime Factors that can influence life cycles	Various communities we belong to How to take care of ourselves and others. Roles of people who are part of our Communities How communities are organized	Caring for plants Products we derive from plants How plants contribute to life on Earth

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Central idea	Our choices define who we are as individuals and as a community.	We build a home to satisfy our needs.	Celebrations and traditions are expressions of shared beliefs.	The properties of materials influence the design of buildings and structures.		Animals and people interact in different ways in different contexts.
Lines of inquiry	How to work as an individual, and together as a class, a school, and a community Choices that help us learn The differences between ourselves and others: expressing personal abilities and interests	Our needs Similarities and differences of places that meet our needs Designing our own places	Why people celebrate Features of traditions and celebrations Symbolic representations of celebrations and traditions	The properties of different materials The behaviour of materials Using our understanding of properties to choose material		Characteristics of animals and their needs The different roles animals play in people's lives Our responsibility for the well-being of animals

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Central idea	The choices people make affect their health and well-being.	Learning about previous generations helps us understand the relationship between the past and the present.	Images communicate ideas and information.	People apply their understanding of forces and energy to invent and create.	Communities create transportation systems that meet their needs.	People interact with, use and value local environments in different ways.
Lines of inquiry	What it means to have a balanced lifestyle How the choices we make affect our health Different sources of information that help us make choices	Ways to find out about the past How aspects of the past still influence us today Why some behaviours and practices have changed or remained the same over time	The use of static images in different media How design elements of images support communication How we interpret and respond to images	Inventions that impact people's lives How circumstances lead to the creation of important inventions How understanding forces and energy helps inventors	Features of different transportation systems Decisions involved in using transportation How systems of transportation respond to changing needs	Natural and human-made elements of local environments How local environments addresses people's needs How natural spaces are valued in local environments

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Central idea	Folk tales from around the world provide new perspectives of self and others through cultures, values, and beliefs.	Exploration can lead to discovery and new understandings.	People communicate their customs and cultures through dance and movement.	Changes in the Earth impacts people.	Money can impact people in a positive or negative way.	Water is an essential, finite resource that we need to use responsibly.
Lines of inquiry	The differences and similarities of folk tales around the world The moral lessons in folk tales impact our own beliefs of self and others How people respond to different beliefs	Methods and reasons for exploration Consequences of exploration How exploration has changed over time	Different styles of dance How forms of movement and creativity can demonstrate values and beliefs Dances from different cultures	Why the Earth changes Natural disasters caused by Earth's changes How natural disasters impact people	The origin of money and why we need it Systems to earn , manage and spend money How money influences people	The sources and uses of water How the water cycle supports life on Earth The distribution and availability of usable water Our responsibility regarding water

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Central idea	Our beliefs can change the way we behave	Learning about past societies can help people to understand continuity and change throughout time.	Throughout history people have used art to tell stories that connect to their experiences.	Scientific processes can be used to investigate how forms of energy are stored and transformed.	A sustainable food production system can help protect ecosystems and provide a healthy diet to the world's population	People can make choices to support the sustainability of the Earth's resources.
Lines of inquiry	What we believe How beliefs influence the way we behave Understanding and respecting other people's perspectives	How we can learn about societies in the past Similarities and differences between past and present societies How societies change over time	How to tell a story effectively The storyteller and the audience throughout history How stories can connect to our lives	The scientific process The different forms of energy How energy is used and transformed	Systems that provide food to people Food production and eco systems Sustainable and healthy choices	How humans use the Earth's resources How humans impact the environment How we can make responsible choices

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Central idea	Learning about our body can help us be healthier.	Human migration is a response to dangers, challenges, and opportunities.	We can use creativity to persuade others.	The properties of materials can provide us with benefits and challenges.	Digital technology can affect the way we live.	Finding peaceful solutions to conflict leads to a better quality of human life.
Lines of inquiry	How body systems work How body systems are connected How to keep our body healthy	The reasons different for migration The different points of view about migration Migration in history and the changes it brought	How persuasion works How we are influenced by persuasive messages How we take positive action using learned persuasive skills	How materials change How people take advantage of the properties of materials How to use materials responsibly	What digital technology is used for How digital technology affects us Our responsibility in virtual environments	What causes conflict How conflicts affect people's lives How conflicts can be resolved

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Central idea	Understanding our own and other people's identity can impact our relationships	People's ideas and actions can cause us to think differently and change the course of history	Effective communication can be done in different ways and takes thought and practice	Scientific knowledge of the universe is always expanding	EXHIBITION	Biodiversity relies on maintaining the interdependent balance of organisms within systems
Lines of inquiry	How personal experiences influence our identity Understanding different cultures How identity affects relationships	Significant ideas events and people that have changed history Ways the world could change in the future Different perspectives of change	How to communicate effectively or express yourself powerfully Why we communicate /express ourselves Different methods of communication	Why scientific knowledge advances The scientific process How scientific understanding/knowledge affects our lives		Ways in which ecosystems, biomes and environments are interdependent How humans impact the environment positively and negatively The consequences of imbalance within ecosystems