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3. How our choices impact our world

Who we are

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Aug. 26 - Nov. 8

Our Families and our school community help shape who we are

Responsibility, Connection

1. Myself
2. My family
3. My school community

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April 21 - June 12

Fairytales and fables are timeless and express different lessons, morals and values

Form, Perspective

1. Characteristics of fairytales and fables
2. The different ways that fairytales and fables can be expressed
3. Fairytales and fables from different cultures

How the World Works

An inquiry into the natural world and its laws; the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment.

Feb. 3 - March 27

Animals have characteristics that help them survive

Causation, Form, Function

1. How scientists divide the animal kingdom
2. How physical characteristics help animals survive
3. How behavioural characteristics help animals survive



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Central Idea

Our actions impact environmental sustainability

Key Concepts

Responsibility, Causation, Connection

Lines of Inquiry

1. How our daily choices impact the environment
2. How water habitats are affected by human actions
3. The management and conservation of water

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People in our lives and the choices we make influence who we are

People make their homes in different places for different reasons

By working together as a community, people can achieve more

Stories can be shared in a variety of ways and evoke different responses

All living things go through a process of change

Key Concepts

Connection, Causation, Responsibility

Function, Perspective, Causation

Form, Function, Connection

Form, Perspective, Form

Change, Function, Connection

Lines of Inquiry

1. How our family and those in our community influence us
2. The impact our friends have on us
3. How our actions and choices affect us

1. Our homes
2. Similarities and differences of homes around the world
3. Reasons people build their homes in certain places

1. What a community is
2. How communities work
3. Rules, rights and respect within a community

1. How stories are shared
2. Feelings and emotions that stories evoke
3. How stories are created

1. Cycles in the natural world
2. Similarities and differences between stages in cycles
3. How cycles affect life

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3. Sustainable energy solutions

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Lifestyle choices that people make can affect their health

Throughout history inventions have helped shape the world we live in

Organizations around the world help those in need

Images and videos help communicate ideas and information

Disasters are forces that can impact our world and all living things

Key Concepts

Perspective, Form, Responsibility

Function, Change, Connection

Responsibility, Function, Change

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Connection, Causation, Function

Lines of Inquiry

1. What it means to have a balanced lifestyle
2. How the choices we make affect our health
3. How we can inform others about making healthy choices

1. Inventions that impact our lives
2. Significant inventions throughout history
3. How inventions have evolved over time

1. Our responsibility towards those in need
2. The structure and function of humanitarian organizations
3. The impact organizations have on people in need

1. The use of images and videos in our everyday lives
2. How we interpret and respond to images and videos
3. The features of powerful images and videos

1. Where disasters happen most often
2. The interconnectedness of disasters
3. The science behind disasters

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2. How land is affected by human actions
3. The management and conservation of finite resources

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Central Idea

Body systems influence our health and well-being

Human migration is a response to challenges and opportunities

Government systems help communities to function

The media can influence and persuade people

Through experimentation new understandings are developed

Key Concepts

Function, Connection, Causation

Causation, Change

Function, Connection

Perspective, Connection

Change, Function, Form

Lines of Inquiry

1. How body systems work
2. The interdependence of body systems
3. Physical and mental well-being

1. Why people migrate
2. The impact of migration on individuals and communities
3. The history of migration

1. How government systems function
2. The impact governments have on the lives of their citizens
3. The rights and responsibilities of citizenship

1. Different types of media
2. Bias within the media
3. How the media influences and persuades people

1. The scientific method
2. How investigation leads to understanding
3. The application of new scientific understandings