

Central Idea
Key Concepts
Lines of Inquiry

Sharing the Planet

An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and with other living things; communities and the relationships within and between them; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution.

Who we are

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Where We are in Place & Time

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People can have an impact on the ocean

We use our senses to learn about ourselves and the world around us

We express our emotions in many different ways

The food we eat comes from many different places

Responsibility, Change

Connection, Function

Causation, Reflection

Form, Change

- What lives in the ocean
- How people impact the ocean
- Our responsibility towards the ocean

- Our senses
- How our senses help us learn
- Why each sense is important

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- Our emotions
- The reasons we have different emotions
- How we express our emotions

- The types of food we eat
- How our food is grown or made
- Where our food comes from



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Feb. 26 - May 4

Central Idea

People have a responsibility to care for the environment

Our culture and our relationships within our community impact who we are

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

Animals have characteristics that help them survive

Key Concepts

Responsibility, Change

Reflection, Connection

Form, Perspective

Form, Function, Causation

Lines of Inquiry

- Our environment
- Our responsibility towards the environment
- How our choices impact our world

- Who I am
- Our relationships within our community
- Our cultural identity

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- Characteristics of fairytales and fables
- The different ways that fairytales and fables can be expressed
- Fairytales and fables from different cultures

- How scientists divide the animal kingdom
- How physical characteristics help animals survive
- How behavioural characteristics help animals survive



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Plants have a purpose and help us live

Exploring our similarities and differences helps us learn about ourselves

Games and toys change over time and are different around the world

People have unique skills that help them do their job

People express ideas and feelings through different forms of communication

Light is important in our daily lives

Form, Function

Reflection, Perspective

Change, Reflection

Connection, Responsibility

Form, Perspective

Form, Causation

- The characteristics of plants
- The purpose of plants within the environment
- How plants help people

- Our emotions and feelings
- Our families
- Our hobbies and interests

- My games and toys
- How games and toys have changed over time
- Similarities and differences of games and toys around the world

- Different jobs we see people doing
- How my skills and interests connect to a job
- What I might want to be when I am older

- Different forms of communication
- How we express ourselves through the arts
- How I can express myself

- How light works
- How humans use light
- How light affects animals



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May 14 - June 26

Central Idea

Water is a limited resource that is essential to life

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

Causation, Connection, Responsibility

Responsibility, Reflection, Causation

Function, Perspective, Causation

Form, Function, Connection

Form, Perspective, Reflection

Change, Connection, Function

Lines of Inquiry

- How water from different sources is used
- The distribution and availability of usable water
- How human actions affect water quality

- How our family and those in our community influence us
- The impact our friends have on us
- How our actions and choices affect us

- Our homes
- Similarities and differences of homes around the world
- Reasons people build their homes in certain places

- What is a community
- How communities work
- Rules, rights and respect within a community

- How stories are shared
- Feelings and emotions that stories evoke
- How stories are created

- Cycles in the natural world
- Similarities and differences between stages in cycles
- How cycles affect life



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Human actions can help preserve or endanger animals

Understanding ourselves improves the way we learn

Technology has changed the way we communicate

Communities need goods and services to function properly

Ideas and experiences can be shared through stories

Machines make work easier for people

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Causation, Responsibility

Function, Connection

Change, Connection

Responsibility, Reflection

Form, Perspective

Form, Function

Lines of Inquiry

- How animals might become endangered
- Our responsibility towards animals
- The impact of extinction on the planet

- The human brain
- How we keep our brains healthy
- The different ways people learn

- The history of communication
- How communication systems were developed
- How technology has affected the way people communicate

- The needs of various communities
- The systems people use to exchange goods and services
- The responsibilities of producers and consumers

- What makes a good story
- How we respond to stories
- The reasons people share stories

- Features of simple and compound machines
- How simple and compound machines work
- How machines make people's lives easier



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Energy use affects the sustainability of the planet

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

Technological applications allow us to communicate and express our ideas creatively

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

Key Concepts

Responsibility, Connection

Causation, Responsibility, Reflection

Reflection, Change, Perspective

Function, Responsibility, Change

Form, Function

Form, Function

Lines of Inquiry

- Renewable and nonrenewable energy sources
- How energy use affects the planet
- Sustainable energy solutions

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

- Inventions that impact our lives
- Significant inventions throughout history
- The positive and negative effects of innovation

- Our responsibility towards those in need
- The structure and function of humanitarian organizations
- The impact organizations have on those in need

- Technological tools and their features
- How we can use tech tools to communicate our ideas effectively
- The challenges presented with technology use

- Where disasters happen most often
- Human responses to disasters
- The science behind disasters



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Central Idea

People have a responsibility to resolve conflicts peacefully

Children have rights and responsibilities which can lead to opportunities

People can be enriched by their own culture and the cultures they connect with throughout their lives

Entrepreneurial thinking can support human endeavour and enterprise

Throughout history people use the fine arts as a way to communicate

Megastructures serve a variety of purposes within society

Key Concepts

Connection, Responsibility

Perspective, Responsibility, Reflection

Form, Change, Connection

Perspective, Function, Reflection

Form, Perspective, Reflection

Form, Function

Lines of Inquiry

- How choices and actions affect others
- Why conflicts arise
- Finding strategies to resolve conflict

- The difference between needs and wants
- Children's rights and responsibilities
- How children's rights are protected

- The concept of culture
- Similarities and differences between cultures
- Cultural experiences that affect people

- Features of an entrepreneurial mindset
- Business planning
- The success of entrepreneurial endeavour

- Different forms of fine art
- How artists express their thoughts, feelings and ideas
- Reflecting and responding to art

- How megastructures impact people's lives
- The machinery used to build megastructures
- How megastructures are built



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The choices we make in what we consume impacts the environment

Rituals, traditions and artefacts provide a window into our identity

Human migration is a response to challenges and opportunities

Government systems help communities to function properly

The media can influence and persuade people

Through experimentation new understandings are developed

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Responsibility, Causation

Form, Reflection

Causation, Change

Function, Connection

Perspective, Connection

Change, Function, Form

Lines of Inquiry

- What waste is
- The consequences of waste on the environment
- The responsibility of the producer and consumer

- Cultural artefacts
- The significance of rituals and traditions
- How identity is shaped by traditions, rituals and artefacts

- Why people migrate
- The impact of migration on individuals and communities
- The history of migration

- How government systems function
- The impact governments have on the lives of their citizens
- The rights and responsibilities of citizenship

- Different types of media
- Bias within the media
- How the media influences and persuades people

- The scientific method
- How investigation leads to understanding
- The application of new scientific understandings

