



Children's World Academy - Programme of Inquiry



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11-12 6	<p>Central idea: Changes people experience at different stages of their lives affect who they are and how they perceive the world around them.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Change, Responsibility, Perspective</p> <p>Related Concepts: growth, identity, relationships</p> <p>Learner Profile: Caring, Open-minded, Balanced</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The physical, social, emotional and intellectual changes that occur throughout life *The factors that contribute to well-being throughout life. *The interconnectedness between our sense of self and how we perceive the world. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Exhibition</p> <p>Central idea: Where we are in place and time is shaped by historical figures and events of the past.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Causation, connection, perspective</p> <p>Related Concepts: consequences, interconnectedness, opinion</p> <p>Learner Profile: Inquirers, Knowledgeable, open-minded</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The origins of historical events/people. *The influence of events/individuals on the world. *Different interpretations of the same event. 	<p>Central idea: Writing genres enable us to express ideas, feelings, beliefs and values.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Form, Perspective, Reflection</p> <p>Related Concepts: Properties, Interpretation, beliefs and values</p> <p>Learner Profile: Communicators, Thinkers, Reflective</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The different genres of writings *The different ways that authors convey beliefs and values *The use of creativity in writing reaches different audiences 	<p>Central Idea: Energy is converted from a range of resources and used in various ways.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Form, Function, Causation</p> <p>Related Concepts: properties, similarities and differences, systems, consequences</p> <p>Learner Profile: Inquirers, Knowledgeable, risk-takers</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The different forms of energy * The scientific laws of electricity * The impact of technological advances on the environment 	<p>Central idea: Political views steer societal decision-making and its governing systems.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Function, Connection, Perspective</p> <p>Related Concepts: structure, systems, similarities and differences</p> <p>Learner Profile: Inquirers, Communicators, Principled</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The political systems around the world *The democratic and non-democratic countries. *How different political structures affect the lives of its citizens. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Exhibition - Energy</p> <p>Central idea: The choices we make every day about how we use energy, impact our environment and our lives.</p> <p>Key Concepts: All</p> <p>Learner Profile: All</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The different forms of energy and their production. *Equal opportunity to access energy *Conservation and consumer responsibility towards energy

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<p>10-11</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">5</p>	<p>Central idea: People search for meaning through their spiritual values</p> <p>Key Concepts: Form, Perspective, Reflection</p> <p>Related Concepts: Similarities and differences, beliefs, opinion</p> <p>Learner profile: Open-minded, Balanced, Reflective</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: *Our personal beliefs and values.</p> <p>*Values and beliefs of the major faiths of the world.</p> <p>*The impact of religion and spiritual traditions on society</p>	<p>Central Idea: The movement of people between countries exists due to circumstances and challenges.</p> <p>Key Concepts: change, causation, connection</p> <p>Related Concepts: migration, consequences, diversity</p> <p>Learner Profile: Knowledgeable, Communicators, Caring</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: *The reasons why people immigrate.</p> <p>*Immigration throughout history.</p> <p>*The effects of immigration on societies.</p>	<p>Central Idea : We express ourselves by communicating and interacting with each other through the use non-verbal language.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Function, Connection, Perspective</p> <p>Related Concepts: communication, systems, subjectivity</p> <p>Learner Profile: Thinkers, Communicators, Risk- takers</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry : *The function of nonverbal language in society.</p> <p>*The way in which culture influences the interpretation of nonverbal messages.</p> <p>*The use of nonverbal techniques in advertisement as a way to influence people's choices.</p>	<p>Idée maîtresse : Les catastrophes naturelles ont un impact sur la société et l'environnement.</p> <p>Concepts clés : Relation, Causalité, Responsabilité</p> <p>Concepts connexes : climat, conséquences, innovation</p> <p>Profil de l'apprenant : Chercheurs, Communicatifs, Informés</p> <p>Pistes de recherches : *Les divers phénomènes météorologiques autour du monde et leurs causes.</p> <p>*Les conséquences économiques, physiques et psychologiques de ces cataclysmes.</p> <p>*Les technologies développées pour comprendre et prévoir ces phénomènes.</p>	<p>Central idea : Industrialization affects the development and organization of many countries.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Causation, Change, Perspective</p> <p>Related Concepts: innovation, consequences, impact</p> <p>Learner Profile: Principled, Reflective, Communicators</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: *The industrialization period.</p> <p>*The way in which society is affected by industrialization.</p> <p>*The development of countries as a result of industrialization</p>	<p>Central idea: Oceans' ecosystems are challenged by human activities.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Function, Causation, Responsibility</p> <p>Related Concepts: ecosystems, consequences, rights and responsibilities</p> <p>Learner Profile: Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Communicators</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: *The elements and functions of the marine ecosystems</p> <p>*The consequences of pollution and over-exploitation of this resource.</p> <p>*The rights and responsibilities of human being with respect to marine life</p>

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<p>9-10</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Central idea : Human's physical and mental health development is determined by life habits and the environment.</p> <p>Key Concepts : Function, Reflection, Responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts : behavior, relationships, initiative</p> <p>Learner Profile: Open-minded, Caring, Balanced</p> <p>Lines of inquiry : *The function of the human body.</p> <p>*How daily choices play a role in the maintenance of a healthy lifestyle.</p> <p>*The connection between physical and mental health.</p>	<p>Idée maîtresse : Les explorations et découvertes apportent des changements qui nous aident à comprendre où nous nous situons dans l'espace et le temps.</p> <p>Concepts clés : Causalité, Changement, Relation</p> <p>Concepts connexes : Exploration, adaptation, conséquences</p> <p>Profil de l'apprenant : Audacieux, intègres, Communicatifs</p> <p>Pistes de recherche : *Les motivations qui conduisent les êtres humains à explorer. *Les parcours et défis des explorateurs. *Les changements et découvertes apportés par l'exploration.</p>	<p>Central idea: Cartoonists use cartoons to express messages and values.</p> <p>Key Concepts : Form, Change, Perspective</p> <p>Related concepts : structure, evolution, communication</p> <p>Learner Profile: Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Open-minded</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry : *The elements involved in a comic strip.</p> <p>*How cartoonists use their creativity to express ideas through an alternate media.</p> <p>*The evolution of cartooning around the world.</p>	<p>Idée maîtresse: Les roches et les minéraux sont des ressources épuisables qui contribuent au développement de la société et la technologie.</p> <p>Concepts clés: Forme, Fonction, Changement</p> <p>Concepts connexes: Propriétés, similarités et différences, transformation</p> <p>Profil de l'apprenant : Chercheurs, Sensés, Communicatifs</p> <p>Pistes de recherche: *Les caractéristiques des roches et minéraux. *Les diverses utilisations des roches et minéraux. *Les changements subis par la croûte terrestre.</p>	<p>Central idea: All societies use a variety of measurement systems to organize themselves.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Function, Change, Connection</p> <p>Related Concepts: systems, evolution</p> <p>Learner Profile: Knowledgeable, Inquirers, Communicators</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: *The function of measurement systems</p> <p>*The connection between the measurement systems and its tools</p> <p>*The comparison of different measurement systems around the world</p>	<p>Central idea: Community choices of waste management determine the impact on the environment</p> <p>Key Concepts: Responsibility, Form and Causation</p> <p>Related Concepts: Initiative, impact, consequences</p> <p>Learner Profile: Communicators, Reflective, Knowledgeable</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: *Different ways for waste disposal.</p> <p>*Consequences of waste and disposal processes on the environment.</p> <p>*Our responsibility towards waste management.</p>

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<p>8-9</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Central idea: Healthy relationships enrich our lives and require nurturing in order to develop.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Form, Connection, Reflection</p> <p>Related Concepts: relationships, consequences, responsibility</p> <p>Learner Profile: Balanced, Caring, Principled, Risk-Takers</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: *The components of a healthy relationship.</p> <p>*The connection between relationships and our well-being.</p> <p>*The personal characteristics that help me develop and nurture healthy relationships.</p>	<p>Central idea: Aboriginal communities are composed of people who share common territorial and social structures that evolve over time.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Form, Connection, Change</p> <p>Related Concepts: structures, relationships, similarities and differences</p> <p>Learner Profile: Knowledgeable, Open-minded, Reflective</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: *The definition of an Aboriginal community.</p> <p>*Territorial and social structures of the Aboriginal communities.</p> <p>*Similarities and differences between now and then.</p>	<p>Central idea: Through storytelling, we express our ideas, creativity and culture.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Function, Perspective, Reflection</p> <p>Related Concepts: communication, similarities and differences, interpretation</p> <p>Learner Profile: Reflective, Open-minded</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: *Underlying messages and values present in storytelling.</p> <p>*The components of storytelling.</p> <p>*Differences and similarities in variations of the same story.</p>	<p>Central idea: The physical and chemical properties of water can be utilized to meet our needs.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Function, Change, Responsibility</p> <p>Related Concepts: cycles, states, citizenship</p> <p>Learner Profile: Communicators, Inquirers, Principled, Thinkers</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: *The water cycle</p> <p>*The properties and states of water.</p> <p>*Water accessibility in our everyday life</p>	<p>Central idea: Human creativity affects the growth of civilization.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Function, Reflection, Perspective</p> <p>Related Concepts: process, innovation, impact</p> <p>Learner Profile: Inquirers, Communicators, Risk-takers</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: *The inquiry cycle</p> <p>*Reasons why people innovate.</p> <p>*The resulting impact on society (Environment, community).</p>	<p>Central idea: Forest ecosystems are dynamic and have the ability to respond to change in an effort to maintain its ecological balance.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Form, Causation Responsibility</p> <p>Related Concepts: properties, initiatives, consequences and impact</p> <p>Learner Profile: Caring, Principled, Knowledgeable, Balanced</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: *The different forest ecosystems.</p> <p>*The factors that affect the sustainability of the forest ecosystems.</p> <p>*Our responsibility in maintaining the balance of forest ecosystems.</p>

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<p>7-8</p> <p>2</p>	<p><u>Idée maîtresse</u> : Les contacts avec la diversité culturelle nous amènent à découvrir et à comprendre notre propre culture.</p> <p><u>Concepts clés</u> : forme, réflexion, perspective</p> <p><u>Concepts connexes</u> : Similarités et différences, comportements, citoyenneté</p> <p><u>Profil de l'apprenant</u> : Informés, Ouverts d'esprit, Réfléchis</p> <p><u>Pistes de recherche</u> :</p> <p>*Les similarités et différences des éléments culturels.</p> <p>*L'appréciation des valeurs et des comportements liés à la culture.</p> <p>*Les interactions entre les membres de différentes communautés culturelles.</p>	<p><u>Idée maîtresse</u> : Les artefacts sont des traces qui nous informent sur l'évolution des sociétés</p> <p><u>Concepts clés</u> : Fonction, Changement, Relation</p> <p><u>Concepts connexes</u> : artefact, évolution, civilisation</p> <p><u>Profil de l'apprenant</u> : Informés, Réfléchis</p> <p><u>Pistes de recherche</u> :</p> <p>*Ce que nous dévoile les artefacts</p> <p>*L'artefact en relation avec l'époque</p> <p>*L'évolution des artefacts à travers le temps</p>	<p><u>Idée maîtresse</u> : La musique est un langage créatif et universel qui nous permet de communiquer.</p> <p><u>Concepts clés</u> : Causalité, Fonction, Perspective</p> <p><u>Concepts connexes</u> : interprétation, opinion, communication, conséquence</p> <p><u>Profil de l'apprenant</u> : Communicatifs, Ouverts d'esprit, Équilibrés</p> <p><u>Pistes de recherche</u> :</p> <p>*Les différents éléments du langage musical.</p> <p>*L'appréciation des messages, des sentiments exprimés par les instruments et par le langage musical</p> <p>*Ce qui influence nos goûts et nos choix musicaux.</p>	<p><u>Idée maîtresse:</u> Notre système solaire est composé de différents corps célestes qui obéissent à des principes scientifiques.</p> <p><u>Concepts clés</u> : Forme, Fonction, Relation</p> <p><u>Concepts Connexes:</u> structure, système, rôles</p> <p><u>Profil de l'apprenant</u> : Informés, Sensés, Chercheurs</p> <p><u>Pistes de recherche</u> :</p> <p>*La composition du système solaire.</p> <p>*Les caractéristiques et principes scientifiques qui rendent la vie possible sur Terre.</p> <p>*Les technologies liées à l'exploration spatiale qui ont un impact dans notre quotidien.</p>	<p><u>Idée maîtresse</u> : Les humains transforment les ressources naturelles pour fabriquer des produits de consommation.</p> <p><u>Concepts clés</u> : Forme, Changement, Relation</p> <p><u>Concepts connexes</u> : Transformation, propriétés, action</p> <p><u>Profil de l'apprenant</u> : Chercheurs, Communicatifs, Intègres</p> <p><u>Pistes de recherche</u> :</p> <p>*Les caractéristiques des matières premières et produits transformés.</p> <p>*L'origine et le processus de transformation des matières premières.</p> <p>*Les décisions qui influencent nos habitudes de consommation.</p>	<p><u>Idée maîtresse</u> : L'interaction entre les humains et les bestioles met au défi l'équilibre de la faune et la flore.</p> <p><u>Concepts clés</u> : Forme, Fonction, Responsabilité</p> <p><u>Concepts connexes</u> : propriétés, environnement, action</p> <p><u>Profil de l'apprenant</u> : Sensés, Altruistes, Audacieux</p> <p><u>Pistes de recherche</u> :</p> <p>*Les caractéristiques et les rôles des différentes bestioles.</p> <p>*Les bestioles nuisibles ou bénéfiques à l'environnement.</p> <p>*Les façons dont les êtres humains interagissent avec les bestioles.</p>

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<p>6-7</p> <p>1</p>	<p><u>Idée maîtresse:</u> Les habitudes alimentaires des gens varient selon divers facteurs personnels, culturels et géographiques.</p> <p><u>Concepts clés :</u> Forme, Causalité et Responsabilité</p> <p><u>Concepts connexes :</u> propriétés, conséquences, action</p> <p><u>Profil de l'apprenant :</u> Équilibrés, Ouverts d'esprit, Communicatifs</p> <p><u>Pistes de recherche:</u> *Les composantes d'une alimentation équilibrée. *Les facteurs qui influencent les besoins alimentaires des individus (santé, âge, croyances, goût). *Les conséquences des choix alimentaires sur la santé.</p>	<p><u>Idée maîtresse:</u> Les métiers évoluent à travers le temps selon les besoins d'une société.</p> <p><u>Concepts clés :</u> changement, relation, perspective <u>Concepts connexes :</u> évolution, relation, opinion</p> <p><u>Profil de l'apprenant :</u> Sensés et Ouverts d'esprit</p> <p><u>Pistes de recherche:</u> *Les relations existantes entre les métiers et nos besoins. *Les raisons de l'apparition et la disparition de certains métiers. *Les divers métiers pratiqués à travers le monde.</p>	<p><u>Idée maîtresse :</u> Nous pouvons exprimer notre culture, nos idées et notre créativité en jouant avec les mots.</p> <p><u>Concepts clés :</u> Forme, Fonction et Réflexion</p> <p><u>Concepts connexes :</u> structure, intention, compréhension</p> <p><u>Profil de l'apprenant :</u> Audacieux, Communicatifs, Réfléchis</p> <p><u>Pistes de recherche :</u> *Les diverses façons de jouer avec les mots. *Les aspects culturels retrouvés dans les jeux de mots. *Le rôle des jeux de mots dans l'apprentissage d'une langue.</p>	<p><u>Idée maîtresse :</u> Les végétaux vivent et se transforment afin de survivre dans leur environnement.</p> <p><u>Concepts clés :</u> Forme, Changement, Relation</p> <p><u>Concepts connexes :</u> cycle de vie, adaptation, transformation</p> <p><u>Profil de l'apprenant :</u> Communicatifs, Informés, Chercheurs</p> <p><u>Pistes de recherche :</u> *Les caractéristiques du monde végétal (monde vivant) *Les adaptations des végétaux aux changements dans leur environnement. *L'utilisation du monde végétal par l'être humain</p>	<p><u>Idée maîtresse :</u> Les humains organisent et adaptent leur ville pour répondre aux besoins de la communauté.</p> <p><u>Concepts clés :</u> Causalité, Relation, Fonction.</p> <p><u>Concepts connexes :</u> aménagement, système, conséquences</p> <p><u>Profil de l'apprenant :</u> Communicatifs, Informés</p> <p><u>Pistes de recherche :</u> *Les caractéristiques de notre ville. *L'organisation d'une ville. *Les ressemblances et les différences entre diverses villes.</p>	<p><u>Idée maîtresse :</u> La diversité et la survie des espèces animales sont influencées par l'activité humaine.</p> <p><u>Concepts clés :</u> Relation, Responsabilité, Causalité</p> <p><u>Concepts connexes :</u> écosystème, extinction, action</p> <p><u>Profil de l'apprenant :</u> Chercheurs, Informés, Communicatifs</p> <p><u>Pistes de recherche :</u> *Les relations entre une espèce et son habitat. *Les causes et les conséquences de la diminution et de la disparition de la population animale. *Le rôle de l'être humain dans la protection des espèces menacées.</p>

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5-6 K	<p>Central idea: People explore and adapt to their world with the help of their senses.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Form, Function, Connection</p> <p>Related Concepts: system, impact, adaptation</p> <p>Learner Profile: Knowledgeable, Risk-takers, Reflective</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: * The five senses</p> <p>*The impact senses have in people's lives</p> <p>*The way people adapt to the deprivation of a sense</p>	<p>Central idea: People's personal history is interconnected with their development, abilities and relationships.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Change, Connection, Reflection</p> <p>Related Concepts: growth, relationship, lifestyles</p> <p>Learner Profile: Communicators, Open-minded, Reflective</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry:</p> <p><i>*Developmental changes that affect our abilities (physical, cognitive, social, emotional)</i></p> <p>*Where we are in place and time</p> <p>*Where we will be in the future</p>	<p>Central idea: Through discovery and expression of beliefs, values and culture, most people enjoy and appreciate celebrations.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Causation, Connection, Perspective</p> <p>Related Concepts: artefacts, beliefs and values, traditions</p> <p>Learner Profile: Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Open-minded and Principled</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: *Historical reasons for the different celebrations</p> <p>*The discovery of symbols and artefacts used in celebrations around the world</p> <p>*How people express beliefs, values and culture through celebration</p>	<p>Central idea: The earth's natural cycle influences the adaptation and activity of living things.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Change, Causation, Connection</p> <p>Related Concepts: cycles, transformation, adaptation</p> <p>Learner Profile: Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: * The Earth's cycle</p> <p>*The weather patterns</p> <p>*How animals, people and plants adapt to each season</p>	<p>Central idea: A school community is a human-made system that creates structure and organization.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Form, Function, Responsibility</p> <p>Related Concepts: community, roles, citizenship</p> <p>Learner Profile: Caring, Inquirers, Thinkers</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: * The purpose of a school</p> <p>*The organization of our school day</p> <p>*The roles and responsibilities of the members of the school community</p>	<p>Central idea: People share a relationship with, and have a responsibility toward animals.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Form, Connection, Responsibility</p> <p>Related Concepts: classification, role, Relationships</p> <p>Learner Profile: Caring, Inquirers, Thinkers</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: *The classification of animal</p> <p>*The roles animals and people play in each other's lives</p> <p>*The responsibilities of humans for the well-being of animals</p>