



Who We Are

An inquiry into the nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human.

2nd planner

Central Idea:

Relationships are influenced by our culture

Lines of Inquiry:

- Similarities and differences in families
- Family traditions
- Relationships within families

Where We Are In Place and Time

An inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations, from local and global perspectives.

How We Express Ourselves

An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values; the ways in which we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity; our appreciation of the aesthetic.

4th planner

Central Idea:

Symbols represent meaning

Lines of Inquiry:

- Characteristics of symbols
- Environmental symbols
- Symbol meanings

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.

3rd planner

Central Idea:

Exploration promotes discovery

Lines of Inquiry:

- How our senses contribute to our learning
- The function of our senses
- The impact of our senses

How We Organize Ourselves

An inquiry into the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities; the structure and function of organizations; societal decision-making; economic activities and their impact on humankind and the environment.

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.

1st planner

Central Idea:

People share materials, resources and space

Lines of Inquiry:

- Sharing
- Reasons to share
- Materials, resources and space that we share