THE FRIENDS' SCHOOL

2021 Program of Inquiry

Morris – Friends' Early Learning and Friends' Primary Years

Kindergarten - 3 Year Old

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Central Idea:

Individuals belong and contribute to their communities in unique ways

An Inquiry Into:

- The different communities we belong to
- The many ways we contribute to our communities
- The ideas, hopes, needs and interests of the individuals in our community

Concepts:

Connection, Form, Function

Related Concepts:

Diversity, Belonging, Togetherness

Central Idea:

Ideas, interests, and experiences can be explored and communicated in different ways

An Inquiry Into:

- The different strategies we use to express our ideas, interests and experiences.
- How our feelings and emotions are experienced and expressed
- Different creative media that support self expression

Concepts:

Form, Perspective

Related Concepts:

Performance, Expression, Communication, Emotion, Self-expression

Central Idea:

Materials can be used in different ways for different purposes.

An Inquiry Into:

- The materials in our learning environment
- How materials are used in different ways
- The lives of found objects

Concepts:

Form, Change, Causation

Related Concepts:

Materiality, Symbolic Representation

Central Idea:

The natural world offers opportunities to explore and investigate

An Inquiry Into:

- The different elements and features of the natural world around us
- The process of change in the world around us
- The connections between people and the natural world

Concepts:

Form, Change, Connection, Causation

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Central Idea: 1st All Year

Learning communities flourish when individuals understand perspectives and ideas of others and take thoughtful action

An Inquiry Into:

- Our identities, feelings, cultures
- The relationship between our ideas and our actions
- Our connections, relationships and interactions

Concepts:

Function, Connection, Responsibility

Related Concepts:

Belonging, Community, Diversity, Collaboration

Specialist Connection:

Japanese, Stewards of the Earth Outdoor Program

Central Idea: 2nd

The interconnectedness of people and places shapes the way they respond and belong.

An Inquiry Into:

- Places we have experienced and belonged to over time
- Our lands and the many people who belong to our places
- The connection between feelings, experience and places

Concepts:

Form, Change, Perspective, Causation

Related Concepts:

Belonging, Location, Time, History, Stewardship, Earthcare

Specialist Connection:

Japanese, Music Quaker - Earthcare Library - stories from different places

Central Idea: 4th

Imagination and creativity spark new ways of expressing ourselves.

An Inquiry Into:

- The different ways people express themselves
- How we use our creativity and imagination to share ideas and feelings
- Expressing ourselves and our ideas through performance

Concepts:

Form, Perspective, Change

Related Concepts:

Performance, Expression, Communication, Emotion

Specialist Connection:

Music, Physical Education, Library

Central Idea: 3rd

Understanding the potentiality of materials impacts on the way we use them.

An Inquiry Into:

- The different materials around us
- The ways we use different materials
- The way materials help us to communicate ideas and understandings

Concepts:

Form, Function, Change, Responsibility

Related Concepts:

Forces and energy, gravity, structures, patterns, size, location, matter, properties, sharing-fairness

Specialist Connection:

Japanese - size/materials PE/Music-properties of equipment, instruments. patterns in music and dance

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Central Idea: 1st

Understanding the Learner Profile helps us understand who we are as learners

An Inquiry Into:

- The diverse ways in which people learn and approach their learning
- The ways we learn best are shaped by experience, interest and connection to others and the world around us
- The choices we make when learning impact on ourselves and others

Concepts:

Perspective, Connection, Responsibility

Related Concepts:

Beliefs, Opinions, Initiative, Relationships, Interdependence

Specialist Connection:

Japanese, Music, Outdoor Education

Central Idea: 4th

We can use different materials to help us express our ideas and wonderings

An Inquiry Into:

- The diverse ways in which we express ourselves can be communicated
- The ways we individually respond can be shaped by our perspective
- How we make connections, inquire and reflect on our word helps us to express ourselves more clearly

Concepts:

Perspective, Connection, Form

Related Concepts:

Respect, Collaboration, Subjectivity

Specialist Connection:

Japanese, Library

Central Idea: 2nd

Light changes the way we see and understand the world around us

An Inquiry Into:

- How light promotes curiosity and understanding about our world
- How light shapes our experiences and feelings
- How light influences life

Concepts:

Change, Form, Causation, Function

Related Concepts:

Illumination, Refraction, Interference (Shadow), Communication

Specialist Connection:

P.E, Library, Music

Central Idea: 3rd

Planning an event relies on collaborative decision making.

An Inquiry Into:

- The sequence of steps in planning an event
- The decisions that are required in order to plan an event
- How we reach consensus in decision making

Concepts:

Function, Responsibility, Causation

Related Concepts:

Performance, Collaborative Processes, Negotiation, Celebration

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Central Idea: 3rd

The choices people make affect their health and the way their body functions.

An Inquiry Into:

- The different parts of the human body and their interconnectedness
- The relationship between the foods we eat and a healthy body
- The balance between physical and mental health and wellbeing

Concepts:

Responsibility, Form, Function, Causation

Related Concepts:

Choice, Consequence, Balance

Specialist Connection:

Physical Education, Library

Central Idea: 6th

Exploring artefacts helps people to understand change over time.

An Inquiry Into:

- How artefacts reveal information about life in the past
- How evidence is interpreted
- How findings are used for future planning

Concepts:

Form, Connection, Change

Related Concepts:

Time, Archaeology, Palaeontology, Artefacts, Interpretation, Narrative

Specialist Connection:

Japanese, Art, Outdoor Education

Central Idea: 2nd

Messages without words can be a powerful form of communication.

An Inquiry Into:

- The ways messages are communicated
- How we individually interpret and respond to messages
- The universal use of symbols to share meaning

Concepts:

Perspective, Causation

Related Concepts:

Creativity, Symbolism, Interpretation, Meaning

Specialist Connection:

Japanese, Music, Art, Library, Outdoor Education

Central Idea: 5th

Investigating sound helps us to understand the world around us.

An Inquiry Into:

- Sound is produced by a range of sources
- The many uses of sound
- The relationship between sound and the way the world is sensed

Concepts:

Form, Function, Causation

Related Concepts:

Observation, Prediction, Behaviour

Specialist Connection:

Library, Music, Art

Central Idea: 1st

Conflict can be solved through caring communication.

An Inquiry Into:

- The concept of peace
- Solving conflict
- The emotions we feel

Concepts:

Causation, Responsibility, Perspective

Related Concepts:

Community, Relationship, Conflict, Peace, Communication

Specialist Connection:

Physical Education

Central Idea: 4th

Successful communities depend on effective systems.

An Inquiry Into:

- Different types of communities
- The acceptance of new individuals into a community
- The relationship between individual interactions and the systems they belong to

Concepts:

Form, Connection, Responsibility

Related Concepts:

Interconnection, Diversity

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Central Idea: 1st

Our perspectives help us learn and make us unique.

An Inquiry Into:

- Our unique qualities
- Perspectives
- Group dynamics
- Ways to regulate behaviour and feelings

Concepts:

Perspective, Causation

Related Concepts:

Perspective, Learning, Unique

Specialist Connection:

Japanese

Central Idea: 3rd

Ideas are shared and evolve to meet our needs

An Inquiry Into:

- Needs and wants
- Changes in technology
- The impact of technology advances

Concepts:

Form, Function, Connection

Related Concepts:

Evolution, Impact, Technology

Specialist Connection:

Japanese

Central Idea: 2nd

Identity can be expressed through the arts

An Inquiry Into:

- Identity
- Artistic forms of expression
- Cultural influences

Concepts:

Form, Connection, Perspective

Related Concepts:

Identify, Expression Art

Specialist Connection:

Japanese, Music, Art, Outdoor Education

Central Idea: 6th

Living things adapt to survive.

An Inquiry Into:

- The characteristics of an invertebrate
- The role of invertebrates within an ecosystem
- The life cycle of an invertebrate

Concepts:

Form, Change, Causation

Related Concepts:

Extinction, Classification, Survival

Specialist Connection:

Outdoor Education

Central Idea: 5th

The use of resources can impact the natural environment

An Inquiry Into:

- The resources we use everyday
- The impact of group and personal decisions on the environment
- Responsible consumption of resources and disposal of waste

Concepts:

Causation, Change, Responsibility

Related Concepts:

Sustainability, Environments

Specialist Connection:

Japanese, Art

Central Idea: 4th

People communicate for purposes.

An Inquiry Into:

- Forms of communication.
- How the media construct information to engage people
- How information is interpreted
- Integrity of the media

Concepts:

Function, Form, Connection

Related Concepts:

Manipulation, Interpretation, Communication, Persuasion

Specialist Connection:

Japanese, Physical Education

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Central Idea: 6th

Understanding how body systems function enables humans to manage or optimise their performance

An Inquiry Into:

- Function and form of body parts
- Interrelationships of body systems
- Change in our bodies over time

Concepts:

Form, Function Change Causation

Related Concepts:

Systems, Responsibilities

Specialist Connection:

Art, PE

Central Idea: 3rd

How people explore, explain and create, to understand the world

An Inquiry Into:

- Past, present and future human exploration of space
- How space phenomena have been explained through myths and legends

Concepts:

Perspective, Connection

Related Concepts:

Discovery, Revelation, Time

Specialist Connection:

Library, Outdoor Education

Central Idea: 1st

Compassionate communication contributes to relationships

An Inquiry Into:

- What informs personal feelings, beliefs and values
- Ways of relating to others
- How people contribute to communities

Concepts:

Perspective Connection Causation

Related Concepts:

Relationships, Community, Opinions

Specialist Connection:

Japanese, Art, Physical Education

Central Idea: 4th

Materials can be impacted by heat

An Inquiry Into:

- How changes occur in everyday situations
- How materials can change in state
- How scientific methods help us investigate and build understanding
- How heat is produced and transferred

Concepts:

Function, Causation, Form

Related Concepts:

Interactions Transfer, **Properties**

Specialist Connection:

Music, library, Gardening

Central Idea: 5th

People have a collective responsibility to preserve places in the environment

An Inquiry Into:

- Why some places in the environment are protected
- The natural and manmade features of countries
- How our actions can preserve places in the environment

Concepts:

Form, Responsibility, Causation

Related Concepts:

Adaptation, Habitat, Conservation, Preservation

Specialist Connection:

Japanese, Art, Outdoor Education

Central Idea: 2nd

The use of communication technology is shaped by personal choices and social awareness

An Inquiry Into:

- How technology is always changing
- The different ways we can connect through technology
- Our responsibilities as digital citizens

Concepts:

Change, Connection, Responsibility

Related Concepts:

Morals, Innovation, Ethics

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Central Idea: 1st

Collaborative communities have rights and responsibilities

An Inquiry Into:

- How an effective community operates
- An individual's rights and responsibilities to a community
- How our actions affect a community

Concepts:

Function, Responsibility, Causation

Related Concepts:

Peace and Conflict, Respect, Responsibility, Values, Empathy

Specialist Connection:

Music, Art

Central Idea: 2nd

The world is understood through exploration

An Inquiry Into:

- The motivations for undertaking a great journey
- The consequences, for people and places, of a great journey
- Great journeys throughout history

Concepts:

Causation, Reflection

Related Concepts:

Trade, Navigation, Society, Empire

Specialist Connection:

Japanese, Art, Music

Central Idea: 6th

The Arts can be used to express a point of view

An Inquiry Into:

- How people have used puppets to share culture,
- express ideas and tell stories
- The voice and non verbal communication in the development of characters
- Puppets are used in novel and creative ways

Concepts:

Connection, Perspective, Responsibility

Related Concepts:

Creativity, Expression, Change

Specialist Connection:

Art, Music

Central Idea: 4th

Scientific understanding helps in the preservation and management of resources

An Inquiry Into:

- The ocean as an ecosystem
- The potential impacts on the ecosystem
- How Science helps people understand and manage the impact of human action

Concepts:

Responsibility, Connection, Change

Related Concepts:

Systems, Balance, Measurement, Data, Resources, Producers, Consumers, Decomposers

Specialist Connection:

Outdoor Education

Central Idea: 5th

Energy can be transformed and harnessed to support life on earth

An Inquiry Into:

- The different forms of energy (renewable and non-renewable)
- How energy is used
- The impact on society and the environment
- Sustainable energy practices

Concepts:

Form, Function, Causation

Related Concepts:

Energy, Power, Consumption, Pollution, Cause and Effect, Heat, Light

Specialist Connection:

Physical Education

Central Idea: 3rd

Life is transformed when cultures interact

An Inquiry Into:

- Characteristics of societal systems as they relate to indigenous Australian and Europeans prior to 1778
- Factors that led to interaction between indigenous Australians and Europeans
- The nature and consequences of interaction between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and Europeans

Concepts:

Causation, Change, Perspective

Related Concepts:

Cause and Effect, Trade, Empire, Navigation, Competition, Curiosity, Discovery

Specialist Connection:

Art, Outdoor Education

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Central Idea: 2nd

Reflecting when resilience is challenged allows for growth in wellbeing

An Inquiry Into:

- What it means to be a healthy human being
- Strategies to enhance emotional, physical, mental, social and spiritual wellbeing
- How individual wellbeing can influence group wellbeing

Concepts:

Function, Responsibility,

Related Concepts:

Independence, Growth, Choice

Specialist Connection:

Japanese, Art, Physical Education

Central Idea: 5th

Recognising bias helps form a balanced understanding of history

An Inquiry Into:

- Values and beliefs that affect our understanding of the world
- How history is understood
- How understanding the past can aid decision making

Concepts:

Change, Causation, Perspective

Related Concepts:

Persuasion, Individuality, Bias

Specialist Connection:

Physical Education, Music, Library

Central Idea: 6th

Creative thinking unlocks a world of possibilities

An Inquiry Into:

- Issues can be understood through transferable concepts
- Concepts can be expressed conceptually
- Creative artistic expression can inspire change

Concepts:

Function, Perspective Change

Related Concepts:

Creativity, Symbolism, Expression, Concept

Specialist Connection:

Art, Music, Japanese

Central Idea: 4th

Exploring the unknown enables understanding of the natural world and its laws

An Inquiry Into:

- Laws that govern the natural world
- Curiosity leads to questioning and discovery
- Transferring knowledge to problem solve

Concepts:

Form, Causation, Connection

Related Concepts:

Exploration, Questioning

Central Idea: 3rd All Year

Responsible action involves understanding the needs of individuals, communities and society.

An Inquiry Into:

- Action and service
- Local organisations that support people local and global community
- How solutions require an understanding of the needs of others

Concepts:

Responsibility, Causation

Related Concepts:

Ethical decision making, Responsibility, Action

Specialist Connection:

Physical Education

Central Idea: 1st

The interdependence of humans and the natural world creates challenges for longevity

An Inquiry Into:

- The interconnectedness of humans made systems
- Collaboration to facilitate interconnectedness
- Dilemmas require creative thinking solutions

Concepts:

Responsibility, Connection

Related Concepts:

Sustainability, Collaboration, Creativity, Systems

Specialist Connection:

Music, Japanese

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Central Idea: 2nd

Spirituality is diverse and impacts on community

An Inquiry Into:

- Spiritual and religious practices
- The impact of diversity on communities

Concepts:

Perspective, Form

Related Concepts:

Tolerance, Diversity

Specialist Connection:

Japanese, Outdoor Education, Landcare

Central Idea: 4th

The formation of a country is the result of many influences and events

An Inquiry Into:

- Societal change in Australia since the 1900s
- The formation of a national identity
- People who migrate to Australia

Concepts:

Causation, Change

Related Concepts:

Culture, Identity, Conflict, Migration, Trade

Specialist Connection:

Art

Central Idea: 1st

Communities are connected through cultural expression

An Inquiry Into:

- Cultural and geographical connectedness
- Ways culture is shared and preserved

Concepts:

Perspective, Connection

Related Concepts:

Purpose, Culture, Beliefs, Relationships, Celebrations, Interconnectedness, Place and Space

Specialist Connection:

Art, Japanese

Central Idea: 3rd

Understanding scientific principles contributes to a changing world

An Inquiry Into:

- Scientific principles
- Using science and innovation to problem solve
- Ethical decision making

Concepts:

Function, Change

Related Concepts:

Energy, matter

Specialist Connection:

Music, Art, Physical Education

Central Idea: 6th

Access to resources is a challenge

An Inquiry Into:

- Types of natural resources
- Human rights issues associated with the sharing of resources
- Humanities and relationship with the natural world

Concepts:

Responsibility, Causation, Connection

Related Concepts:

Migration, impact, origin

Central Idea: 5th

Countries have a system of government

An Inquiry Into:

- The roles and responsibilities of the Government in Australia
- How democracy works
- Other systems of governance around the world

Concepts:

Function, Form, Responsibility

Related Concepts:

Democracy, law, power, government, decision making

Specialist Connection: