THE FRIENDS' SCHOOL

# 2022 Program of Inquiry

Morris – Friends' Early Learning and Friends' Primary Years

# Kindergarten - 3 Year Old

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Central Idea: Connecting to others helps us to learn about who we are and how we get along.  An Inquiry Into: Who we are as individuals The connections and relationships in our lives Places and materials we connect with  Concepts: Connection, Form, Perspective  Related Concepts: Diversity, Tolerance, Interests, Collaboration, Contexts, Materiality, Individuality, Community		Central Idea: Ideas, interests and experiences can be explored and represented creatively and in different ways.  An Inquiry Into:  The different strategies we use to express our ideas, interests and experiences  The ways our feelings and emotions are experienced and expressed  Different creative media that support self- expression  Concepts: Form, Perspective  Related Concepts: Performance, Expression, Communication, Emotion	Central Idea: Environments and artifacts offer opportunities to explore and investigate the natural world.  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: Change, Form, Causation  Related Concepts: Lifecycles, Habitats, Growth, Change, Scientific Phenomenon, Seasons, Composition and Decompostiion	Central Idea: Finding peaceful ways to share resources leads to better relationships.  An Inquiry Into: Living and learning together peacefully Strategies for sharing Characteristics of harmonious relationships  Concepts: Perspective, Form, Function  Related Concepts: Collaboration, Sharing	

# Kindergarten - 4 Year Old

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#### Central Idea:

Communities flourish when individuals understand the perspective and ideas of others and take thoughtful action.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- What are the things that are similar and unique
- In what ways do we share our culture with others
- How are we connected to each other in the world
- How can our actions show that we understand individual / cultural perspectives

## **Concepts:**

Connection, Form, Perspective

### **Related Concepts:**

Respect, Diversity

# **Specialist Connection:**

Japanese

#### **Central Idea:**

Stories, imagination and creativity spark new ways of expressing ourselves.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- Stories of personal significance
- How we use creativity and imagination to share stories in different ways
- The ways stories connect us

# **Concepts:**

Form, Perspective

# **Related Concepts:**

Communication, Emotion

## **Specialist Connection:**

Japanese, Music

#### **Central Idea:**

The structure and characteristics of materials influences the way they can be used.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- Properties of materials
- Experimenting with materials
- Creating and exhibiting materials

# **Concepts:**

Form, Change, Function, Causation

#### **Related Concepts:**

Respect, Connection, Innovation, Creativity, Transformation

#### Central Idea:

Understanding how we belong to places shaped the way we respond to them.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- Places we have experienced and belonged to over time
- The connection between feelings, experiences and places

# **Concepts:**

Form, Change, Perspective, Causation

#### **Related Concepts:**

Location, Time, History, Stewardship, Earthcare

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#### Central Idea: 1st

Understanding the learner profile helps us understand who we are as learners.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- The diverse way in which people learn and approach their learning
- The ways we learn best
- The choices we make when learning

#### **Concepts:**

Perspective, Connection, Responsibility

#### **Related Concepts:**

Beliefs, Opinions, Initiatives, Relationships

#### Central Idea: All Year

We can use different materials to 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 world helps us to express ourselves more clearly

# **Concepts:**

Perspective, Connection, Form

# **Related Concepts:**

Respect, Collaboration, Subjectivity

#### Central Idea: 2nd

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

### **An Inquiry Into:**

- Light and how it promotes curiosity and understanding about our world
- How light shapes our experience
- How light influences life

# **Concepts:**

Form, Function, Causation, Change

### **Related Concepts:**

Illumination, Refraction, Interference, Communication

#### Central Idea: 3rd

Planning an exhibition relies on systems of communication, collaboration and cooperation.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

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

# **Concepts:**

Function, Responsibility, Causation

# **Related Concepts:**

Performance, collaboration, processes, negotiation, celebration

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#### Central Idea: 3rd

The choices people make affect their health and wellbeing.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- The relationship between active lifestyles and healthy wellbeing
- 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

## Central Idea: 6th

Reflecting on the past helps build the future.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

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

#### **Concepts:**

Change, Form, Connection

# **Related Concepts:**

Archaeology, Palaeontology, Artefacts, Interpretation

# **Specialist Connection:**

Japanese, Art

#### Central Idea: 2nd

Messages without words can be a powerful form of communication.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- The many ways in which messages are communicated
- The ways we individually respond to messages, shapes and is shaped by our perspective
- How we decode, analyse and interpret to build our understanding

# **Concepts:**

Perspective, Causation

# **Related Concepts:**

Creativity

# **Specialist Connection:**

Japanese, Music, Art, Library

#### Central Idea: 5th

Investigating sound helps us to understand the world around us.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- How sound is produced
- The many uses of sound
- The relationship between sound and the ways the world is sensed

# **Concepts:**

Form, Function, Causation

#### **Related Concepts:**

Observation, Prediction, Behaviour

#### 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, Relationships

# **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 who works within a system

# **Concepts:**

Form, Connection, Responsibility

# **Related Concepts:**

Interconnection, Diversity

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Our perspectives help us learn and make us unique.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- People's unique qualities
- Understanding perspective
- How group dynamics influence perspective
- How we learn best

#### **Concepts:**

Perspective, Responsibility

#### **Related Concepts:**

Learning, Uniqueness

#### Central Idea: 3rd

Ideas are shared and evolve to meet our needs.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- Our needs and wants
- Changes in Technology
- Impact of technological advancements

## **Concepts:**

Change, Causation, Reflection

#### **Related Concepts:**

Technology, Evolution, Civilisations, Impact

#### Central Idea: 2nd

Identity can be expressed through the arts.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- Identity of individuals or groups
- Artistic forms of expression
- Cultural influences on identity and expression

# **Concepts:**

Form, Connection

# **Related Concepts:**

Identity, Expression, Art

#### Central Idea: 6th

Living things adapt to survive.

### **An Inquiry Into:**

- The characteristics and classifications of living things
- Adaptations
- Human impact

# **Concepts:**

Form, Change, Causation

# **Related Concepts:**

Extinction, Adaptations, Classification, Survival

#### Central Idea: 5th

Use of resources impacts the natural environment.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- The needs of communities
- Types of resources
- Sustainable living

#### **Concepts:**

Connection, Responsibility, Resources

# **Related Concepts:**

Environments, Impact

# **Specialist Connection:**

Japanese, Art

# Central Idea: 4th

People communicate for purposes.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- Forms of communication
- How the media constructs information to engage people
- Propoganda

### **Concepts:**

Function, Form, Responsibility

# **Related Concepts:**

Manipulation, Interpretation, Communication, Persuasion

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#### Central Idea: 6th

The working systems of the human body help to maintain personal health.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- What us unique about the human anatomy
- Our body systems impact on the way we feel and how we act
- The human body and comparisons with other animals

#### **Concepts:**

Form, Connection

# **Related Concepts:**

Similarities / Differences, Behaviour, Classification, Relationships

# **Specialist Connection:**

Art

#### Central Idea: 3rd

People explore, explain and create to understand the world.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- The scientific explanations of the creation of the universe
- How religions and cultures explain creation of the universe
- How science and belief inform our actions

#### **Concepts:**

Perspective, Connection

# **Related Concepts:**

Belief, Prejudice, Opinion, Truth

# **Specialist Connection:**

Library, Japanese

#### Central Idea: 1st

Compassionate communication contributes to relationships.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- What informs personal feelings
- Way of relating to others
- How people contribute to communities

# **Concepts:**

Form, Reflection

#### **Related Concepts:**

Individuality, Values, Qualities, Beliefs

# Specialist Connection:

Japanese, Art, Physical Education

#### Central Idea: 4th

Heat enables innovation.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- How heat can be produced and transferred
- How materials can change in state
- Living things manipulate heat

# **Concepts:**

Causation, Change

#### **Related Concepts:**

Transformation, Reaction, Impact

# **Specialist Connection:**

Music

#### 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
- Different perspectives of stewardship of the earth
- 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 communicate through technology
- Our responsibilities as digital citizens

# **Concepts:**

Change, Connection, Responsibility

# **Related Concepts:**

Innovation, Relationships, Communication

# **Specialist Connection:**

Japanese

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#### Central Idea: 1st

Collaborative communities have rights and responsibilities.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- How an effective community operates
- An individuals rights and responsibility to a community
- How our actions affect a community

#### **Concepts:**

Function, Causation, Responsibility

#### **Related Concepts:**

Values, Relationships, Rights, Initiative

# **Specialist Connection:**

Music, Art

#### Central Idea: 2nd

The world is understood through exploration.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- Elements of a significant journey or exploration
- The motivations for undertaking a significant journey
- Impacts and concequences for people and places of a significant journey
- Significant journeys throughout history

# **Concepts:**

Causation, Perspective, Change, Reflection

# **Related Concepts:**

Impact, Motivation, Significance

# **Specialist Connection:**

Japanese, Art, Music

#### Central Idea: 6th

Creativity is central to the way we share stories.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- How people have used puppets to share culture, express ideas and tell stories
- The voice as a form of expression
- The use of voice in the development of characters

# **Concepts:**

Connection, Perspective, Responsibility

# **Related Concepts:**

Creativity, Expression, Change

# **Specialist Connection:**

Art, Music

#### Central Idea: 5th

Energy can be transformed and harnessed to support life on earth.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- The different forms of energy
- How energy is harnessed
- The impact of energy use on the environment
- Need for sustainable energy practices

# **Concepts:**

Form, Function, Causation

# **Related Concepts:**

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

# **Specialist Connection:**

Physical Education

#### 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, Change, Causation

# **Related Concepts:**

Interconnectedness, Classification, Ecosystems, Preservation

# Central Idea: 3rd

Life is transformed when cultures interact.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- The nature of contact between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Stories of the First Fleet
- The diversity of Australia's First Peoples

#### **Concepts:**

Causation, Change, Reflection

#### **Related Concepts:**

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

# **Specialist Connection:**

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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
- How strategies can be developed to enhance emotional, mental, social and spiritual wellbeing
- How individual wellbeing can positively influence group wellbeing

#### **Concepts:**

Function, Connection, Responsibility

# **Related Concepts:**

Balance, Choice, Growth, Independence

#### **Specialist Connection:**

Japanese, Art, Physical Education

#### Central Idea: 5th

Recognising bias helps form a balanced understanding of history.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- How history is understood
- How our values and beliefs affect our understanding of the world
- Understanding the past can aid ethical decision making

#### **Concepts:**

Change, Causation, Perspective

# **Related Concepts:**

Persuasion, Bias, Individuality

# **Specialist Connection:**

Physical Education, Music, Library

### Central Idea: 6th

Creativity can unlock a world of possibilities.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- How the arts helps us express ideas
- Artists use techniques to evoke emotions
- How ideas can be represented conceptually

# **Concepts:**

Function, Perspective

# **Related Concepts:**

Persuasion, Individuality, Empathy, Appreciation

# **Specialist Connection:**

Art, Music, Japanese

#### Central Idea: 4th

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

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- The laws that govern the natural world
- Curiosity leads to questioning and discovery
- How transferring knowledge can help when solving problems

# **Concepts:**

Form, Function

#### **Related Concepts:**

Exploration

# Central Idea: 3rd

Responsible action involves understanding the needs of society.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- Defining and catagorising service and action
- How local organisations aim to support people and the environment in our local and global community
- How solutions required for responsible action require an understanding of the needs of others

# **Concepts:**

Responsibility, Connection, Causation

# **Related Concepts:**

Equity, Human Rights, Action, Charity

#### **Specialist Connection:**

Physical Education

# Central Idea: 1st

The interdependence of humans and the natural world creates challenges for sustainability.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- The interconnectedness of human made systems
- How collaboration facilitates interconnectedness
- Dilemmas require creative thinking solutions

#### **Concepts:**

Responsibility, Connection

#### **Related Concepts:**

Sustainability, Systems, Creativity

# **Specialist Connection:**

Music, Japanese

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#### Central Idea: 5th / 6th

Spirituality is diverse and impacts on community.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- Spiritual and religious practices
- The impact of diversity on community wellbeing

#### **Concepts:**

Reflection, Perspective, Form

# **Related Concepts:**

Tolerance, Respect, Community

# **Specialist Connection:**

Japanese

#### Central Idea: 1st

People and events contribute to societal change.

#### **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:**

Identity, Migration, Formation, Leadership

# **Specialist Connection:**

Art, Japanese

#### Central Idea: 5th / 6th

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 & Space

# **Specialist Connection:**

Art, Japanese

#### Central Idea: 3rd

Understanding scientific principles contributes to a changing world.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- Scientific principles
- Scientific skills and processes
- Using science and innovation to problem solve

# Concepts:

Function, Change

# **Related Concepts:**

Energy, Matter

# **Specialist Connection:**

Music, Art, Physical Education

# Central Idea: 4th

Equitable access to resources is a challenge.

#### **An Inquiry Into:**

- Types of natural resources
- Human rights issues associated with sharing resources
- Humanity's relationship with the natural world

#### **Concepts:**

Responsibility, Causation, Connection

#### **Related Concepts:**

Migration, Impact, Origin

#### Central Idea: 2nd

Systems of governance impact the development of the community in which they operate.

#### **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:**

Citizenship, Systems, Rights

# **Specialist Connection:**

Japanese