

PYP Program of Inquiry 2020-2021

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

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	Relationships		Materials	Environment		Living Things/Animals
ECE A	Central Idea		Central Idea	Central Idea		Central Idea
3-4	My relationships connect me to others. Key Concepts: Connection – How is it linked to other things? Perspective – What are the points of view? Related Concepts: Family, Relationships, Culture, Self-identity, Talents, Independence Skills, Routines, Agreements, Cooperation Lines of Inquiry: 1. Significant relationships and groups we belong to. 2. Self -identity and what makes us unique. 3. Contributions we can make to our home and relationships.		Exploration of materials creates opportunities for discovery and expression. Key Concepts: Change – How is it transforming? Causation – Why is it as it is? Related Concepts: Shapes, Textures, Colours, Lines, Senses, Feelings, Expression, Movement (PE), Drama, Music Lines of Inquiry: 1. Exploration of emotions using senses. 2. Properties and manipulation of materials. 3. Use of materials to express ourselves.	Observing our environment helps us understand the world around us. Key Concepts: Form – What is it like? Function – How does it work? Related Concepts: Patterns, Light, Nature Treasures, Discovery, Plants and growth in our environment, Cycles, Seasons, Observation, Recording Lines of Inquiry: 1. Discovering our environment. 2. Ways to collect information. 3. Communicating our discoveries.		We share our environment with other living things. Key Concepts: Causation – Why is it as it is? Responsibility – What are our obligations? Related Concepts: Basic needs, Habitats, Commonalities, Differences, Survival, Change/effect, Help, Advocacy Lines of Inquiry: 1. Characteristics and needs of living things. (animals) 2. Habitats of living things. (animals) 3. Similarities and connections between us and animals. (needs) 4. Impact of our choices on animal's habitats.

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ECE B 4-5	Relationships/Community Central idea: Our actions affect our relationships and the community. Key Concepts: Connection – How is it linked to other things? Perspective – What are the points of view? Related Concepts: Relationship, Friends, Choice, Conflict and Cooperation Lines of inquiry: 1. Our relationships in our community. 2. Making good choices at home and school. 3. Contributing to our community.	place and time	Central idea: We can express ourselves in a creative way. Key Concepts: Form – What is it like? Function – How does it work? Related concepts: Sound, Movement, Stories, Imagination Lines of inquiry: 1. Expressing ourselves through sound. 2. Expressing ourselves through movement. 3. Expressing ourselves visually.	Central idea: Observing and investigating our environment helps us understand the world around us. Key Concepts: Change – How is it transforming? Causation – Why is it as it is? Related Concepts; Variables, Design, Evidence, Measurement, Causation Lines of inquiry: 1. What is an investigation. 2. How can we investigate. 3. Communicating what we learn.	ourselves	Living things/Plants Central idea: Choices we make can affect living things. Key Concepts: Connection – How is it linked to other things? Responsibility – What are our obligations? Related Concepts: Sustainability, Responsibility, Survival Lines of inquiry: 1. Needs of plants. 2. Consequences of our choices on plants. 3. Our responsibility towards living things. (plants)

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	Healthy choices/Well- being		Stories	Life Cycles	Process/Farm to Table	Earth's Resources
P 1 5-6	Central idea: Making daily balanced choices promotes a healthy lifestyle. Key Concepts: Connection - How is it linked to other things? Causation – Why is it as it is? Responsibility – What are our obligations? Related Concepts: Choice, Lifestyle, Health Lines of Inquiry: 1. Healthy habits and routines (mental, social, physical) 2. What a balanced lifestyle looks like. 3. Consequences of choices.		Central idea: Stories are a means for expressing the beliefs and values of a culture. Key Concepts: Form – What is it like? Perspective – What are the points of view? Function – How does it work? Related Concepts: Interpretation, Messages, Stories, Theme. Lines of inquiry: 1. Elements of stories. 2. Feelings and emotions that stories evoke. 3. How stories are created and shared.	Central idea: All living things go through a process of change. Key Concepts: Causation – Why is it as it is? Change – How is it transforming? Perspective – What are the points of view? Related Concepts: Patterns, Life cycles, Life and living. Lines of inquiry: 1. Patterns of life cycles 2. How living things change over their life time. 3. Factors that can influence life cycles.	Central idea: Many products go through a process of change before they are consumed or used. Key Concepts: Form – What is it like? Change – How is it transforming? Function – How does it work? Related Concepts: Product origins, Process Lines of inquiry: 1. Origins of products 2. Changes products go through 3. How can we use a process to create a product.	Central idea: People can make choices to support the sustainability of the Earth's resources. Key Concepts: Form – What is it like? Connection – How is it linked to other things? Responsibility – What are our obligations? Related Concepts: Lifestyle, Resources, Waste Lines of inquiry: 1. Earth's finite and infinite resources 2. The impact of people's choices on the environment 3. Ways people can do to sustain the earth's resources.

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P 2 6-7	Roles & Responsibilities Central Idea: The functioning of a community depends on people's actions. Key Concepts: Function - How does it work? Responsibility - What are our obligations? Connection - How is it linked to other things? Related Concepts: Community, responsibilities, consequences Lines of Inquiry: 1. How a community functions. 2. The responsibilities of community members. 3. How the actions of people affect a community.	Central Idea: People use simple machines to help improve everyday life. Key Concepts: Function - How does it work? Causation - Why is it as it is? Change - How is it transforming? Related Concepts: Design, Technology, Forces Lines of Inquiry: 1. Simple machines in everyday life. 2. How simple machines work. 3. Why we use simple machines.	Celebrations & Traditions Central Idea: Celebrations can express the traditions of a culture. Key Concepts: Form - What is it like? Connection - How is it linked to other things? Perspective - What are the points of view? Related Concepts: Traditions, Culture, Beliefs Lines of Inquiry: 1. What are traditions and celebrations. 2. Why people have celebrations. 3. Similarities and differences between celebrations around the world.	Central Idea: All things on Earth are either solid, liquid or gases and can be classified on the basis of their properties. Key Concepts: Form - What is it like? Change - How is it transforming? Function - How does it work? Related Concepts: Matter, Change, Properties Lines of Inquiry: 1.Properties of matter. 2. How matter can change. 3. Why people choose materials for different purposes.	Central Idea: Cities around the world create structures to meet the needs of the community. Key Concepts: Connection - How is it linked to other things? Function - How does it work? Form - What is it like? Related Concepts: Structures, Community, Organization Lines of Inquiry: 1. What makes a city. 2. Similarities and differences between cities. 3. How a city meets the needs of the community.	Central Idea: Changes in the environment can affect animal growth and survival Key Concepts: Responsibility - What are our obligations? Causation - Why is it as it is? Change - How is it transforming? Related Concepts: Responsibility, Survival, Change Lines Of Inquiry: 1. Changes in the environment that affect animals. 2. Reasons why animals are endangered. 3. Actions people can take to help animals.

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	Body Systems	Personal histories & journeys	Signs and Symbols	Forces & Movement	Money	Water & Air
P 3	Central Idea: Our body systems are connected and contribute to our health and survival. Key Concepts: Function – How does it work? Connection – How is it transforming? Responsibility – What are our obligations? Related Concepts: Interdependence, Systems, Life and living Lines of Inquiry: 1. Body systems and how they work. 2. How body systems are interdependent. 3. Impact of lifestyle choices on the body systems.	Central Idea: We can understand others by exploring their identity and personal journeys. Key Concepts: Form – What is it like? Change – How is it transforming? Connection – How is it linked to other things? Related Concepts: Journeys, Identity Lines of Inquiry: 1. Significant people and events in the past and present. 2. How the people in the past influenced the present. 3. Sharing our personal journeys.	Central Idea: Signs and symbols facilitate local and global communication. Key Concepts: Function – How does it work? Perspective – What are the points of view? Causation – Why is it like as it is? Related Concepts: Symbols, Organization, Communication Lines of Inquiry: 1. Signs and symbols around us. 2. How signs and symbols foster communication. 3. How we create signs and symbols.	Central Idea: Investigating forces and movement lead us to new understandings of everyday life. Key Concepts: Change – How is it transforming? Connection – How is it linked to other things? Causation – Why is it like it is? Related Concepts: Forces, Movement, Inventions Lines of Inquiry: 1. How things move. 2. The connection between forces and movement. 3. Forces in everyday life.	Central Idea: Money is a human-made system that allows economies to function. Key Concepts: Form – What is it like? Function – How does it work? Perspective – What are the points of view? Related Concepts: Systems, Value, Money Lines of Inquiry: 1. Origins of money. 2. How people earn and use money. 3. Ways to use money wisely.	Central Idea: Water and air are essential for living things to survive. Key Concepts: Form – What is it like? Responsibility – What are our obligations? Perspective – What are the points of view? Related Concepts: Cycles, Sustainability, Properties, Lines of Inquiry: 1. Properties and characteristics of water and air. 2. Sources and Uses of water and air. 3. Steps we can do to sustain and keep the water and air clean.

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	Rights & Responsibilities	Exploration	Writing	Energy	Media	Needs and Characteristics of Plants & Animals
P 4	Central idea:	Central idea: Exploration leads to discoveries,	Central idea: Writing allows people to express their feelings	Central idea: Energy can be transformed, changed,	Central idea: We use media to connect and communicate with	Central idea: Plants and animals have
8-9	Children worldwide face a variety of challenges and opportunities.	opportunities and new understandings. Key Concepts:	experiences, and values. Key concepts: Form – What is it like?	and used in various ways. Key Concepts:	others. Key Concepts: Form - What is it like?	specific adaptations to help them survive in their environment.
	Key concepts: Perspective – What are the points of view?	Causation – Why is it like it is? Connection – How is it	Perspective – What are the points of view?	Function – How does it work? Form – What is it like?	Function – How does it work?	Key Concepts: Change – How is it transforming?
	Form – What is it like?	linked to other things? Function – How does it	Connection – How is it linked to other things?	Responsibility – What are our obligations?	Responsibility – What are our obligations?	Causation – Why is it like it is? Connection – How is it linked to
	Responsibility – What are our obligations?	work? Related Concepts:	Related Concepts: Stories, Themes, Structure	Related Concepts: Transformation,	Related Concepts: Digital Media, Expression,	other things? Related Concepts:
	Related Concepts: Rights, Responsibilities, Equality	Exploration, Survival, Discovery	Lines of Inquiry:	Sustainability, Properties	Impression Lines of Inquiry:	Characteristics, Needs, Living things
	Lines of Inquiry:	Lines of Inquiry: 1. Reasons for exploration.	 Themes and structural features of texts. Different perspectives 	Lines of inquiry: 1. Uses of energy.	Media forms and techniques.	Lines of inquiry: 1. Adaptations of plants and animals.
	Challenges and opportunities children face. (local and global)	2. What we learn from exploration.	within a text. 3. How writing conveys	Different energy sources. (renewable and non-renewable)	2. How media influences us.	How animals and plants adapt to suit their environment.
	2. Rights and responsibilities of children.	3. Planning an expedition.	our ideas, beliefs and values.	3.Sustainable energy practices.	3. How we produce media for specific purposes.	3. What can be done to help plants and animals survive.
	3. How we protect children.					

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	Physical, Social & Emotional Changes	Ancient Civilization	Media Literacy	Structures & Forces	Economies	Conflict Resolution
P 5 9-10	Central idea: Changes people experience at different stages of their lives affect their evolving sense of self Key Concepts: Connection – How is it linked to other things? Perspective – What are the points of view? Form – What is it like? Related Concepts: Beliefs, Reproduction, Relationships Lines of inquiry: 1. Beliefs and values contribute to who I am. 2. The physical, social and emotional changes that occur throughout life.	Central idea: Ancient civilizations shape present day systems and technologies. Key Concepts: Form – What is it like? Function – How does it work? Connection – How is it linked to other things? Related Concepts: Civilization, System, Technologies Lines of inquiry: 1. Characteristics of civilizations. 2. Exploring ancient systems. 3. Why contribution of different hierarchies makes a civilization	Central idea: Media has the power to influence thinking and behavior. Key Concepts: Causation – Why is it like it is? Perspective – What are the points of view? Responsibility – What are our obligations? Related Concepts: Media, Information, Influence Lines of inquiry: 1. What is media. 2. How media influences our thinking and behavior. 3. What impact does media have on the choices we make?	Central idea: Investigating structures and forces help us understand how the world works. Key Concepts: Form – What is it like? Causation – Why is it as it is? Change – How is it transforming? Related Concepts: Properties, Sequences, Growth Lines of inquiry: 1. How structures interact with forces. 2. How structures can be manipulated based on what it is built with. 3. How our structures in our modern world have	Central idea: Physical features of the environment can affect societies' economies. Key Concepts: Responsibility – What are our obligations? Function – How does it work? Change – How is it transforming? Related Concepts: Needs, Wants, Disasters Lines of inquiry: 1. The needs and wants of societies. 2. Economies are affected by its physical features and location. 3. Societies respond to changes that occur in the	Central idea: Different perspectives can lead to conflict and affect peace around the world. Key Concepts: Change - How is it transforming? Function – How does it work? Causation – Why is it as it is? Related Concepts: Society, Culture, Relationships Lines of inquiry: 1. What conflict is. 2. The types of conflict that exist in our planet. 3. The results that occur when conflict is resolved.
	3. How relationships contribute to our self-image.	influential.		changed over time.	environment.	

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	Personal, Social, and	Migration	EXHIBITION	Technology	Government System	Ecosystem
P 6	Central Idea: By balancing lifestyle, people contribute to their well - being. Key Concepts: Form - What is it like? Connection - How is it linked to other things? Function - How does it work? Related Concepts: Health, Interaction, Puberty Lines of Inquiry:	Central Idea: Stories of migration build understanding of people's challenges and opportunities. Key Concepts: Perspective - What are the points of view? Causation - Why is it as it is? Responsibility - What are our obligations? Related Concepts: Interpretation, Contribution, Settlement Lines of Inquiry:	EXHIBITION	Central Idea: Advances in technology shape the way the world perceives development. Key Concepts: Change - How is it transforming? Connection - How is it linked to other things? Responsibility - What are our obligations? Related Concepts: Invention, Advances, Ingenuity Lines of Inquiry:	Central Idea: Government systems determine the different communities in the society. Key Concepts: Causation - Why is it as it is? Connection - How is it linked to other things? Perspective - What are the points of view? Related Concepts: Citizenship, Systems, Leadership Lines of Inquiry:	Central Idea: Biological processes support adaptation and interconnectedness in the ecosystems. Key Concepts: Form - What is it like? Change - How is it transforming? Function - How does it work? Related Concepts: Interdependence, Habitat, Sustainability Lines of Inquiry: 1. Elements of ecosystems.
	1.Factors that affect our personal, physical, emotional and social well -being. 2. Physical and emotional changes affect social interactions.	 The reasons why people migrate. Migration throughout history. Personal and social contributions of migration on 		 What leads to technological advances. How people use technology. How ingenuity can help solve problems. 	 How government systems function. Impact of leadership on society. How citizens can contribute and monitor actions of their government. 	2. Factors that affect the balance of ecosystems.3. Our responsibility in sustaining our ecosystems.
	3. Strategies for coping with change.	communities and cultures.				11