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Sunshine Primary School Inquiry Map

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reiiii	Exploring our mind, body, and	Exploring science, technologies and	Exploring a changing nation over	Exploring the planet we live on
	identity	innovation	time	Exploring the planet we live on
Even	Working and Playing Together This unit is about belonging, friendship and the importance of working and playing together. During the unit students will be introduced to the school values of 'Respect, Safe and Learning' and learn about classroom rules and why they are needed. Students will participate in a cooperative social skills program called 'Stop, Think, Do' where they will learn appropriate language and actions when dealing with conflict and be able to practice these skills when working ingroup situations. They will also identify the characteristics of good friends and realise that you don't have to be friendly towards all. Students will identify how cooperative skills can be used in reallife situations. Students can create a class visual representation using photos or videos to demonstrate the school values.	Watch it Move! In this unit students will explore the properties and attributes of different objects made out of different materials, sizes and shapes. Students will be able to talk about these properties and attributes and how they impact the objects ability to move. Students will investigate different forces that can make an object move and will conduct scientific experiments to test out hypothesis (predictions) on what hinders or helps an object to move. They will share and communicate their findings with others. Students will have the opportunity to build and design an object that can move with assistance of human force. Students will complete a design brief (with re-made or recycled products) and will share their findings with the rest of the class.	Family In this unit students identify the different members of a family, (for example mother, sister, grandparent, aunty) and create simple family trees. They will name their family members and find out information about them, such as where they were born and raised. They will consider a range of family structures, (e.g. nuclear families, only child families, large families, as well as kinship groups, tribes and Aboriginal structures). Students will identify similarities and differences between their own family and those in their class. Students will engage in a "Meet My Family" day where their families can come along to school. Students will get to observe the different types of families that exist within their class.	Needs of Living Things This unit is about students establishing an understanding of what a living and non-living thing is. The students will use this knowledge to look closely at the animal world (for example, marine life, Australian animals, reptiles etc) and identify what an animals essential needs are to survive. The inquiry will allow the students to look closely at specific features of animals, explore the purpose of those features, and describe how such features aid the animal's survival. Students will also identify how the features of an animal can help it to survive in its own habitat and that it's the responsibility of all humans to protect the natural habitats of those environments. Students will work together to create a habitat wall in their classroom which will display animals and their distinctive features that they require for survival (e.g. An octopus has 8 tentacles because).
Big Question	How can we make our classroom a friendly and co-operative place?	What helps or hinders something to move?	What makes up a family?	What does a living thing need to survive?
Major Concepts	Responsibility, diversity, change, systems	Change, responsibility, systems	Responsibility, diversity, change, systems	Responsibility, diversity, change, systems

Odd	Keeping myself safe, healthy and	Seasonal Weather	Celebrations	Our Living World
	happy at school.	This unit is about exploring the different	In this unit students will explore why	This unit is about establishing an
	This unit is all about becoming familiar	seasons of the year and the weather	and how different people celebrate.	understanding of what a living and non-
	with the school environment and how	conditions that are typical of each season.	They will investigate and compare a	living thing is. The students will
	choices can be made that keep us safe,	Students will use their senses to describe	range of different celebrations and	categorise living things based on
	healthy and happy whilst at school.	characteristics of weather and investigate	identify their own family and cultural	commonalities and will look at what they
	Students will be introduced to the	ways human behaviour may be modified	celebrations. Students will compare how	need in order to survive. The students
	school values of 'Respect, Safe and	because of weather (e.g. Clothing,	their celebrations are similar to and	will identify the needs of particular
	Learning' and how their choices have	hobbies). Students will learn why it is	different from others (e.g. food, dress	groups of living things (for example,
	consequences. Students will become	important to measure and monitor the	etc.). They will investigate the	humans, animals and plants) and what
	familiar with their school environment,	weather and what kinds of instruments	characteristics of celebrations that other	can impact their survival in a positive
	the rules that make their classroom and	have been invented to do this. The	families and cultures celebrate.	and negative way. Students will explore
	playground a safe place to be. They will	students will have the opportunity to build	Students will understand that people	the needs of living things in a range of
	participate in a cooperative social skills	and design an instrument that can	have different backgrounds, however	situations and recognise the impact that
	program called 'Stop, Think, Do' where	measure some form of weather (e.g. rain	each of us are Australian and	people can have on the living world.
	they will learn appropriate language	gauge, sun dial, wind sock) using a design	Australians participate in some specific	Students will have the opportunity to
	and actions when dealing with conflict.	brief. Students will share and reflect on	celebrations, such as Anzac Day,	participate in experiments (e.g.
	They will also learn about how their	their findings with the rest of the class.	Australia Day and Clean Up Australia	comparing a plant with water and
	choices and actions can keep	-	Day. Students will have the opportunity	sunlight vs no water and sunlight) that
	themselves and their classmates safe,		to plan and implement their own	focus on the needs of living things.
	happy and healthy. Students will create		celebration within the school community	Students will predict, observe and
	posters and a short film demonstrating		(e.g. Clean Up Sunshine Day,	explain what they have seen throughout
	being safe, healthy and happy at		Multicultural Celebration Day).	the experiments.
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Big	How can I keep myself safe, healthy	Why does our weather change?	How do Australians celebrate?	What does a living thing need to survive?
Question	and happy at school?	,		
Major	Responsibility, change, choice,	Change, responsibility, systems, identity,	Responsibility, change, choice, systems,	Responsibility, change, choice, systems,
Concepts	systems, identity	energy	identity	identity
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