

Brown Academy

Programme of Inquiry 2010-2011

	Aug.11 th -Sept. 17th	Sept. 20th-November 5th	November 8th-December 16th	January 5th-February 11	February 14-April 1	April 4-May 20
Kindergarten	<p><u>Who We Are</u> Magnificent Me! Central Idea: Learning about ourselves helps us understand and get along with others. Key concepts: Responsibility connection An inquiry into: *I have likes, dislikes, and characteristics that are different than my friends. *I am a citizen of my classroom. *Introduction to learner profile words</p>	<p><u>Where We Are in Place and Time</u> When Autumn Falls Central Idea: Seasonal changes affect how resources are used. Key concepts: Change Function An inquiry into: *Changing of trees and leaves *Growth cycles of certain crops *Contrast of local and global crops</p>	<p><u>How We Express Ourselves</u> Fabulous Family Traditions Central Idea: Families connect through the traditions they celebrate. Key concepts: Connection Perspective An inquiry into: *Types of traditions and celebrations *Point of view of different celebrations</p>	<p><u>How the World Works</u> Everything Can Change! Central Idea: Living things adapt to their environment. Key concepts: Change Causation An inquiry into: *Animal adaptations to seasonal changes *Human/animal interactions</p>	<p><u>How We Organize Ourselves</u> Colorful Communities Central Idea: People working together can make a successful community. Key concepts: Responsibility Perspective An inquiry into: *World communities *Community roles *How problems are solved in communities in different ways</p>	<p><u>Sharing the Planet</u> Cycles of the Earth Central Idea: Things we use can be reduced, reused, or recycled. Key concepts: Responsibility Reflection An inquiry into: *Reduce, reuse, and recycle *Creative uses for recycled materials</p>
First	<p><u>Who We Are</u> I am a Citizen! Central Idea: I learn about my community in order to be a more productive citizen. Key concepts: Form Responsibility An inquiry into: *Rules, rights, responsibilities of citizens *Character traits *Levels of leadership in communities around the world</p>	<p><u>Where We Are in Place and Time</u> Me on the Map Central Idea: Maps link people and places together. Key concepts: Form Function Connection An inquiry into: *Various types of maps *Interpretation and uses of maps *Constructing maps</p>	<p><u>How We Express Ourselves</u> Around the world with Storytelling! Central idea: Storytelling is a creative expression with a purpose. Key concepts: Form Function An inquiry into: *Fairy tales from around the world *Story elements *Storytelling as an art form</p>	<p><u>How the World Works</u> Planet Earth-our home, sweet, home! Central idea: The Earth is always moving and changing. Key concepts: Change Connection Form An inquiry into: *Earth's weather *objects in the day and night sky *geology</p>	<p><u>How We Organize Ourselves</u> That's made of WHAT? Central Idea: People use resources to meet their needs. Key concepts: Change Responsibility Connection An inquiry into: *Goods and services *Natural and other available resources in communities</p>	<p><u>Sharing the Planet</u> Plants and Animals..Oh,My! Central Idea: People and animals have basic needs for survival. Key concepts: Connection Responsibility An inquiry into: *Interdependency between plants and animals *Protecting and conserving resources</p>
Second	<p><u>How the World Works</u> Our Changing Earth Central Idea: People depend on a changing Earth. Key Concepts: Change Connection An inquiry into: *Earth's resources *Motions in the sky *weather and seasons</p>	<p><u>Where We Are in Place and Time</u> Cultural Affair Central Idea: Cultures around the world have similarities and differences. Key concepts: Form Connection An inquiry into: *Comparison of local and global culture *Personal culture</p>	<p><u>How We Express Ourselves</u> Celebrate! Central Idea: People celebrate for different reasons and in a variety of ways. Key Concepts: Reflection Perspective An inquiry into: *Celebrations that a culture values *Similarities and differences between cultural celebrations</p>	<p><u>Sharing the Planet</u> World of Habitats! Central Idea: Different habitats provide different needs. Key concepts: Causation Connection Responsibility An inquiry into: *Habitats *Food chains and webs *Responsibility to protect habitats</p>	<p><u>How We Organize Ourselves</u> We the People Central Idea: Governments and people make decisions. Key concepts: Function Connection An inquiry into: *Governing bodies *Laws *Structure of governments *Social order</p>	<p><u>Who We Are</u> It's All About Choices! Central Idea: Our personal choices affect the world around us. Key concepts: Responsibility Causation Reflection An inquiry into: *Personal choices and their affect on the world *Cause and effect relationships characteristics</p>

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<p>Third</p>	<p><u>Who We Are</u> A Blast from the Past Central idea: Our experiences provide the foundations for our future. Key concepts: Causation Connection Reflection An inquiry into: *Family histories *Time lines *Past experiences and their influence on today</p>	<p><u>Where We Are in Place and Time</u> Where am I? Central Idea: A region's identity can be defined by its physical landscape and its change over time. Key concepts: Change Form An inquiry into: *Topographical features *How settlements/towns have changed over time</p>	<p><u>How We Express Ourselves</u> Finding Ourselves Around the Globe Central idea: The culture of a group is expressed through its literature, arts, and daily life. Key concepts: Causation Connection Perspective An inquiry into: *Religion, food, art and music of cultures *Commonality and diversity of cultures *Forms of creative expression</p>	<p><u>How the World Works</u> What Makes the World Go 'Round Central idea: People study the Earth's cycles in order to bring structure to their lives. Key concepts: Causation Connection An inquiry into: *Science of meteorology *Tools used to predict weather *Comparisons of weather around the world</p>	<p><u>How We Organize Ourselves</u> That costs HOW much? Central Idea: Economic decisions are based on perception of value. Key concepts: Causation Perspective An inquiry into: *Barter and trade in global communities *Needs and wants with a global perspective *How advertising influences economic decisions</p>	<p><u>Sharing the Planet</u> Water, Water Everywhere Central Idea: Water is a limited resource that is unevenly distributed. Key concepts: Connection Responsibility Reflection An inquiry into: *Local and global availability of water *Water management *Responsibility for use of finite resources, such as water</p>
<p>Fourth</p>	<p><u>Who We Are</u> Ch..Ch..Changes! Central Idea: Various factors cause cultures to change. Key concepts: Change Connection Form An inquiry into: *Ancient civilizations compared to present *Why cultures change</p>	<p><u>Where We Are in Place and Time</u> Look to the sky to find your way! Central Idea: Explorers use multiple strategies to navigate the world. Key concepts: Form Causation An inquiry into: *global explorers past/present *Constellations *Weather</p>	<p><u>How We Express Ourselves</u> Express Yourself! Central Idea: Throughout history, humans have had a desire to express themselves to inspire change. Key concepts: Connection Perspective Causation An inquiry into: *Revolutions *Conflict & resolution *Self-expression</p>	<p><u>How the World Works</u> Tiny Parts, Big Jobs Central Idea: Living things are made up of smaller parts that have specific jobs. Key Concepts: Form Function Responsibility An inquiry into: *Life cycles *Human and animal cell differences and similarities</p>	<p><u>How We Organize Ourselves</u> Are there any resources around? Central Idea: The success of a society depends on its share of Earth's resources. Key concepts: Form Connection An inquiry into: *Innovative use of resources *Why people take risks *How people may adapt to new environments</p>	<p><u>Sharing the Planet</u> Earth's Problems Are Our Problems! Central Idea: Everyone is responsible for learning how to share the Earth. Key concepts: Connection Responsibility An inquiry into: *Conservation of endangered areas *Biomes</p>
<p>Fifth</p>	<p><u>Sharing the Planet</u> May the Force Be with YOU Central Idea: Human and natural forces impact the balance of the environment. Key Concepts: Form Causation Change An inquiry into: *Forces both natural & man-made *Causes of change in environment</p>	<p><u>Where We Are in Place and Time</u> Does Money Really Equal Power? Central Idea: Money and power influence societies. Key Concepts: Causation Perspective An inquiry into: *Economics *War and its results, both intended and unexpected</p>	<p><u>How the World Works</u> Are you a survivor? Central Idea: People use the Earth's resources in a variety of ways for survival. Key concepts: Change Causation Responsibility An inquiry into: *Human resourcefulness *Distribution of resources</p>	<p><u>How We Express Ourselves</u> I Wanna be the impact! Central idea: Experiences can influence expression. Key concepts: Reflection An inquiry into: *Creative expression *Career choices in the global community</p>	<p><u>How We Organize Ourselves</u> Winds of Change Central Idea: Individuals have made and continue to make changes to improve rights for themselves and others. Key concepts: Perspective Responsibility An inquiry into: *Global human rights issues *Personal accounts of historical events</p>	<p><u>EXHIBITION-Who We Are</u> We CAN Make a Difference Central Idea: Beliefs and values are reflected in the government and the people. Key concepts: Perspective Reflection An inquiry into: *How beliefs and values are reflected in government *How governments can influence the beliefs and values of its citizens</p>