Pigeon Mountain School - Programme of Inquiry



Draft descriptors	An inquiry into: the nature of self'; beliefs and values; well-being; a sense of personal and social responsibility towards themselves, those around them, communities, of their environments (including natural environments) and of the wider society.	The natural world and its laws; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific & technological advancements on society & the environment; the interaction between the natural world (physical & biological) & human guardianship of finite resources; environmental issues & related impacts	Where we are in Place and Time An inquiry into: The significance of place for individuals and groups. how and why we might adapt to change; the impact of innovation (past, present & to imagine possible futures); personal histories; homes & journeys; the past and present discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the interconnectedness of individuals & communities & civilizations from local to global perspectives Social sciences/technology/The arts/Te Reo Descriptor to also address STEM	Connecting to the World through the Arts How We Express Ourselves An inquiry into: How to be creators, presenters, viewers and listeners;how to view the world from new perspectives; how we reflect on, extend & 'enjoy' our creativity; an appreciation of the aesthetic The Arts/social science/Te Reo	*How We Organise Ourselves Social science/technology/Te Reo
Time frame	3-4 weeks	Year Long	6-7 weeks	6-7 weeks	6-7 weeks
Phase 1 Pohutukawa 2020 Puriri 2021 Manuka 2022	Big Idea: How people recognise and regulate thoughts, feelings and emotions Concepts: mindfulness	Big Idea: All living things go through a cycle of change Concepts: cycle change	Big Idea: Interpretation of how artefacts contribute to our understanding of personal history Concepts:	Big Idea: Celebrations and traditions are expressions of beliefs and values Concepts: symbolism	Big Idea: People in the community use places for a variety of purposes Concepts: community

	resilience diversity perspective Understanding Goals: Students will understand: What is mindfulness How mindfulness can promote positive self-management and self-regulation How to identify and grow personal strengths	growth time adaptation Understanding Goals: Students will understand: Patterns of growth How living things change Conditions that influence life cycles	evidence connection community history Understanding Goals: Students will understand: Why people analyse artefacts The significance of artefacts and connection to the past How evidence of the past tells us about the community	reflection perspective Understanding Goals: Students will understand: Ways to celebrate Features of celebrations and traditions The symbolic representation of celebrations and traditions	service purpose sustainability Understanding goal: Students will understand: The features of places in our community How people use places Our responsibility in the environment and places in the community
Time frame	8 weeks	6-8 weeks	6 weeks	Year Long	6-7 weeks
Phase 2 Manuka 2020 Pohutukawa 2021 Puriri - 2022	Big Idea: Being part of community is sharing a common purpose or space Trip options - Tier 1 - beach cleanup, work with another school/kindy, walk to Pigeon Mountain, visit retirement home. Concepts: belonging community action connection Understanding Goals: Students will understand: A sense of belonging and contribution within a community	Big Idea: The Earth's natural cycles influence the activity of living things Concepts: cause and effect connection change cycle pattern interaction Understanding Goals: Students will understand Natural cycles Patterns of behaviour in living things connected to	*Big Idea: Throughout history humans look for ways to make life easier Concepts: function design Impact application Understanding Goals: Students will understand: People design and use technology to shape the world Social and environmental changes are created by the use of technologies	Big Idea: Storytelling is a way of expressing ideas and explanations (fables, morals, myths) Trip options - Tier 2 - Howick Little Theatre Concepts: purpose imagination process connection Understanding Goals: Students will understand: The process of storytelling The purpose of storytelling Diverse ways of	Big Idea: Products go through a process of change for different purposes Trip options - Tier 1 - local bee keeper to come to us. Trip options - Tier 3 - visit the chelsea sugar factory. Trip options - bakery Concepts: process product purpose Understanding Goals: Students will understand: That products have an origin

	That human and natural communities are interconnected How collaboration and decision-making, can lead to action	Earth's natural cycles The actions people take in response to Earth's natural cycles	Technology impacts on people, community and environment Science Connections	communicating ideas	How products can be changed for a particular purpose Distribution of products Technology Connections
Time frame	Year Long	6-7 weeks	6-8+	3-4 weeks	6-8 weeks
Phase 3 Puriri- 2020 Manuka - 2021 Pohutukawa - 2022	Big Idea: Through the process of self-discovery leads to new connections & understandings https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vzzoqYOBqFmPO0hLBU28zjHk_nmEWOLZ33AxPx66U8M/edit Concepts: perspective environment connection discovery	Big Idea: Living things adapt to their changes in habitat in order to survive Concepts: habitat needs function, adaption Understanding Goals: Students will understand: The needs of living things Different habitats and their	Big Idea: Learning about previous generations helps us to understand the relationship between the past and present Concepts: perspective connection past	Big Idea: Dance is a fundamental form of expression https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_OrZS8g2agvkDfgWE-AcP2AVZgqfz3sG5BoYjMlcUek/edit Concepts: form movement time spatial awareness	Big Idea: Systems are used to organise the world around us https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pPSoZP2FKCs7Sivp4bF0xh0mDWo-loph6SUXI_4YTk/edit Concepts: system organisation function journey Understanding Goals:
	Understanding Goals: Students will understand: How exploring the environment provides different perspective	features How living things interact with the natural environment	Understanding Goals: Students will understand: How to represent personal history The role of story in	Understanding Goals: Students will understand: Elements of dance How to use movement to represent and	Students will understand: Why do we have systems How systems work How to use systems for a
	The connection between investigation and self-discovery	Responsibility for sharing the natural environment with other living things	representing the past - people and places	communicate ideas, emotions and feelings	particular purpose
	Who they are and what		How people use different ways to express the past	Exploration and performance of dance	

	they can contribute to the world		Years 4-6 Overview		
Draft descriptors	Who We Are An inquiry into: The nature of self; beliefs & values; human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures; Hauora (physical, mental, social, emotional and spiritual); rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human Social sciences/science/health/ Hauora	How the World Works An inquiry into: The natural world and its laws; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific & technological advancements on society & the environment; the interaction between the natural world (physical & biological) & human societies; how we explore possibilities, develop ideas and find solutions science/technology Descriptor to also address STEM	Where We Are in Place and Time or How we Respond to our Changing World An inquiry into: The significance of place for individuals and groups. how and why we might adapt to change; the impact of innovation (past, present & to imagine possible futures); personal histories; homes & journeys; the past and present discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the interconnectedness of individuals & communities & civilizations from local to global perspectives Where we are in Place and Time Social sciences/technology/The arts/Te Reo Descriptor to also	How We Express Ourselves Through the Arts An inquiry into: How to be creators, presenters, viewers and listeners;how to view the world from new perspectives; how we reflect on, extend & 'enjoy' our creativity; an appreciation of the aesthetic Connecting to the World through the Arts The Arts/social science/Te Reo	*How We Organise Ourselves Social science/technology/Te Reo/health/economics/fin ancial literacy

			address STEM		
Year 6	Leadership - Lakewood Lodge Integration with Who We Are and How We Organise Ourselves Big Idea: The connection between active citizenship and leadership/responsibility		Tikanga Maori Integration with Connecting to the World through the Arts and Where We are in Place and Time Big Idea: Sense of belonging and an understanding of our heritage		
Time frame					
Phase 1 2020 Kauri 2021 Kahikatea 2022 Titoki	Big Idea: An active and healthy lifestyle relies on the interconnections of body systems Concepts: system function interconnection responsibility Understanding Goals: How body systems function and are interconnected Factors that contribute to a healthy body How to take responsibility for physical health and wellbeing	Big Idea: Changes in the Earth and its spheres impact on our daily lives Concepts: interconnection change atmosphere system Understanding Goals: The interconnection between Earth within the solar system Why the Earth has changed and continues to change How humans respond to Earth's changes	Big Idea: The motivation to explore leads to new discoveries Concepts: exploration discovery motivation consequence Understanding Goals: What motivates exploration Consequences of exploration Exploration leads to new understandings	Big Idea: Indigenous art forms develop an understanding of the world around us Concepts: reflection communication symbolism form Understanding Goals: How indigenous art communicates beliefs, values, rituals and traditions Symbolism of the natural world is used to express ideas, feelings and emotions Personal preferences and appreciation of indigenous art	Big Idea: Decisions making processes can promote or deny equal opportunities and social justice Concepts: governance decision-making system perspective Understanding Goals: Systems of governance Processes for decision-making Impact of decision-making on citizens Rights and responsibilities of citizenship Resources: What matters most

					resource: Exploring poverty
Phase 2 2020 Kahikatea 2021 Titoki 2022 Kauri	Big Idea: Relationships involve a complex range of interactions Concepts: communication responsibility interaction relationships Understanding Goals: How to build positive relationships How to interact and communicate effectively Active citizenship and participation in community	Big Idea: Natural materials can undergo change that may impact society and the environment Concepts: sustainability transformation cause and effect manipulation change Understanding Goals: How materials are transformed for particular purposes Positive and negative impacts of material changes on society How societies take advantage of the changes of materials	Big Idea: The design of buildings and structures is dependent on environmental factors, human ingenuity and availability of materials Concepts: technology Innovation design structures Understanding Goals: Consideration to take into account when building a structure The impact of the changing nature of geographical location Local architecture and how it is designed in response to needs	Big Idea: Behaviour or appearance depicts aspects of identity Concepts: image identity trend expression perspective Understanding Goals: How fashion and trend is a form of expression How association of cultural and social norms connect to self-expression How people's appearance influences your perception of them	Big Idea: The earth's ecological balance depends on the preservation of environmental conditions. Concepts: biodiversity balance cause and effect interdependence Understanding Goals: Interdependence within ecosystems, biomes and environment Ways in which organisms are interconnected in nature How human interaction with the environment can affect the balance of systems
Phase 3 2020 Titoki 2021 Kauri 2022 Kahikatea	Big Idea: Identity is influenced by culture, experiences and a desire to belong. Concepts: beliefs values identity	Big Idea: Energy may be converted, transformed and used to support human progress Concepts: causation forces	Big Idea: Communities are shaped and changed by human migration Concepts: community change culture	Big Idea: Media is designed to communicate a message and influence a response Concepts: media perception interpretation	Big Idea: Consumerism is driven by marketing, supply and demand. Concepts: enterprise economics consumerism

belonging	energy transformation	perspective	design	venture
Understanding Goals:	sustainability			
Diversity shapes our		Understanding Goals:	Understanding Goals:	Understanding Goals:
identity	Understanding Goals:	Reasons why people	The design elements of	How consumerism affects
	Renewable and	migrate	static and moving images	choices
How values and beliefs are	non-renewable energy			
influenced by culture and heritage	sources	Influence of migration on communities, culture and	How we interpret and respond to messages	Supply and demand
	How energy is transformed	individuals		How a response to
Values and beliefs shape			How messages are	changing needs drives
actions and responses	How we use technology to find solutions to access energy sources	How a changing community challenges existing beliefs and values	conveyed	enterprise and innovation
	Sustainable energy practices			Resources: Education for Enterprise