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Y1	<p>Central Idea: As we get more independent, we have a responsibility to take care of others and ourselves.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, connection, causation</p> <p>Related concepts: independence, responsibility, organization, feelings</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-management skills that help us become independent • Playing and working together • How looking for good and sharing good stories can make us and others happy 	<p>Central Idea: People have different roles in the communities to which they belong.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, function, responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: communities, roles, interaction, action</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various communities we belong to • Roles of people who are part of our communities • How people take action in the community 	<p>Central Idea: People enjoy and experience different forms of arts.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, perspective, function</p> <p>Related concepts: creativity, communication, imagination</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different art forms • Ways of creating art • Materials and tools used in creating art 	<p>Central Idea: Understanding the properties of materials helps us know how to use them.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, connection, function</p> <p>Related concepts: properties, similarities, differences, use</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The properties of materials • Similarities and differences between materials • The uses of different materials



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Y2	<p>Central Idea: People's relationships with each other can have an impact on well-being.</p> <p>Key concepts: reflection, connection, responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: emotions, cooperation, relationships, well-being</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roles and behaviours in relationships • How relationships can affect our wellbeing • How we communicate with others 	<p>Central Idea: Stories communicate people's thoughts, feelings and experiences in a creative way.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, function, perspective</p> <p>Related concepts: communication, expression, creativity</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different ways people share stories • Why people share stories • Techniques storytellers use to engage their audience 	<p>Central Idea: Living things depend on each other to survive.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, connection, causation</p> <p>Related concepts: interdependence, survival, classification</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ways living things are classified • Habitats within the environment • Cooperation between living things 	<p>Central Idea: Knowing our personal history allows us to celebrate who we are and where we have come from.</p> <p>Key concepts: causation, connection, perspective</p> <p>Related concepts: personal history, identity, culture</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How we came to live in Hong Kong • Places, people and events that are special to our family • Similarities and differences of people in our class community



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	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.				
	Central Idea: People express their ideas, feelings and creativity through art. Key concepts: form, perspective, function Related concepts: creativity, style, technique Lines of inquiry: - Collaboration through art, - Techniques and styles artists use, - Ways to communicate ideas, feelings and experiences				
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Y3	Central Idea: Public spaces provide people with opportunities to make connections and establish a sense of community Key concepts: Related concepts: Lines of inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different types of public spaces How designs of public spaces create a purpose How people use public spaces to connect 	Central Idea: Knowing about geographical features help us to understand how people around the world interact and behave. Key concepts: form, connection Related concepts: geography, location, mapping Lines of inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The location and geographical features of places of interest. The ways people record geographical features on maps The similarities and differences of places around the world. 	Central Idea: Scientists try to understand the changes that happen in nature. Key concepts: causation, connection, change Related concepts: cycles, time, impact, seasons Lines of inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes in nature Cycles in the natural world What scientists do 	Central Idea: People can make choices on how to use and share resources. Key concepts: function, change, responsibility Related concepts: choice, sustainability, resource Lines of inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural resources used to make everyday products Changes in natural resources Responsible use of natural resources 	Central Idea: Human body systems work together for good health. Key concepts: function, connection, responsibility Related concepts: systems, interdependence, choices and consequences Lines of inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How the systems of the human body work The relationship between and among these systems The choices we make that health and well-being



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	Central Idea: There are different ways to achieve well-being Key concepts: causation, reflection, responsibility Related concepts: Well-being, choice, health, hygiene Lines of inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Factors that have an impact on our well-being. How we take responsibility of our well-being Mindfulness 				
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Y4	Central Idea: Our voice is an important form of expression to communicate ideas, emotions and feelings. Key concepts: function, form, perspective Related concepts: creativity, expression Lines of inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How sounds are created Ways of using the voice to communicate ideas, emotions and feelings The impact of our voice on others 	Central Idea: Living things need to adapt in order to survive. Key concepts: change, causation, form Related concepts: adaptation, extinction Lines of inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why living things adapt How living things adapt or respond to environmental conditions How organisms are classified 	Central Idea: Artefacts can help us understand history. Key concepts: form, connection, reflection Related concepts: civilization, continuity, past, present Lines of inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ways to find out about history Significant ideas and events connected to where we live 	Central Idea: The Earth's surface changes over time as a result of natural processes and human activities. Key concepts: function, change, causation Related concepts: tectonic plate movement, climate, geography, weather Lines of inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How the Earth's surface is continually changing The impact of human activity on the Earth The use of design and technology in response to changes in the environment 	Central Idea: People use digital systems to create, communicate and solve problems Key concepts: function, connection, responsibility Related concepts: action, service, citizenship Lines of inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying and understanding different digital systems and how they work The possibilities of digital systems Online communication



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	Central Idea: People can be creative in different ways Key concepts: Perspective, function, causation Related concepts: appreciation, creativity, inspiration, design, innovation, exploration Lines of inquiry: Art appreciation, exploration of design, How art affects us				
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Y5	Central Idea: Understanding the responsibilities of a learner provides strategies for working effectively Key concepts: perspective, connection, responsibility Related concepts: rights, responsibilities, well-being Lines of inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myself as a learner • Strategies we use as responsible learners • Creating effective relationships 	Central Idea: People engage in economic activities to meet their needs and wants. Key concepts: function, responsibility Related concepts: Trade, supply and demand, consumers, producers Lines of inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of supply and demand • Our responsibilities as consumers and producers • Different trading practices 	Central Idea: People can learn through exploration and discovery. Key concepts: form, causation, change Related concepts: exploration, discovery, impact Lines of inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons for exploration and discovery (historical and personal) • Significant explorations and discoveries in history • The consequences of explorations and discoveries. 	Central Idea: Energy affects the way people live and how the world works. Key concepts: change, function, causation Related concepts: energy, transformation, experiments, technology Lines of inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transformation of energy • Scientific principles demonstrated through experiments • The impact of energy technology on society 	Central Idea: Sustainability is our responsibility. Key concepts: change, responsibility, causation, Related concepts: sustainability, waste, resources, energy efficiency Lines of inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact of development on the natural environment (a case study on plastic) • The role of biodiversity • Sustainability in our community



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	<p>Central Idea: People express themselves through a variety of media to influence others.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, function, perspective Related concepts: media, expression Lines of inquiry: Different types of media, Different ways that media influences, How people interpret Art</p>				
Y6	<p>Central Idea: Human behavior can create, prevent or resolve conflict.</p> <p>Key concepts: Change, Causation, responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: Conflict resolution, human rights</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict/Resolution • Actions taken when conflict occurs • Human rights 	<p>Central Idea: We can observe chemical and physical changes all around us</p> <p>Key concepts: change, function, connection</p> <p>Related concepts: chemical and physical changes</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditions that cause reversible and irreversible changes in materials • The process of a scientific inquiry 	<p>Central Idea: People respond differently to the challenges and opportunities of human migration.</p> <p>Key concepts: causation, change, perspective</p> <p>Related concepts: population, migration</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reasons why people migrate • Impact of migration on communities, culture and individuals • Human responses to migration 	<p>Central Idea: Non-Government Organisations provide services to meet people's needs and make an impact on social issues.</p> <p>Key concepts: function, connection, responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: action, service</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals and types of NGOs • How NGOs cooperate with communities and other organisations • How we can fulfill our civic responsibilities through social action 	<p>EXHIBITION</p> <p>Central Idea: <i>To be determined by the class</i></p> <p>Key concepts: All PYP key concepts, with a focus on form and responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts:</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will create