



Carlyle's Programme of Inquiry 2025-2026



	Who We Are An inquiry into identity as individuals and as part of a collective through: - physical, emotional, social and spiritual health and well-being; - relationships and belonging; - learning and growing	Where We are in Place and Time An inquiry into histories and orientation in place, space and time through: - periods, events and artifacts; - communities, heritage, culture and environment; - natural and human drivers of movement, adaptation and transformation	How We Express Ourselves An inquiry into the diversity of voice, perspectives, and expression through: - inspiration, imagination, creativity; - personal, social, and cultural notes and practices of communication; - intentions, perceptions, interpretations, and responses	How the World Works An inquiry into the understandings of the world and phenomena through: - patterns, cycles, systems; - diverse practices, methods, and tools; - discovery, design, innovation, possibilities, and impacts	How We Organize Ourselves An inquiry into systems, structures, and networks through: - interactions with and between social and ecological systems; - approaches to livelihoods and trade practice - intended and unintended consequences; - representation, collaboration, and decision-making	Sharing the Planet An inquiry into the interdependence of human and natural worlds through: - rights, responsibilities, and dignity of all; - pathways to just, peaceful, and reimagined futures; - nature, complexity, coexistence, and wisdom
K4	Central Idea: Good choices help us to stay safe by understanding our responsibilities and being aware of our surroundings Lines of Inquiry: Everyday safety inside and outside the home Function Making safe choices Responsibility Fire/bus safety procedures Causation Additional Concepts: Behavior, Consequences, Role		Central Idea: Through the exploration of nursery rhymes, we develop communication skills Lines of Inquiry: Expressing ourselves through rhyme Function Sequence of events Causation Favourite nursery rhymes Perspective Additional Concepts: Opinion, Patterns, Communication	Central idea: The seasons change the world around us and affect the choices humans make Lines of Inquiry: How seasons change Form Activities for every season Connection Dressing for every season Change Additional Concepts: Patterns, Cycles, Properties		Central Idea: Plants are living things that need certain conditions to grow and stay healthy Lines of Inquiry: Parts of a plant Form What plants need to grow Function How plants change Change Additional Concepts: Initiative, Growth, Role
K5	Central Idea: Our clothing shows many aspects of who we are Lines of Inquiry: Different types of clothing around the world Form Exploring how clothing connects us to different people and places Connection Our role in making responsible choices when it	Central Idea: Living things build homes for themselves and their families Lines of Inquiry: The characteristics of different types of homes Form Similarities and differences between homes Connection Environmental circumstances that determine where and how living things build their home	Central Idea: People from different cultures use many ways to mark and celebrate major events Lines of Inquiry: Exploring different types of celebrations - personal, cultural, national and international Form How and why people celebrate	Central Idea: People organize their environment to produce, process and distribute food Lines of Inquiry: Definition of food Form Various food sources Function Changes foods go through before they are sold in shops		

	comes to clothing Responsibility Additional Concepts: Identity, Values, Roles, Creativity	Causation Additional Concepts: Migration, Rights	Causation Similarities and differences between various celebrations Perspective Additional Concepts: Diversity, Culture, Traditions	Change Additional Concepts: Transformation, Consequence		
1	Central Idea: Every family is unique and they help make us who we are Lines of Inquiry: Similarities and differences between families Form Roles and responsibilities within the family Function Families then and now Change Additional Concepts: Similarities/Differences, Roles, Past/Present	Central Idea: Transportation makes it possible for societies to connect Lines of Inquiry: Evolution of transportation Change Societies connect with each other through transportation Connection Transportation affects our way of life Causation Additional Concepts: Interdependence, Time, Impact	Central Idea: Through the use of different mediums, people express thoughts and feelings Lines of Inquiry: Different elements of visual art (line, colour, shape) Form Interpretation of art pieces Perspective Connecting elements of art to mathematical concepts (shapes, symmetry, patterns) Connection Additional Concepts: Opinion, Systems, Properties	Central Idea: Our home planet is unique in the solar system Lines of Inquiry: Properties and structure of the Sun and the eight planets Form Earth's ability to sustain life Connection Role of the Sun in relation to each planet Causation Additional Concepts: Structure, System, Role	Central Idea: The needs and wants of people may impact and create connections between communities Lines of Inquiry: Difference between a want and a need Function Responsibility of citizens in regards to other people's needs Responsibility How one person's needs and wants differ from another Perspective Additional Concepts: Communication, Citizenship, Interdependence	Central Idea: All living things, no matter how small, affect human beings and the balance in nature Lines of Inquiry: Attributes of an insect Form Importance of insects Connection Helping protect insects Responsibility Additional Concepts: Properties, Relationships, Values
2	Central Idea: The human body is a complex machine dependent on its systems Lines of Inquiry: Ways to keep a healthy body Form Body systems and their parts Function Benefits of living a healthy lifestyle Causation Additional Concepts: System, Consequences, Initiative	Central Idea: Our family history can shape our personal identity Lines of Inquiry: Significant life events Causation Personal changes from birth to present Change My unique story Perspective Additional Concepts: Adaptation, Values, Beliefs	Central Idea: Graphic stories are a form of self-expression Lines of Inquiry: Elements of a graphic story Form How a graphic story works Function Evolution of graphic stories Change Additional Concepts: Sequence, Interpretation, Structure	Central Idea: All living things undergo change within their life cycle Lines of Inquiry: Definition of a life cycle Form The changes living things experience Change Connection between humans and the natural world Connection Additional Concepts: Pattern, Role, Impact	Central Idea: Schools are communities that are organized to help people work together Lines of Inquiry: The organization of a school Form The function of a school Function Roles and responsibilities within a school Responsibility Additional Concepts: Communication, Interdependence, Systems	Central Idea: Recycling our resources will help protect the environment for future generations Lines of Inquiry: The recycling process Function Recycling and its impact on the environment Causation Importance of recycling Responsibility Additional Concepts: Consequences, Systems, Values

3	Central Idea: Exploring what makes us who we are, helps us to connect to others. Lines of Inquiry: Similarities and differences between myself and others Connection Life experiences between myself and others Causation Respecting and understanding other people as unique Perspective Additional Concepts: Subjectivity, Relationship, Impact	Central Idea: Exploring history may help us become open-minded to diversity and changes in society Lines of Inquiry: Influence of the arrival of settlers upon a society and its territories Causation Similarities and differences of people and their reaction to change Change Newcomers that influenced society over time Connection Additional Concepts: Values, Similarities	Central Idea: People express feelings, ideas and experiences through poetry Lines of Inquiry: Structures and patterns of poetry Form Poetry and its message Function Connecting to poetry Connection Additional Concepts: Beliefs, Opinion	Central Idea: Plants are a life sustaining resource for all living things. Lines of Inquiry: Anatomy and growth of plants Form Evolution of plants Change How humans' actions impact the environment Responsibility Additional Concepts: Interdependence, Growth, Transformation, Innovation	Central Idea: Humans have invented measuring systems to organize their world Lines of Inquiry: Different forms of measurement Form Comparing different measuring systems Function Use of different types of measurements in our daily life Connection Additional Concepts: Pattern, Sequence	Central Idea: Water is an essential resource, which all living things need in order to survive Lines of Inquiry: The changes of the water cycle Change Different uses of water Function Importance of water conservation Responsibility Additional Concepts: Solids, Liquids
4	Central Idea: Friendships can enrich our lives and help us be better people Lines of Inquiry: Definition of a friend Form Importance of friends Perspective Maintaining friendships Function Additional Concepts: Relationship, Behaviour	Central Idea: The migration of people continues to impact our world Lines of Inquiry: Reasons for migrating Causation The impact of migration on land and people Change Consequences of migration Perspective Additional Concepts: Geography, Adaptation	Central Idea: The themes and literary components of fairy tales express our ideas, feelings and/or beliefs Lines of Inquiry: Elements of fairy tales Form Traditional fairy tales told from different characters' point of view Perspective How traditional fairy tales connect to the different cultures found in the world Connection Additional Concepts: Opinion, Similarities and Differences	Central Idea: Materials can undergo permanent or temporary changes which pose challenges and provides benefits for society and the environment Lines of Inquiry: Properties of material Form How materials change Change Ethical dilemmas associated with manufacturing processes and by-products Responsibility Additional Concepts: Transformation, Prediction	Central Idea: Advertising influences the choices we make and values we hold within a society Lines of Inquiry: Process of advertising Form Purpose of advertising Causation Advertising can influence consumer choices Responsibility Additional Concepts: Interdependence, Decision-making, Structure	Central Idea: Conflict resolution can lead to peaceful outcomes in human life Lines of Inquiry: The causes of conflict Causation The effects of conflict Connection Managing conflict Responsibility Additional Concepts: Relationship, Consequence, Behaviour
5	Central Idea: Individuals face changes as they grow and develop Lines of Inquiry: Social, emotional and physical changes that occur as we mature Change The well-being of our bodies	Central Idea: Systems and technologies from the past shape present day systems and technologies Lines of Inquiry: The purpose of systems and technologies in society Function	Central Idea: Every culture has a story to tell Lines of Inquiry: Definition of a legend and a folktale Form Connections formed through theme and/or moral	Central Idea: The impact and response to natural disasters on society Lines of Inquiry: Definition of a natural disaster Form	Central Idea: Citizens' participation may influence societal change Lines of Inquiry: Definition of a citizen Form Rights and responsibilities of citizens Responsibility	Central Idea: Knowledge and awareness of human rights can lead to more equal opportunities for all Lines of Inquiry: Human rights in relation to their wants and needs Connection

	Responsibility Values and external influences that determine decision-making Perspective Additional Concepts: Growth, Adapt, Cycle	How systems and technologies from the past have been adapted Change The impact of systems and technologies on today's world Causation Additional Concepts: Continuity, Progress, Technology	Connection Expressing certain beliefs through the sharing of legends and folktales Perspective Additional Concepts: Interpretation, Truth, System	Natural disasters and its impact Causation Human response to natural disasters Responsibility Additional Concepts: Global warming, Man-made disasters, Sequence	The impact when citizens come together for a cause Connection Additional Concepts: Rights, Values, Networks	Rights of children around the world Perspective Human rights – our responsibility to inform ourselves and others Responsibility Additional Concepts: Interdependence, Property, Opinion, Initiative
6	Central Idea: People identify with different groups that share their beliefs and values Lines of Inquiry: Beliefs and values of major religions Form Similarities and differences between our beliefs and those of others Connection Consequences of stereotyping Causation Additional Concepts: Beliefs, Acceptance, Consequences	Central Idea: Mankind uses a variety of innovative ways to locate places and people Lines of Inquiry: Physical diversities of the continents Form Interpretation of maps and globes Function Evolution of navigational tools Change Additional Concepts: Properties, Structures, Similarities/Differences, Growth	Central Idea: Through the structure of short stories, authors express their imaginations, feelings and experiences Lines of Inquiry: Elements of a short story Form Evolution of character development Change Importance of editing Causation Additional Concepts: Sequence, Subjectivity, Interpretation	Central Idea: Energy can have a direct impact on the environment Lines of Inquiry: Different forms of energy Form Functions of energy Function Connection between mankind's consumption of energy and the impact on the environment Connection Additional Concepts: Energy sources, Consumption, Impact, Systems	Central Idea: Mankind functions under all different forms of governing bodies Lines of Inquiry: Different forms of government Form Purpose of government Function Individual participation in government and society Responsibility Additional Concepts: Elections/Campaign, Rights and Freedoms, Leaders	Central Idea: Mankind's interactions can affect Earth's finite resources Lines of Inquiry: Structure of the Earth Form The usage of finite resources Causation Different perspectives concerning finite resource Perspective Additional Concepts: Structure, Impact, Opinion