

Kindergarten Big Ideas

English Language Art

Language and **story** can be a source of creativity and joy.

Stories and other **texts** help us learn about ourselves and our families.

Stories and other **texts** can be shared through pictures and words.

Everyone has a unique **story** to share.

Through listening and speaking, we connect with others and share our world.

Playing with language helps us discover how language works.

Curiosity and wonder lead us to new discoveries about ourselves and the world around us.

Mathematics

Numbers represent quantities that can be decomposed into smaller parts.

One-to-one correspondence and a sense of 5 and 10 are essential for **fluency** with numbers.

Repeating elements in **patterns** can be identified.

Objects have **attributes** that can be described, measured, and compared.

Familiar events can be described as likely or unlikely and compared.

Social Studies – Identity and Families

Our communities are diverse and made of individuals who have a lot in common.

Stories and traditions about ourselves and our families reflect who we are and where we are from.

Rights, roles, and responsibilities shape our identity and help us build healthy relationships with others.

Science

Plants and animals have observable features.

Humans interact with matter every day through familiar materials.

The motion of objects depends on their properties.

Daily and seasonal changes affect all living things.

Arts Education

People create art to express who they are as individuals and community.

Engagement in the **arts** creates opportunities for **inquiry** through purposeful play.

Dance, drama, music, and visual arts express meaning in unique ways.

People connect to others and share ideas through the **arts**.

Physical and Health Education

Daily physical activity helps us develop movement skills and physical literacy, and is an important part of healthy living.

Learning about ourselves and others helps us develop a positive attitude and caring behaviours, which helps us build healthy relationships.

Knowing about our bodies and making healthy choices helps us look after ourselves.

Good health comprises physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

Applied Design, Skills and Technologies

Designs grow out of natural curiosity.

Skills can be developed through play.

Technologies are tools that extend human capabilities.

Career Education

Confidence develops through the process of self-discovery.

Strong communities are the result of being connected to family and community and working together toward common goals.

Effective collaboration relies on clear, respectful communication.

Everything we learn helps us to develop skills.

Communities include many different roles requiring many different skills.

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Numbers to 20 represent quantities that can be decomposed into 10s and 1s.

Addition and subtraction with numbers to 10 can be modelled concretely, pictorially, and symbolically to develop computational **fluency**.

Repeating elements in **patterns** can be identified.

Objects and shapes have **attributes** that can be described, measured, and compared.

Concrete graphs help us to compare and interpret **data** and show one-to-one correspondence.

Social Studies – Local Communities

We shape the local environment, and the local environment shapes who we are and how we live.

Our rights, roles, and responsibilities are important for building strong communities.

Healthy communities recognize and respect the diversity of individuals and care for the local environment.

Science

Living things have features and behaviours that help them survive in their environment.

Matter is useful because of its properties.

Light and sound can be produced and their properties can be changed.

Observable patterns and cycles occur in the local sky and landscape.

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Mathematics

Numbers to 100 represent quantities that can be decomposed into 10s and 1s.

Development of computational **fluency** in addition and subtraction with numbers to 100 requires an understanding of place value.

The regular change in increasing **patterns** can be identified and used to make generalizations.

Objects and shapes have **attributes** that can be described, measured, and compared.

Concrete items can be represented, compared, and interpreted pictorially in **graphs**.

Social Studies – Regional and Global Communities

Local actions have global consequences, and global actions have local consequences.

Canada is made up of many diverse regions and communities.

Individuals have rights and responsibilities as global citizens.

Science

Living things have life cycles adapted to their environment.

Materials can be changed through physical and chemical processes.

Forces influence the motion of an object.

Water is essential to all living things, and it cycles through the environment.

Arts Education

Creative expression develops our unique identity and voice.

Inquiry through the **arts** creates opportunities for **risk taking**.

Dance, drama, music, and visual arts are each unique languages for creating and communicating.

People connect to the hearts and minds of others in a variety of places and times through the **arts**.

Physical and Health Education

Daily participation in physical activity at moderate to vigorous intensity levels benefits all aspects of our well-being.

Learning how to participate and move our bodies in different physical activities helps us develop physical literacy.

Adopting healthy personal practices and safety strategies protects ourselves and others.

Having good communication skills and managing our emotions enables us to develop and maintain healthy relationships.

Our physical, emotional, and mental health are interconnected.

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Grade 3 Big Ideas

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Using language in creative and playful ways helps us understand how language works.

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Mathematics

Fractions are a type of **number** that can represent quantities.

Development of computational fluency in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers requires flexible decomposing and composing.

Regular increases and decreases in **patterns** can be identified and used to make generalizations.

Standard units are used to describe, measure, and compare **attributes** of objects' shapes.

The likelihood of possible **outcomes** can be examined, compared, and interpreted.

Social Studies – Global Indigenous Peoples

Learning about indigenous peoples nurtures multicultural awareness and respect for diversity.

People from diverse cultures and societies share some common experiences and aspects of life.

Indigenous knowledge is passed down through oral history, traditions, and collective memory.

Indigenous societies throughout the world value the well-being of the self, the land, spirits, and ancestors.

Science

Living things are diverse, can be grouped, and interact in their ecosystems.

All matter is made of particles.

Thermal energy can be produced and transferred.

Wind, water, and ice change the shape of the land.

Arts Education

The mind and body work together when creating **works of art**.

Creative experiences involve an interplay between exploration, inquiry, and purposeful choice.

Dance, drama, music, and visual arts are each unique languages for creating and communicating.

The **arts** connect our experiences to the experiences of others.

Physical and Health Education

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Movement skills and strategies help us learn how to participate in different types of physical activity.

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Mathematics

Fractions and decimals are types of **numbers** that can represent quantities.

Development of computational **fluency** and multiplicative thinking requires analysis of patterns and relations in multiplication and division.

Regular changes in **patterns** can be identified and represented using tools and tables.

Polygons are closed shapes with similar **attributes** that can be described, measured, and compared.

Analyzing and interpreting experiments in **data** probability develops an understanding of chance.

Social Studies – First Peoples and European Contact

The pursuit of valuable natural resources has played a key role in changing the land, people, and communities of Canada.

Interactions between First Peoples and Europeans lead to conflict and cooperation, which continues to shape Canada's identity.

Demographic changes in North America created shifts in economic and political power.

British Columbia followed a unique path in becoming a part of Canada.

Science

All living things sense and respond to their environment.

Matter has mass, takes up space, and can change phase.

Energy can be transformed.

The motions of Earth and the moon cause observable patterns that affect living and non-living systems.

Arts Education

Creative expression is a means to explore and share one's identity within a community.

Artists experiment in a variety of ways to discover new possibilities.

Dance, drama, music, and visual arts are each unique languages for creating and communicating.

Exploring **works of art** exposes us to diverse values, knowledge, and perspectives.

Physical Health Education

Daily participation in physical activity at moderate to vigorous intensity levels benefits all aspects of our well-being.

Knowing what we enjoy doing and knowing about our opportunities to participate in those activities helps us develop an active lifestyle.

Understanding ourselves and the various aspects of health helps us develop a balanced lifestyle.

Personal choices and social and environmental factors influence our health and well-being.

Developing healthy relationships helps us feel connected, supported, and valued.

Applied Design, Skills and Technologies

Designs can be improved with prototyping and testing.

Skills are developed through practice, effort, and action.

The choice of technology and tools depends on the task.

Career Education

Public identity is influenced by personal choices and decisions.

Exploring our strengths and abilities can help us identify our goals.

Leadership requires listening to and respecting the ideas of others.

Family and community relationships can be a source of support and guidance when solving problems and making decisions.

Good learning and work habits contribute to short- and long-term personal and career success.

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Mathematics

Numbers describe quantities that can be represented by equivalent fractions.

Computational **fluency** and flexibility with numbers extend to operations with larger (multi-digit) numbers.

Identified regularities in number **patterns** can be expressed in tables.

Closed shapes have **area and perimeter** that can be described, measured, and compared.

Data represented in graphs can be used to show many-to-one correspondence.

Social Studies – Canadian Issues and Governance

Canada's policies and treatment of minority peoples have negative and positive legacies.

Natural resources continue to shape the economy and identity of different regions of Canada.

Immigration and multiculturalism continue to shape Canadian society and identity.

Canadian institutions and government reflect the challenge of our regional diversity.

Science

Multicellular organisms have organ systems that enable them to survive and interact within their environment.

Solutions are homogeneous.

Machines are devices that transfer force and energy.

Earth materials change as they move through the rock cycle and can be used as natural resources.

Arts Education

Engaging in creative expression and experiences expands people's sense of identity and belonging.

Artists experiment in a variety of ways to discover new possibilities and perspectives.

Dance, drama, music and visual arts are each unique languages for creating and **communicating**.

Works of art influence and are influenced by the world around us.

Physical and Health Education

Daily physical activity enables us to practice skillful movement and helps us develop personal fitness.

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Core French

Listening and viewing with intent helps us acquire French.

Both verbal and non-verbal cues contribute meaning in language.

Reading helps us make connections to what we have already learned through oral language.

With basic French, we can describe ourselves and our interests.

Reciprocal communication is possible in French using simple, high-frequency words and patterns.

Each culture has traditions and ways of celebrating.

Grade 6 Big Ideas

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Exploring **stories** and other **texts** helps us understand ourselves and make connections to others and to the world.

Exploring and sharing multiple perspectives extends our thinking.

Developing our understanding of how language works allows us to use it purposefully.

Questioning what we hear, read, and view contributes to our ability to be educated and engaged citizens.

Mathematics

Mixed **numbers** and decimal numbers represent quantities that can be decomposed into parts and wholes.

Computational **fluency** and flexibility with numbers extend to operations with whole numbers and decimals.

Linear relations can be identified and represented using expressions with variables and line graphs and can be used to form generalizations.

Properties of objects and shapes can be described, measured, and compared using volume, area, perimeter, and angles.

Data from the results of an experiment can be used to predict the theoretical probability of an event and to compare and interpret.

Social Studies – Global Issues and Governance

Economic self-interest can be a significant cause of conflict among peoples and governments.

Complex global problems require international cooperation to make difficult choices for the future.

Systems of government vary in their respect for human rights and freedoms.

Media sources can both positively and negatively affect our understanding of important events and issues.

Science

Multicellular organisms rely on internal systems to survive, reproduce, and interact with their environment.

Everyday materials are often mixtures.

Newton's three laws of motion describe the relationship between force and motion.

The solar system is part of the Milky Way, which is one of billions of galaxies.

Arts Education

Engaging in creative expression and experiences expands people's sense of identity and community.

Artistic expressions differ across time and place.

Dance, drama, music, and visual arts are each unique languages for creating and **communicating**.

Experiencing **art** is a means to develop empathy for others' perspectives and experiences.

Physical and Health Education

Daily physical activity enables us to practice skillful movement and helps us develop personal fitness.

Physical literacy and fitness contribute to our success in and enjoyment of physical activity.

We experience many changes in our lives that influence how we see ourselves and others.

Healthy choices influence our physical, emotional, and mental well-being.

Learning about similarities and differences in individuals and groups influences community health.

Applied Design, Skills and Technologies

Design can be responsive to identified needs.

Complex tasks require the acquisition of additional skills.

Complex tasks may require multiple tools and technologies.

Career Education

Our attitudes toward careers are influenced by our view of ourselves as well as by our friends, family, and community.

Our personal digital identity forms part of our public identity.

Practising respectful, ethical, inclusive behaviour prepares us for the expectations of the workplace.

Leadership represents good planning, goal-setting, and collaboration.

Safe environments depend on everyone following safety rules.

New experiences, both within and outside of school, expand our career skill set and options.

Core French

Listening and viewing with intent helps us understand a message.

Using strategies helps us understand and acquire language.

With basic French, we can describe important people in our lives.

Reciprocal communication is possible in French using simple, high-frequency words and patterns.

Stories communicate ideas in a meaningful way

Learning about Francophone communities helps us develop cultural awareness.

Grade 7 Big Ideas

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Questioning what we hear, read, and view contributes to our ability to be educated and engaged citizens.

Mathematics

Decimals, fractions, and percents are used to represent and describe parts and wholes of **numbers**.

Computational **fluency** and flexibility with numbers extend to operations with integers and decimals.

Linear relations can be represented in many connected ways to identify regularities and make generalizations

The constant ratio between the circumference and diameter of circles can be used to describe, measure, and compare **spatial relationships**.

Data from circle graphs can be used to illustrate proportion and to compare and interpret.

Social Studies – The Ancient World to the 7th Century

Geographic conditions shaped the emergence of civilizations.

Religious and cultural practices that emerged during this period have endured and continue to influence people.

Increasingly complex societies required new systems of laws and government.

Economic specialization and trade networks can lead to conflict and cooperation between societies.

Science

Evolution by natural selection provides an explanation for the diversity and survival of living things.

Elements consist of one type of atom, and compounds consist of atoms of different elements chemically combined.

The electromagnetic force produces both electricity and magnetism.

Earth and its climate have changed over geological time.

Arts Education

Through **art** making, one's sense of identity and community continually evolves.

Experiencing art challenges our point of view and expands our understanding of others.

Dance, drama, music, and visual arts are each unique languages for creating and **communicating**.

Engaging in the arts develops people's ability to understand and express complex ideas.

Physical and Health Education

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Core French

Listening and viewing with intent helps us understand an increasing variety of messages.

Using strategies helps us understand and acquire language.

With simple French, we can discuss our interests.

Reciprocal interactions are possible even with limited French.

Stories allow us to understand ideas in a meaningful way.

Deepening our knowledge of Francophone communities helps us develop cultural awareness.

Grade 8 Big Ideas

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Exploring **stories** and other **texts** helps us understand ourselves and make connections to others and to the world.

People understand text differently depending on their worldviews and perspectives.

Texts are socially, culturally, and historically constructed.

Questioning what we hear, read, and view contributes to our ability to be educated and engaged citizens.

Mathematics

Number represents, describes, and compares the quantities of ratios, rates, and percents.

Computational **fluency** and flexibility extend to operations with fractions.

Discrete linear relationships can be represented in many connected ways and used to identify and make generalizations.

The relationship between surface area and volume of **3D objects** can be used to describe, measure, and compare spatial relationships.

Analyzing **data** by determining averages is one way to make sense of large data sets and enables us to compare and interpret.

Social Studies – 7th Century to 1750

Contacts and conflicts between peoples stimulated significant cultural, social, political change.

Human and environmental factors shape changes in population and living standards.

Exploration, expansion, and colonization had varying consequences for different groups.

Changing ideas about the world created tension between people wanting to adopt new ideas and those wanting to preserve established traditions.

Science

Life processes are performed at the cellular level.

The behaviour of matter can be explained by the kinetic molecular theory and atomic theory.

Energy can be transferred as both a particle and a wave.

The theory of plate tectonics is the unifying theory that explains Earth's geological processes.

Arts Education

Creative growth requires patience, readiness to take risks, and willingness to try new approaches.

Individual and collective expression can be achieved through the **arts**.

Dance, drama, music, and visual arts are each unique languages for creating and **communicating**.

Artists often **challenge the status quo** and open us to new perspectives and experiences.

Physical and Health Education

Daily participation in different types of physical activity influences our physical literacy and personal health and fitness goals.

Lifelong participation in physical activity has many benefits and is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle.

Healthy choices influence our physical, emotional, and mental well-being.

Healthy relationships can help us lead rewarding and fulfilling lives.

Advocating for the health and well-being of others connects us to our community.

Applied Design, Skills and Technologies

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Career Education

Reflecting on our preferences and skills helps us identify the steps we need to take to achieve our career goals.

The value of work in our lives, communities, and society can be viewed from diverse perspectives.

Achieving our learning goals requires effort and perseverance.

Adapting to economic and labour market changes requires flexibility.

Our career paths reflect the personal, community, and educational choices we make.

Core French

Listening and viewing with intent deepens our understanding of French.

We can express ourselves and talk about the world around us in French.

With increased fluency in French, we can participate more actively in **reciprocal** interactions.

Stories allow us to communicate ideas in a meaningful way.

Creative works allow us to experience culture in an authentic way.

Acquiring a new language and learning about another culture deepen our understanding of our own language and culture.

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Mathematics

The principles and processes underlying operations with **numbers** apply equally to algebraic situations and can be described and analyzed.

Computational fluency and flexibility with numbers extend to operations with rational numbers.

Continuous linear relationships can be identified and represented in many connected ways to identify regularities and make generalizations.

Similar shapes have **proportional relationships** that can be described, measured, and compared.

Analyzing the validity, reliability, and representation of **data** enables us to compare and interpret.

Social Studies – 1750 - 1919

Emerging ideas and ideologies profoundly influence societies and events.

The physical environment influences the nature of political, social, and economic change.

Disparities in power alter the balance of relationships between individuals and between societies.

Collective identity is constructed and can change over time.

Science

Cells are derived from cells.

The electron arrangement of atoms impacts their chemical nature.

Electric current is the flow of electric charge.

The biosphere, geosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere are interconnected, as matter cycles and energy flows through them.

Arts Education – General

Identity is explored, expressed, and impacted through arts experiences.

The arts provide opportunities to gain insight into the perspectives and experiences of people from a variety of times, places, and cultures.

Creative arts experiences can build community and nurture relationships with others.

Dance, drama, music, and visual arts each use their own unique sensory language for creating and communicating.

Arts Education – Dance

Identity is explored, expressed, and impacted through dance experiences.

Dance provides opportunities to gain insight into perspectives and experiences of people from a variety of times, places, and cultures.

Collaborative dance experiences can build community and nurture relationships with others.

Dance uses a unique sensory language for creating and communicating.

Arts Education – Drama

Identity is explored, expressed, and impacted through drama experiences.

Drama provides opportunities to gain insight into perspectives and experiences of people from a variety of times, places, and cultures.

Collaborative drama experiences can build community and nurture relationships with others.

Drama uses a unique sensory language for creating and communicating.

Arts Education – Music

Identity is explored, expressed, and impacted through music experiences.

Music provides opportunities to gain insight into perspectives and experiences of people from a variety of times, places, and cultures.

Collaborative music experiences can build community and nurture relationships with others.

Music uses a unique sensory language for creating and communicating.

Arts Education – Visual Arts

Identity is explored, expressed, and impacted through visual arts experiences.

The visual arts provide opportunities to gain insight into perspectives and experiences of people from a variety of times, places, and cultures.

Art experiences can build community and nurture relationships with others.

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Applied Design, Skills and Technologies

Social, ethical, and sustainability considerations impact design.

Complex tasks require the sequencing of skills.

Complex tasks require different technologies and tools at different stages.

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Grade 9 Big Ideas - continued

Core French

Listening and viewing with intent strengthens our understanding and acquisition of French.

We can have meaningful conversations about things that are important to us in French.

Stories give us unique ways to interpret and share knowledge, thoughts, and feelings.

Francophone **creative works** are an expression of Francophone culture.

Acquiring French provides opportunities to explore our own cultural identity from a new perspective.