

İSTEK BİLGE KAĞAN SCHOOLS Programme of Inquiry



	Who We Are	Where We Are In Place And Time	How We Express Ourselves	How The World Works	How We Organize Ourselves	Sharing The Planet
TRANSDISCIPLINARY THEMES	An inquiry into identity as individuals and as part of a collective through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> physical, emotional, social and spiritual health and well-being relationships and belonging learning and growing 	An inquiry into histories and orientation in place, space and time through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> periods, events and artefacts communities, heritage, culture and environment natural and human drivers of movement, adaptation, and transformation 	An inquiry into the diversity of voice, perspectives, and expression through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> inspiration, imagination, creativity personal, social and cultural modes and practices of communication intentions, perceptions, interpretations and responses 	An inquiry into understandings of the world and phenomena through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> patterns, cycles, systems diverse practices, methods and tools discovery, design, innovation: possibilities and impacts 	An inquiry into systems, structures and networks through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> interactions within and between social and ecological systems approaches to livelihoods and trade practices: intended and unintended consequences representation, collaboration and decision-making 	An inquiry into the interdependence of human and natural worlds through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rights, responsibilities and dignity of all pathways to just, peaceful and reimagined futures nature, complexity, coexistence and wisdom
PRESCHOOL AGE 3	13.10.2025 - 12.12.2025 Central Idea: We learn about ourselves and others through play. Specified Concepts: Function, Connection, Perspective Additional Concepts: Play, Communication, Social well-being, Security & Health Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Games played by children (individual - group) and their functions What we feel while playing games What we learn about ourselves and others during games (Our Physical characteristics, security, health) 	23.02.2026 - 24.04.2025 Central Idea: The places people live and the jobs they do affect their clothing choices. Specified Concepts: Form, Change, Causation Additional Concepts: Belonging, Place, Roles Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How clothes give information about people Changing clothes according to the location and weather conditions Other factors affecting clothing choices 	15.12.2025 - 20.02.2026 Central Idea: We use our "100 languages" to express ourselves. Specified Concepts: Perspective, Form, Causation Additional Concepts: Expressions, Noticing, Imagination Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discovering our 100 languages Using symbols to express our thoughts and feelings Expressing ourselves to others in many ways 			27.04.2025 - 26.06.2026 Central Idea: There is an interaction between humans and animals. Specified Concepts: Connection, Function, Responsibility Additional Concepts: Living, Non-Living, Animals, Conservation Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributions of animals to our lives How people protect and train animals Reviewing responsibilities towards animals
PRESCHOOL AGE 4	29.09.2025 - 07.11.2025 Central Idea: Being aware of our characteristics and abilities affects our relationships with others. Specified Concepts: Connection, Causation, Form Additional Concepts: Features, Abilities, Similarities and Differences Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How we look Our similar and different characteristics Respecting differences 		17.11.2025 - 02.01.2026 Central Idea: People express their emotions in different ways when faced with events. Specified Concepts: Perspective, Form, Change Additional Concepts: Emotions, Opinions, Voice Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying and recognizing emotions (happiness, sadness, fear, anger, surprise, etc.) How people feel in different and similar situations Exploring ways to express emotions Expressing emotions through different tones of voice 	05.01.2026 - 27.02.2026 Central Idea: Exploring the patterns and systems around us offers different learning opportunities. Specified Concepts: Causation, Change, Connection, Observation, Discovery, Pattern, System Additional Concepts: Observation, Discovery, Pattern Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The importance of observation Patterns and systems around us Different learning opportunities offered by understanding patterns and systems 	27.04.2026 - 26.06.2026 Central Idea: People use different means of transportation to go from one place to another. Specified Concepts: Function, Causation, Responsibility Additional Concepts: Transportation, System, Security Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Types of transportation vehicles we use Reasons for using different means of transportation Things to consider when using means of transportation Systems required for the operation of different vehicles 	02.03.2026 - 24.04.2026 Central Idea: Plants are the basic sources of life for living things. Specified Concepts: Form, Function, Responsibility Additional Concepts: Plants, Interdependence, Classification Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parts of plants and ways to group plants How humans and animals benefit from plants What would the Earth be like without plants? Responsibilities regarding plants
PRESCHOOL AGE 5	29.09.2025 - 07.11.2025 Central Idea: Individuals' needs determine individuals' responsibilities. Specified Concepts: Function, Connection, Responsibility Additional Concepts: Need, Responsibility, Collaboration, Growth Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic needs of individuals How individuals help each other at home and at school The importance of fulfilling responsibilities at home and school Connection between need and responsibility 		17.11.2025 - 02.01.2026 Central Idea: Art; It provides opportunities for us to express ourselves by taking inspiration from nature, science and technology. Specified Concepts: Form, Perspective, Connection Additional Concepts: Art, Inspiration, Creativity, Comment Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The importance of expressing ourselves Recognizing the branches of art and interpreting different works of art The relationship of art with nature, science and technology Expressing emotions in different ways through art 	05.01.2026 - 27.02.2026 Central Idea: Inventions and discoveries contribute to the progress of humanity. Specified Concepts: Causation, Change, Function Additional Concepts: Discovery, Design, Innovation, Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People's need to explore and their reasons for inventing The impact of discoveries and inventions on the world and humanity Development of inventions over time Design, innovation and innovative solutions 	27.04.2026 - 26.06.2026 Central Idea: The needs of societies and individuals create different professions. Specified Concepts: Function, Causation, Responsibility Additional Concepts: Coexistence, Systems, Tasks, Society, Need Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs of societies and individuals People in different professions and their duties Professions occupied by family members Reasons affecting the emergence and choice of professions 	02.03.2026 - 24.04.2026 Central Idea: The things we wonder about provide opportunities to appreciate nature. Specified Concepts: Function, Responsibility, Perspective Additional Concepts: Curiosity, Interdependence, Appreciation Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curiosity and exploring nature Appreciating nature Our responsibilities towards nature
GRADE 1	08.09.2025 - 17.10.2025 Central Idea: Many different people create a unique community. Specified Concepts: Function, Connection, Form Additional Concepts: Respect, Diversity, Belonging and Inclusion Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual and society Inter-human relations and diversity Characteristics of an inclusive community 	02.02.2026 - 13.03.2026 Central Idea: Time and environment influence childhood memories and experiences. Specified Concepts: Change, Function, Form Additional Concepts: Time, Periods, Events and Objects, Diversity Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What houses and schools were like in the past and today What toys and games were like in the past and today Similarities and differences of being a child in the past and today The effects of change over time on our lives and perspectives 	23.03.2026 - 30.04.2026 Central Idea: Individuals' being solution-oriented when expressing themselves helps to create and maintain a peaceful environment. Specified Concepts: Causation, Perspective, Responsibility Additional Concepts: Peace, Personal, Social and Cultural Communication Forms, Perceptions and Interpretations Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effects of being solution focused Looking at emotions and situations from others' perspectives Responsibilities of individuals in creating and protecting a peaceful environment Reviewing the methods we use to express ourselves 	08.12.2025 - 16.01.2026 Central Idea: The movements of the Earth affect the actions of living things. Specified Concepts: Causation, Change, Connection Additional Concepts: Pattern and Harmony, Movement, Actions, Consequences Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth's movements and their consequences Actions of living things related to the movements of the Earth Living patterns of living things and their adaptation to seasons, weather conditions, day and night 	20.10.2025 - 05.12.2025 Central Idea: Production and consumption styles are directly related to people's health. Specified Concepts: Change, Connection, Responsibility Additional Concepts: Production and Consumption, Commercial Practices, Social and Ecological Systems, Sustainability Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The processes that food, clothing and equipment go through until they reach us The relationship between our production and consumption styles and our health Conscious use of products Sustainable production and consumption habits 	04.05.2026 - 26.06.2026 Central Idea: There is a natural balance between the world and human actions. Specified Concepts: Causation, Responsibility, Connection Additional Concepts: Natural Balance (Resources), Depletion (Deprivation), Wastes and Recycling Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural balance in the world Impact of human actions on natural balance Ways to maintain natural balance
GRADE 2	08.09.2025 - 17.10.2025 Central Idea: Sharing affects individuals' relationships and decisions with their environment. Specified Concepts: Causation, Function, Responsibility Additional Concepts: Relationships and Belonging, Decisions, Well-being, Solidarity Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The effect of sharing on relationships Responsibilities related to sharing time and space and its effects on home-school life The importance of sharing responsibility and awareness in society 	02.02.2026 - 13.03.2026 Central Idea: Geography affects our lives and culture. Specified Concepts: Function, Connection, Change Additional Concepts: Geography and settlements, Personal history and culture, Social comfort, Living spaces Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining our living spaces The impact of our geography on living spaces The impact of our geography on our culture Different imagined living spaces 	04.05.2026 - 26.06.2026 Central Idea: Fairy tales are tools that help children express themselves and understand different perspectives. Specified Concepts: Causation, Connection, Perspective Additional Concepts: Stereotypes, Prejudice, Interpretation Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perspectives of fairy tale heroes Causes and consequences of the events mentioned in fairy tales The connection between fairy tales and real life How fairy tales develop our imagination 	08.12.2025 - 16.01.2026 Central Idea: Specified Concepts: Form, Change, Causation Additional Concepts: Adaptation, Change and Transformation, Cycles, Possibilities and Effects Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How living things change throughout life Common points about the growth process Factors affecting life cycle Possibilities inherent in change and transformation processes 	20.10.2025 - 05.12.2025 Central Idea: A safe and balanced life contains opportunities that guide our lives and decisions. Specified Concepts: Function, Perspective, Responsibility Additional Concepts: Review and Decision Making, Livelihood, Secure Living, Financial Well-being Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirements for a safe and balanced life Determining needs and wants and ranking them according to priorities Determination of budget elements and budget management The reflection of the conscious choices we make on our lives and decisions 	23.03.2026 - 30.04.2026 Central Idea: The way people use natural resources affects sustainability. Specified Concepts: All living things go through a process of change and transformation. Additional Concepts: Habit, Upcycling, Sustainability Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of natural resources Usage areas of natural resources in daily life Responsibilities regarding the use of natural resources How the use of natural resources will affect the future
GRADE 3	08.09.2025 - 17.10.2025 Central Idea: The choices made in daily life reflect individuals' values and affect the kind of person they will become. Specified Concepts: Perspective, Causation, Responsibility Additional Concepts: Opinion, Values, Choices, Growth and Development Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices made by individuals in daily life What affects the choices made? Effects of choices on individuals and others Differences in individuals' choices 	20.10.2025 - 05.12.2025 Central Idea: Journeys bring new experiences and opportunities. Specified Concepts: Causation, Change, Perspective Additional Concepts: Journey, Opportunities, Movement, and transformation Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curiosity about our current location and different places Journeys and discoveries Unforeseen experiences and opportunities that journeys hold 	23.03.2026 - 30.04.2026 Central Idea: People express themselves in writing, visually and verbally, develop their perspectives and make choices. Specified Concepts: Form, Function, Perspective Additional Concepts: Freedom, Authenticity, Digital citizenship, Media and media literacy Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different ways people use to express themselves. The impact of media and digital platforms on individuals' perspectives and choices. Shaping the perception of reality through media contents. Digital citizenship determines the balance between individuals' freedoms and responsibilities. 	08.12.2025 - 16.01.2026 Central Idea: Substances are defined by their properties and can be transformed according to needs. Specified Concepts: Form, Change, Connection Additional Concepts: Substance, Transformation, Need, Possibilities and effects Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> States of matter Structure and properties of matter Areas of use of the substance in daily life Transformation of matter and possibilities 	02.02.2026 - 13.03.2026 Central Idea: Systems in countries organize and shape the lives of communities. Specified Concepts: Function, Connection, Responsibility Additional Concepts: Systems, Social Services and Order, Representation and Cooperation, Inclusion Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative system units Interconnection of administrative systems with each other The ways in which administrative systems in countries organize the lives of communities Administrative systems in different countries 	04.05.2026 - 26.06.2026 Central Idea: Human behavior is related to the rights of other creatures and the balance of nature. Specified Concepts: Causation, Connection, Responsibility Additional Concepts: Fairness, Interdependence, Rights, Resource sharing Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rights of all living creatures in nature Interconnectedness in ecosystems The relationship between interconnectedness and the balance of nature The impact of human behavior on a just life
GRADE 4	08.09.2025 - 17.10.2025 Central Idea: An individual's health depends on interrelated physical, emotional and social factors. Specified Concepts: Function, Change, Responsibility Additional Concepts: Identity, Health and Well-being, Balance Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The effects of our lifestyle (nutrition, sleep patterns, physical activities) on our health The elements that make up an individual's identity and their role in our lives Emotional and social factors affecting health and ways to manage them How we protect our health 	02.02.2026 - 13.03.2026 Central Idea: Natural and human elements serve the needs of societies according to their characteristics and structures. Specified Concepts: Form, Function, Responsibility Additional Concepts: Environment, Landforms, Matter Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human elements and natural elements Formation of natural and human elements How human and natural common areas serve community needs Our responsibilities in protecting natural and human elements 	20.10.2025 - 05.12.2025 Central Idea: Appreciating and interacting with different cultures contributes to the development of international awareness. Specified Concepts: Perspective, Connection, Change Additional Concepts: Appreciation, Culture, International awareness Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition of culture and cultural elements Intercultural relations Respect through intercultural understanding 	08.12.2025 - 16.01.2026 Central Idea: The survival of humans depends on understanding the characteristics of the Earth, adapting to it, and developing innovative ideas. Specified Concepts: Change, Causation, Function Additional Concepts: Innovative Thought, Scientific Method, Force and Motion, Gravity Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth's structure, layers and place in the solar system How Earth-specific features affect life The relationship between innovative thinking and scientific method The impact of innovative thinking on our lives and how it transforms societies 	23.03.2026 - 30.04.2026 Central Idea: People cooperate and form organizations and institutions to solve social problems. Specified Concepts: Perspective, Connection, Responsibility Additional Concepts: Social Need, Cooperation and Assistance, Service, Planned and Unplanned Results Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining individuals' rights and social needs Problems and consequences that may be encountered if social needs are not met Responsibilities of individuals and societies regarding the solution of current social problems Non-governmental organizations 	PYP EXHIBITION