## **Curious Minds/ESERO Framework for Inquiry**





THEME	Overall theme		
CURRICULUM	Strand:	Use the Planning Guide to identify the strand/strand units and the appropriate	
	Strand Unit:		
	Curriculum Objectives:	curriculum/learning objectives that your pupils should achieve.	
	Skills Development:		

<b>ENGAGE</b>							
THE TRIGGER	WONDERING	EXPLORING					
<ul> <li>Relating the new experience to the children</li> <li>Using objects (e.g. torch for simple circuits, sycamore seeds for spinners etc.)</li> <li>Play with toys, objects (e.g. magnets)</li> <li>Use DVD clips, digital images of the scientific phenomenon</li> <li>Story</li> <li>The mystery box</li> <li>A mystery demonstration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Discuss everyday experiences</li> <li>Concept mapping</li> <li>Concept cartoons</li> <li>Think and draw</li> <li>Question and answer session</li> <li>Free writing</li> <li>Brainstorming</li> <li>Manipulation of materials</li> <li>Newspaper article (fictional/actual)</li> <li>The science talk ball</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Invitation to learn</li> <li>New experience presented to the children</li> <li>The children discuss this and try to provide explanation</li> <li>Teacher identifies children's 'alternative ideas'</li> <li>Children's questions about the exploration</li> <li>Provides them with opportunities</li> </ul>					

## Considerations for inclusion

Consider potential area of difficulty for students with Special Educational Needs.

INVESTIGATE							
STARTER QUESTION	PREDICTING	CONDUCTING THE INVESTIGATION	SHARING: INTERPRETING THE DATA / RESULTS				
<ul> <li>Starter question for investigation</li> <li>Teacher or children pose the question/ scenario/present the problem to be investigated</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Children record predictions and provide</li> <li>reasons for their predictions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In groups the children design, plan and conduct inquiry</li> <li>Collect and organise data</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Children interpret and discuss their results</li> <li>Present their findings: Propose explanations and solutions based on the data</li> <li>Drawing conclusions</li> </ul>				

TAKE THE NEXT STEP					
APPLYING LEARNING	MAKING CONNECTIONS	THOUGHTFUL ACTIONS			

- Discuss implications of their findings e.g. bigger spinner falls more slowly than smaller one. Therefore if I was to jump out of a plane I would choose a bigger parachute as it would fall more slowly
- Debating
- Making connections
- Apply their knowledge to a new learning situation
- · Consider how to extend their new understanding and skills further exploration, address new questions

## REFLECTION

- Did I meet my learning objectives?
- Are the children moving on with their science skills?
- Are there cross curriculum opportunities here?
- What questions worked very well?
- What questions didn't work well?
- Ask the children would they change anything or do anything differently.

