



Edmund Waller Enquiry Questions

Know, Explore, Communicate

What are they?

An enquiry question is a way of framing the learning so that it engages students in thinking about the ways in which they might answer it or go about finding answers. These questions work best when they are open-ended and phrased in a way that promotes debate and discussion. Is Antarctica worth protecting?

Drivers – our curriculum is carefully crafted so that children develop the skills and knowledge necessary to be prepared for the demands of the 21st Century.

London and beyond

Social justice

Sustainable future

Themes – we make links between different subjects so that children can build schema and develop their expertise.

Empire

Trade

Conflict

Migration

Childhood

Settlement

Legacy

Beliefs

Nursery over-arching Topics

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
All About Me	Lighting up the Night	Once Upon a Time	It's Where We Live	Down in the Garden	Splish, Splash, Splosh
<p>Who is important in my life?</p> <p>What do I like doing?</p> <p>What do I want to be good at?</p> <p>What is it like at home and how is this the same or different to my friends?</p>	<p>What do I celebrate and what do other people celebrate?</p> <p>How is night time different from day time?</p> <p>How do we light up the night?</p>	<p>Who are the characters in the story?</p> <p>What happens at the beginning the middle and the end of the story?</p>	<p>What is good about where we live?</p> <p>What would you change?</p> <p>What do we know about London?</p> <p>What is special about London?</p>	<p>Where does produce including fruit and vegetables come from?</p> <p>What is alive in the garden at the moment?</p> <p>What living things are good for the garden?</p> <p>What living things are pests?</p>	<p>What do I know about water?</p> <p>What do we need water for?</p> <p>Where does water come from and where does it go to?</p>

Reception over-arching Topics

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
It's Fun To Be Me	Space Oddity	Commotion In The Ocean	How To Be A Hero	Mother Earth	We Love Adventures
<p>Who is in my family?</p> <p>Who is important in my life?</p> <p>What do I like doing?</p> <p>What am I good at?</p> <p>What do I want to be good at?</p> <p>Where do I live?</p>	<p>What is it like in Space?</p>	<p>Who lives in the sea?</p>	<p>Who helps us?</p> <p>How do people help us?</p>	<p>What is Mother Nature?</p> <p>What seasons do we know?</p> <p>What do plants need to live?</p>	<p>What will you pack for your adventure?</p>

Year 1

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Dinosaurs	Celebrations Around the World	Kings, Queens & Castles	The United Kingdom	Transport Through Time	Australia
Science	Animals Including Humans Do carnivores eat other carnivores?		Everyday Materials What can I use for a waterproof coat?		Plants Are roots always at the bottom of plants?	
Art	Collage and paint/dinosaur sculptures Do artists always use paint?		Weather painting –Turner Do pictures of sunny weather make people feel happy and pictures of rainy weather make people feel sad?		Botanical printing -Georgia O’Keefe What is the best way to paint flowers?	
DT	Slider Mechanisms- greeting card What could you make your friend to help them celebrate a special occasion?		Frame Structures – a chair What can you make for your soft toy to sit on?		Cooking and Nutrition- What healthy snack could you make for the class to enjoy at playtime?	
Geography	Simple Maps Are maps are more detailed than globes?		UK Maps and Capital Cities, Is Great Britain is an island? Weather and Seasons Is it always hot in summer and cold in winter?		Australia- contrasting location How does Sydney compare with London?	
History	Gunpowder plot Was Guy Fawkes the leader of the conspiracy?		British Monarchs Do you think a country should have a monarchy?		History of transport Did the Wright brothers invent flight?	
PSHE	Me (myself) and the Wider World How do you change as you grow?		My relationships How do you choose and make friends?		Safety Who can be a trusted adult in school and why?	
RE	The Natural World How do different religions believe the world began?	Christianity What do Christians believe about Jesus?	Belonging Who am I? What does it mean to belong?	Right and Wrong How do stories help us to explore our own beliefs and values?	Sharing Food How does sharing food together make us feel?	

Year 2

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Homes and Families	Town and Country	Fire	Ice	Explorers	Jamaica
Science	Animals Including Humans Why do humans need clean water? Do food chains always end with a carnivore? Materials		Living Things and their Habitats What would an ideal environment for woodlice look like? How do you know something is living?		Plants and Animals Why may a cactus find it difficult to survive in cold, wet conditions?	
Art	Painting – George Seurat Do you agree that you can use opposite colours to paint shadows?		Textiles – Annie Albers, Weaving - hot & cold Is blue always a cold colour?		Seaside scenes – printing, Jamaican artists Are seascapes the best examples of art to make people feel calm and relaxed?	
DT	What soft toy would you make to give to a friend?		Can you make a moving vehicle that is powered by the wind?		What portable food could you bring to the class picnic?	
Geography	UK Maps, London, Continents & Oceans Why are there so many names for where we live? Why do some people choose to live in cities and others in villages?		Maps & compass directions/Ice biome Which type of map for would you use for day-to-day directions? Should we save Antarctica?		Comparative study – Caribbean (Jamaica) How does Kingston compare with London?	
History	Homes & household objects/inventors What are the most important household inventions you have learnt about and why? Are new homes and toys better than old ones?		Fire of London/Crimean War/ WW1 Ice Explorers Were there any benefits to the Great Fire of London? Why are some people remembered more than others?		Explorers -Tudor/Victorian /women Who are the most significant explorers you have learnt about and why?	
PSHE	My relationships When should you keep a secret?		My safety How do you keep yourself safe?		Me (myself) and the Wider World What are the similarities and differences between yourself and others in your class?	
RE	Hinduism What is the importance of family in Hinduism?		Christianity What values do Christians believe Jesus taught?		Islam What do Muslims believe?	

Year 3

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Ancient Egypt	Incredible Earth	From Stone to Iron	Europe & Russia	Tudor Times	Coast
Science	Animals including Humans Why might children experiencing poverty become ill? Forces & Magnets Why do we call parts of Earth the North and South Poles?		Rocks In which types of rocks could fossils be found? Were there any benefits to the flooding of the River Nile?		Plants Why might flowering plants grow in high up rooftops or gutters even if humans did not put them there? Light Why do shadows change size?	
Art	Sculpture –Animals Can you use different textures to create your own animal?		Impressionism Can you use Impressionist techniques to create a painting? Kandinsky Do you think that using shapes to show a range of emotions, is effective?		Painting –portraits How can you create a formal portrait?	
DT	Pop-up books How could you interest younger children in Ancient Egypt?		Free Standing Structures How would you keep a hamster warm and safe?		Cooking and Nutrition- bread Can you design a new bread product for the kitchen to have as part of the school dinner?	
Geography	Earthquakes & volcanoes What is found inside the Earth?		Location & climate Physical /human features Why would someone visit Europe?		Counties & Coast erosion What is it like at the seaside?	
History	In-depth study of Ancient Egypt Who were the Ancient Egyptians? What was the importance of the River Nile to the Ancient Egyptians?		Changes in Britain from Stone to Iron Age Would it be easier to survive in the Stone Age or the Bronze Age?		Tudor dynasty & court Tudor London/childhood Which are the best artefacts to tell us about daily life in Tudor times?	
PSHE	My Relationships How do you maintain a good friendship?		My Safety How do you manage risk and keep safe?		Me (myself) and the Wider World What do you do to look after your body and mind?	
RE	Sikhism What does it mean to be equal?		Peace How can we foster peace in our lives?	Christianity How do Christians use the Bible?	Buddhism How did the Buddha teach that people should live?	

Year 4

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Topic	The Roman Empire	India	Mayan Civilisation	South America	Victorian London	Flood
Science	Sound Is air the best medium for transmitting sound? States of Matter How do you change the shape of solids, liquids and gases?		Living Things and their Habitats Are there any ways in which you could classify animals so that they may be in more than one group? Animals including Humans What impact does diet have on the health of human teeth?		Electricity Does everything on Earth either conduct or not conduct electricity, including humans?	
Art	Printing India Can you use Indian folk art techniques to create your own print?		Textiles- South American Art How can you tell a story through weaving?		Victorian Houses -Clay What different effects can you use to create a Victorian tile?	
DT	Fusion cooking What dish could you make that combines flavours from different cultures?		Textiles- a cushion How could we make the class book corner cosier and a more comfortable place to read?		Frame structures, Build a bridge What could we build to help a horse and cart cross a river?	
Geography	Biomes & Climate, human/physical geography How do the different biomes in India, compare to each other?		Study of Manaus How does life in Manaus differ from life in London?		Rivers & the water cycle Why do rivers flood?	
History	The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain What is the legacy of the Roman invasion?		Mayan civilisation c CE900 What was life like in the Maya civilisation during its peak?		Victorian London- change & legacy What was life like for a Victorian child in London?	
PSHE	My safety How do you keep safe online?		Me (myself) and the Wider World What is puberty?		My relationships What are the similarities and differences between your family and your friend's family?	
RE	Christianity What similarities are there in what Christians believe?		Judaism Why is it important to keep traditions/customs alive?		Hinduism What does it mean to be a Hindu?	

Year 5

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Anglo Saxons	North America	Ancient Greece	Globetrotting- travel, trade & tourism	The Blitz	Spain- Barcelona
Science	Properties and changes of materials How do changes in temperature affect different materials? Animals including humans How does the human body change as it ages?		Earth and Space Is a year is always 365 days, no matter where you are in our solar system?		Forces Which will reach Earth first if dropped from the same height: 1kg of feathers or 1kg of steel? Living things and their habitats Do all young offspring look like smaller versions of their adult parents?	
Art	Painting & drawing, Mexican art/Frida Kahlo How did Frida Kahlo use art to express her identity?		Ancient Greece –silk painting How do you express hope in a painting?		Mixed Media, Paul Nash How can you use symbolism to create war art?	
DT	Electrical systems/ circuits –Torches How can we help an explorer see in caves?		Pulleys & gears- Cable car How would you connect the mainland to the island without building a bridge?		Cooking & nutrition- Tapas dish What tapas dish would you create a vegetarian?	
Geography	Human/physical features, location What impact has settlement had on the cities of North America?		Trade & transportation, migration Is Fairtrade fair?		Comparison of Barcelona with London How does life in Barcelona compare to life in London?	
History	Settlement by the Anglo-Saxons and Scots What was so important about the Sutton Hoo burial site?		Greek life & achievements and influence Can we thank the Ancient Greeks for anything in our lives today?		The Blitz – key events and childhood How significant was the Blitz?	
PSHE	My safety What would you do in an emergency?		My relationships How do you judge when a relationship is making you feel unhappy/ uncomfortable?		Me (myself) and the Wider World Where do you seek guidance and support from when you are worried?	
RE	Buddhism How do Buddhists try to live a good life?		Christianity What evidence do Christians base their beliefs upon?	Islam How does fasting help Muslims to grow closer to Allah and to each other?	Judaism Why is Abraham important to Jews?	

Year 6

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Topic	Vikings	Climate Change	Africa		London	
Science	Electricity Is wire a resistor? Light Is light visible?		Evolution & inheritance Why is adaptation necessary for survival? Living things and their habitats Do all animal groups have eggs?		Animals & Humans Are you what you eat?	
Art	Conceptual Art/sculpture How can I make a statement about climate change using sculpture?		Batik & Drawing, Richard Kimbo Can I use traditional techniques to create a batik inspired by Richard Kimbo?		Cityscapes/Street art, Drawing & Spray How can I create a London street scene using spray techniques?	
DT	Textiles -Making aprons How could you protect your clothes when cooking?		Electrical systems- Steady hand game Can you make a game that tests how steady your hand is?		Cooking & nutrition- Make a gluten free pizza How would you make a vegetarian pizza for a person with a gluten intolerance?	
Geography	Climate change - Cause & effect What can we do to protect the planet?		Location & climate -Physical/human features What are the similarities and differences between the continent of Africa and the continent of Europe?		Local geography - Change over time How is London changing?	
History	Viking & Anglo-Saxon struggle for England Who were the Vikings and were they really vicious?		Benin (West Africa) CE 900-1300 Why is the Kingdom of Benin so significant?		London after WW2- Windrush How has the second world war influenced our lives today?	
PSHE	Me (myself) and the Wider World How do you keep a balanced lifestyle?		My Safety In which situations would you need to give consent?		My Relationships What would you do if you are feeling uncomfortable with a relationship online?	
RE	Islam What is a pilgrimage?	The Journey of Life & Death How is life like a journey?	Sikhism How do Sikhs express their values?		Christianity What are the challenges of living a Christian life today?	Understanding faiths & beliefs in Lewisham How has life in Lewisham been enriched by the diversity of the faiths and beliefs that make up the borough?