

## **Act – What will our Learning Experience at Forest Valley Look Like?**

Each field trip to Forest Valley is designed to be a complete **Inquiry Learning Cycle** that can integrate with previous learning and ignite further learning back at school.

This **Inquiry Learning Cycle** is based on the inquiry processes found in the [Kindergarten Curriculum \(p. 15\)](#), [Social Studies 1-6, History and Geography 7 and 8 \(p. 22\)](#) and [Science and Technology 1-8 \(pp. 12-18\)](#), The Creative Process [Arts \(pp. 19-22\)](#), Achievement Criteria [Language \(pp. 17-18\)](#) and the Problem Solving Model [Mathematics \(pp. 12-13\)](#).

### **Learning Skills Development**

#### **1. *Get me interested- Engagement- Formulate Questions***

- Using literature, drama or image, introduce Framing Question: **Framing Question:** How will working as a team allow us to demonstrate the learning skills and character traits which contribute to the success of our group?

#### **2. *Let me explore- Exploration- Gather and Organize***

- Students begin with cooperative activities that emphasize teamwork, communication (listening, speaking, body language), cooperation, trust, sharing information and problem solving
- Each group activity develops an understanding of group dynamics, keeping each other safe and cooperating together for the entire team's success
- Students will review basic map reading techniques

#### **3. *Give me a chance to apply my learning- Investigation- Interpret and Analyse***

- Students will work in teams of three or four to complete a mapping challenge at Forest Valley
- Respect for each other is an important theme as students understand that each of their classmates is unique in their skills, abilities and contributions to the group

#### **4. *Let me talk about my learning- Debrief- Evaluate and Draw Conclusions***

**Let me plan what I want to learn next- Communicate**

For more information on inquiry learning from the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat please read these monographs from the Capacity Building Series:

[Inquiry Based Learning](#)

[Getting Started With Student Inquiry](#)