

# RIGBY Blueprints

Literacy for Life



## Rigby Blueprints and the NSW COGS – Upper Primary

This document has been compiled by experienced NSW educator and former principal Marilyn Davidson to assist teachers in matching resources from **Rigby Blueprints** to their chosen COGs units.

## NSW COGS UNIT

### Living land (Stage 3, COG A)

- acknowledge individual & community actions and their impact on our environment
- recognise importance of use & management of our sensitive environment
- understand implications for future living
- acknowledge considerations for design & future dwellings
- discuss environmental health
- understand how different environments, products & services impact on our personal safety
- develop student values & attitudes towards conservation
- reflect on the social impact of disasters
- observe visual literacy techniques
- appreciate descriptive texts as an artist's statement
- read data presented in graphs
- understand and use different measurement units
- discuss media reports which relate to local and global environments

### Interconnecting growth and change (Stage 3 COG C)

- examine the interconnection and change within ecosystems
- understand the interaction between living things & their environment
- acknowledge the importance of taking actions to conserve living things and their environment
- understand the effects of water quality
- discuss role of students as members of society
- understand decisions for 'change' and actions.
- read and listen to dreamtime stories
- observe and analyse responses to a problem
- develop an environmental plan which addresses an environmental concern

### Making informed choices (Stage 3 COG D)

- learn of roles and responsibilities in the decision making process as they affects our lives.
- understand State and Federal government responsibilities
- acknowledge influences on a political campaign
- discuss social justice

## BLUEPRINTS UNIT



### Upper Primary Series A Unit 1 Waterwise

Year 5

**Unit focus:**  
Provides students with learning experiences related to the use and source of water.

Students recognise the value of water to mankind and how this resource must be managed for sustainability.

- water on planet Earth; its physical and chemical properties
- literary terms and phrases associated with water
- locating water
- the water cycle
- water and our bodies
- water in our homes; the water meter; water bill and conservation
- water for energy; industrial use, agricultural use and water pollution
- solutions for saving water.
- myths and legends associated with water

### Global and social issues (Stage 3, COG E)

- understand local and global links
- promote active citizenship
- discuss how political & social issues can provide ideas for a variety of art forms
- learn of importance of making decisions and accepting responsibilities for choices and related consequences
- understand natural processes and their impact on the earth
- appreciate tolerance and caring within the community
- identify health and social responsibility
- examine beliefs, social & cultural values.

## BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Scene Setter

### Big Ideas Book

- Our Blue Planet
- Watery Sayings and Proverbs
- Droplets

### Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Investigate meanings of proverbs and sayings about water.
- In an electronic activity, match the saying or proverb with its meaning.

### Guided Reading Book

- Watery Wisdom
- Amazing Worldwide Water Facts
- A Curtain of Power and Majesty

### Listening Post

Water, Water Everywhere

## BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 1

### Big Ideas Book

- Where Can Water Be Found?
- The Water Cycle
- Thinking About Groundwater
- A Body of Water
- ILL-fated Journey
- Fresh Water: Vital for Survival

### Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Investigate the scientific debate about Australia's largest aquifer, the Great Artesian Basin.
- Click and drag labels and matching descriptions to complete a diagram of the water cycle.

### Topic Book 1

*Wonderful Water*

### Guided Reading Book

- Go with the Flow
- Clouds, Rain and Snow
- Precipitation

### Listening Post

Water, Water Everywhere

## BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 2

### Big Ideas Book

- Using Water in Our Homes
- How to Read a Water Meter
- Without Thinking
- Your Water Bill

### Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Investigate areas around the home where water can be saved.
- Conduct a water audit using the ICT tools provided.

### Topic Book 2

*Summer at Drought Palace*

### Guided Reading Book

- Toilets in Australia
- Off to a Bad Start!
- Plumbing in Ancient Rome

### Listening Post

Liquid Gold!

## BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 3

### Big Ideas Book

- Water and Energy
- Visit the Snowy Mountains
- Water and Industry
- Water and Agriculture
- Water Pollution

### Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Click on the 'Play' button and listen to the recollections of life in old Adaminaby and moving from the old town.
- Interactive crossword puzzle about the Snowy Mountains Scheme.

### Topic Book 3

*Danger on the Snowy*

### Guided Reading Book

- Making Water Work
- A Hydro Masterpiece
- Fifty Years Ago Today

### Listening Post

Liquid Gold!

## BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 4

### Big Ideas Book

- How Can We Solve the Water Crisis?
- We Must Change Our Attitude to Water Use
- That's Really Saving Water!
- Running Water at Last
- Future Headlines
- Water for Life

### Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- View a video about how rainwater tanks can help us conserve water.
- Use a drawing program to design a rainwater tank.

### Topic Book 4

*The Water Crisis*

### Guided Reading Book

- Watermark
- Our School Water Review
- Underground Solution to Green School

### Listening Post

Koobar the Koala and Water

## BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Going Beyond

### Big Ideas Book

- Water Myths and Legends
- Tiddalik

### Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Listen to an audio recording about the legend of the Loch Ness Monster.
- Electronic cloze activity about the Loch Ness Monster.

### Topic Book 5

*A World of Water*

### Guided Reading Book

- How the Water Got to the Plains
- The Ungrateful Cowherds of the Seewlisee
- The Loch Ness Monster

### Listening Post

Koobar the Koala and Water

**NSW  
COGS UNIT**



**Upper Primary  
Series A  
Unit 2  
There's More to Me**

Year 5

**Unit focus:**  
Personal Wellbeing.

**Emphasises the importance of physical activity, emotional stability, the development of creativity and our care of the environment.**

- Important considerations**
- an active lifestyle
  - the importance of sleep
  - emotions of happiness, anger and optimism
  - considering the feelings of others
  - getting help from support networks
  - expressing and using one's creativity
  - connecting to the environment
  - helpful strategies to solve problems and accept differences.



**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Scene Setter**

- Big Ideas Book**
- Wellbeing
  - A Closer Look at You
  - The Whole of You in Action
  - Wellbeing Quiz
  - So Many Sides



- Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities**
- Click on question numbers to read solutions to the Wellbeing Quiz.
  - Interactive crossword about the language of wellbeing and knowing ourselves.

- Guided Reading Book**
- How Do You Spend Your Leisure Time?
  - Being Healthy
  - Being Perfect

**Listening Post**  
A Closer Look

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 1**

- Big Ideas Book**
- Interview with a Personal Trainer
  - Lazy Kids Take Cue from Parents
  - Kids Grow Out Not Up
  - The Importance of Sleep
  - A Desperate Attempt

- Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities**
- Click on photos of children to read about their different approaches to physical health.
  - Design a poster to promote physical health using a graphics or drawing program.

**Topic Book 1**  
*Let's Get Physical!*

- Guided Reading Book**
- Hey, Hey It's Sport Today
  - Hippo in Training
  - School Days

**Listening Post**  
A Closer Look



**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 2**

- Big Ideas Book**
- How Do You Feel?
  - Dealing With Emotions
  - Thinking it Through
  - Half Full or Half Empty?
  - Getting Help

- Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities**
- Click on 'negative emotion' buttons to read about strategies for dealing with these emotions.
  - Click and drag 'emotion' labels to matching illustrations.

**Topic Book 2**  
*Quality Kid*

- Guided Reading Book**
- So Shy I Could Die
  - The Worst Moment of My Life
  - I'm a Wimp

**Listening Post**  
Jesse Martin: A Dream in His Sails

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 3**

- Big Ideas Book**
- Dare To Dream
  - Getting Creative
  - Simple Pleasures
  - Choose to Read
  - Waves of Creativity



- Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities**
- Click on photos of different children to read about how they use their creative talents.
  - Click and drag names of inventions to matching animals to demonstrate how nature often sparks ideas for inventors.

**Topic Book 3**  
*Khoa Do: Independent Spirit*

- Guided Reading Book**
- Caderyn and Loyd: Class Clowns
  - Acting Up a Storm in a Spectacular Class Full of Fun
  - Today's Recipe... Book Soup/Reading is...

**Listening Post**  
Jesse Martin: A Dream in His Sails

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 4**

- Big Ideas Book**
- School Helps the Environment
  - WIRES
  - Doing the Job
  - Quiet Time
  - Second Mass Whale Stranding Averted

- Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities**
- Listen to an audio text – a discussion between two friends about cleaning up their schoolyard.
  - Create a table in Microsoft® Word as a format for presenting information about their favourite place.

**Topic Book 4**  
*Project Turtle*

- Guided Reading Book**
- Turtle Tagger: Zoe Kyriazis
  - Scott Hocknull: Rock Jock
  - Landcare Australia

**Listening Post**  
Putting Ideas into Practice

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Going Beyond**

- Big Ideas Book**
- Living Life to the Max
  - Life Thoughts
  - Recipe For Life
  - Plan Your Life

- Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities**
- Read and discuss a poem about different ways to 'be'.
  - Students each design a webpage about themselves.



**Topic Book 5**  
*Planet Max*

- Guided Reading Book**
- My Friend Zog
  - Don't Be Afraid
  - Earthling Saves Planet Max

**Listening Post**  
Putting Ideas into Practice



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**Upper Primary  
Series A  
Unit 3  
Our Energy Choices**

*Year 5*

**Unit focus:**  
This unit provides learning experiences which relate to the identity and description of sources, uses, transfers and changes in forms of energy.

Students come to understand how natural forces and human interaction causes changes to the Earth over time. They recognise that the Earth is the source of most materials, and resources need management for sustainability.

**Students learn about**

- energy use and its contribution to global warming
- greenhouse gases
- our dependence on fossil fuels
- renewable or alternative energy
- nuclear energy
- efficient energy use
- personal choices involving energy use
- future energy use and climatic change

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Scene Setter**

**Big Ideas Book**

- What's the Message?
- South Sea Holiday
- Energy Verses

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Click on questions to find answers to some global warming issues.
- Use clues to solve an interactive crossword puzzle about energy choices.

**Guided Reading Book**

- Our Choices
- Polar Bears
- The Blueprints Energy News

**Listening Post**  
The Billboard Message

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 1**

**Big Ideas Book**

- Energy from Fossil Fuels
- Products from Petroleum
- Greenhouse Gases
- Every Picture Tells a Story

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Click on an illustration of a barrel of oil to find out about the different products that come from crude oil.
- Identify products made from oil in an interactive game.

**Topic Book 1**  
*Fuel for Thought*

**Guided Reading Book**

- Expressing an Opinion
- Antonia's NoFF Day
- Should We Eat Locally Grown Food?

**Listening Post**  
The Billboard Message

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 2**

**Big Ideas Book**

- Solar Energy
- Hydro Energy
- Wind Energy
- Some Facts about Biomass
- Geothermal Energy
- Uranium to Nuclear Energy

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Listen to a news report about alternative energy options.
- Play an interactive card game matching forms of energy with their definitions.

**Topic Book 2**  
*Our Amazing Sun*

**Guided Reading Book**

- How Maui Slowed the Sun
- Sources of Power – Old and New
- Wind Power

**Listening Post**  
Solar Energy: Reflection and Absorption

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 3**

**Big Ideas Book**

- Switching Fuels
- Aunty Monica's House
- Energy Efficiency at Home

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Learn how to read energy-rating labels on appliances.
- Analyse star ratings and energy consumption before choosing appliances and then explaining choices.

**Topic Book 3**  
*Fill it up!*

**Guided Reading Book**

- Energy Efficiency at School/Slogans for Energy Efficiency
- Bright Young Spark a Shining Example
- The Development of Solar-powered Cars

**Listening Post**  
Solar Energy: Reflection and Absorption

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 4**

**Big Ideas Book**

- Reduce Your Carbon Footprint
- Going Green on a Slow Boat to the World
- A NoFF Day
- Make a Difference
- An Amazing Night of Light and Dark
- Energy Choices

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Click on the lightning bolts to find out how to save energy at home and reduce their carbon footprint.
- Design posters showing how to save energy at home.

**Topic Book 4**  
*Energy Rangers to the Rescue!*

**Guided Reading Book**

- Energy Quiz
- Flick the Switch
- Rivers of Gold Flow from Recycling Bins

**Listening Post**  
Take a Stand

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Going Beyond**

**Big Ideas Book**

- Blueprints Energy News
- Editorial
- Real Estate
- Weather News
- Energy-Conscious Kids
- Sport News

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- View a video about how cows are contributing to greenhouse gases.
- Create an animation or cartoon demonstrating how cows contribute to greenhouse gases.

**Topic Book 5**  
*Off the Grid*

**Guided Reading Book**

- So -- What Is Our Problem?
- Wind Power of the Future
- Into the Future, Back to the Past

**Listening Post**  
Take a Stand

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**Upper Primary  
Series A  
Unit 4  
Shaping Our Nation**

Year 5

**Unit focus:**  
Learning experiences relate to significant people, groups and events, which have contributed to our national identity and influenced our Australian heritage.

- Australia Day
- Significant events in Australia's history
- Treatment of the Chinese in the gold rush era
- The Stolen Generations
- The effects of World Depression
- A Federated Australia
- Significant people in Australia's history
- Australia at war
- The Australian character revealed in Australian literature.
- Australian literature and its influence on Australian heritage

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Scene Setter**

- Big Ideas Book**
- A Flag Worth Waving
  - Australia Day
  - Australians All
  - Values For Australian Schooling

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Investigate Australian citizenship and the rights and responsibilities of Australians.
- Answer an electronic general knowledge quiz about Australia.

**Guided Reading Book**

- Dare 2B Different
- Australia – Different, But it's Home
- Different Customs

**Listening Post**  
The Flag Debate

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 1**

- Big Ideas Book**
- Major Events 1788-1915
  - The Chinese Miners and the Gold Rushes
  - Birth of a New Nation
  - Australian Values in Their Hearts

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Investigate some of the major events that have occurred in different states of Australia.
- Electronic matching activity: match the event with the state in which it occurred.

**Topic Book 1**  
*Gold and Mud: a play*

**Guided Reading Book**

- Gold Licences
- Reaching the Goldfields
- From 'The Roaring Days'

**Listening Post**  
The Flag Debate

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 2**

- Big Ideas Book**
- The Stolen Generations
  - Addressing Some Concerns
  - Donna's Story
  - Once I Had a Mother

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Listen to an audio story of the life of a member of the stolen generations.
- Electronic cloze activity based on information about the stolen generations.

**Topic Book 2**  
*Stories of the Stolen Generations*

**Guided Reading Book**

- Kutcha Edwards
- Radiating from the Rock, New Ritual of Hope
- Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples

**Listening Post**  
A Lasting Impact

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 3**

- Big Ideas Book**
- Dear Little Yellow Canary
  - Giving Australia a Chance
  - The Celestial Transport Company
  - Memories and Dreams
  - Immigration to Australia

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Investigate assisted migration to Australia between 1947 and 1975.
- Interactive crossword puzzle related to migration.

**Topic Book 3**  
*Maria's Journey*

**Guided Reading Book**

- Where Did You Say You Came From?
- The Welcome Wall
- Escape from Sarajevo

**Listening Post**  
A Lasting Impact

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 4**

- Big Ideas Book**
- The First World War and the Anzacs
  - Memories of the Depression Years
  - Australia at War: the Second World War
  - Views from Home

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- View a video about a little-known group of Australians who served in World War I.
- Electronic activity – learn how to break a secret code and create a new one.

**Topic Book 4**  
*We Went to Gallipoli*

**Guided Reading Book**

- The War Made a Difference
- Bush Tribute
- Unforgettable

**Listening Post**  
Patrick Lindsay

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Going Beyond**

- Big Ideas Book**
- Literature Reveals Our Character
  - Pioneers
  - The Anzac on the Wall
  - The Drover's Wife
  - Gate Gossip

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Investigate different Australian authors to find out about their work.
- Electronic matching activity: match authors to descriptions of their work.

**Topic Book 5**  
*So Much to Tell Us; Amazing Australian Children's Authors*

**Guided Reading Book**

- Nutcote: A National Treasure
- Contemporary Australian Children's Authors
- A Grand Old Gentleman

**Listening Post**  
Patrick Lindsay

**Traditions and heritage  
(Stage 3 COG G)**

- explore events in Australia's past to better understand how our history shapes and influences us.
- understand the impact of significant events, and people inclusive of Aboriginal history.
- engage students in the development of information skills and an evaluation of values and attitudes in relation to social justice and the development of democracy.
- research key events and people in developing Australian traditions and heritage
- view dramatic performance
- explore Australian heritage through art, drama and music
- explore human rights issues including the Stolen Generations and Reconciliation.
- review student presentation on a significant person in the development of Australian democracy
- identify key language ,topics and issues in complex information texts
- critically analyse visual texts and artwork to contribute meaning and provide historical and cultural context.

**Symbol systems  
(Stage 3 COG H)**

- learn of the influence cultural diversity, including Aboriginal culture and diversity, has on Australian identities.
- consider how contemporary events have effected community and personal attitudes and values.
- reflect on the Chinese impact on Australian culture and society
- learn of contributions of Chinese to Australia's history

**For Multi-age classes, also links to  
Being Australian  
(Stage 2 COG B)**

- acknowledge and understand significant events and contributions made by ourselves and others to our Australian heritage and values
- examine how a sense of being Australian has changed over time and has been influenced by significant events.
- use digital media in making a Powerpoint presentation to showcase achievements of great Australians
- understand own identity through the development of values and recognition of themselves and others as unique individuals.

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**Making informed choices  
(Stage 3 COG D)**

- develop skills in making appropriate lifestyle decisions

**Traditions and heritage  
(Stage 3 COG G)**

- learn of significant events and people that have shaped the identity of Australia
- explore and discuss various historical events
- research key events and people in developing Australian traditions and heritage
- explore Australian heritage through art, drama and music
- learn about rituals, objects, representations and structures which comprise the arts and are critical elements in our cultural heritage

**For Multi-age classes, also links to  
Being Australian  
(Stage 2 COG B)**

- explore the contribution that great Australian scientists, designers and technologists have made to science and technology, and to life in Australia.
- provide a powerpoint presentation to showcase the achievements of great Australians.
- use annotated sketches, flow charts and storyboards to explore and develop ideas



**Upper Primary  
Series B  
Unit 1  
Pushing Boundaries**

*Year 6*

**Unit focus:**  
A central theme of risk-taking and resolve. Learning experiences relate to exploration, the development of flight, medical discoveries and creative and cultural boundaries in the arts. When humans have been prepared to move out of their comfort zone and push boundaries, we attain new levels of achievement.

- taking personal risks
- the importance of calculated risk
- the origin of idioms such as 'pushing boundaries'
- early Australian explorers
- modern day adventurers
- the discovery of flight and development of aviation in Australia
- significant medical discoveries of last century
- sporting boundaries
- pushing boundaries in art and dance

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Scene Setter**

**Big Ideas Book**

- The Message on the Magnet
- Taking Risks
- In the Middle of the Sky
- Idioms
- Beyond the Comfort Zone

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Students read a poem and click on highlighted words to find out about people who take risks to achieve their goals.
- Assess risk in different situations.

**Guided Reading Book**

- Is it Risky?
- Thoughts on Risk-taking
- Are We Becoming a Nanny State?

**Listening Post  
Christopher Harris**

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 1**

**Big Ideas Book**

- A Spirit of Adventure
- Edgy Adventurers Honoured
- Beyond Everest
- Bluey's Holiday Adventure

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Investigate some Australians who push boundaries in search of adventure.
- Students role-play and interview, an adventurer.

**Topic Book 1  
Exploring the Unknown**

**Guided Reading Book**

- Great Desert Explorers
- Adventurers on Antarctic High
- Letter from an Explorer

**Listening Post  
Christopher Harris**

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 2**

**Big Ideas Book**

- First Flight
- Some Milestones in Australian Aviation
- 4wardbound.com
- Where Birds Soar
- Worldwide Aviation Milestones and Records
- So You Want to Learn to Fly!

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Click on a time line to investigate famous Australian aviators.
- Students complete a crossword on aviators.

**Topic Book 2  
Adventurers in the Air**

**Guided Reading Book**

- More Than Just a Box Kite
- Women Take to the Air
- Dawning of a New Ice Age

**Listening Post  
Dare to Fly**

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 3**

**Big Ideas Book**

- Medical Milestones
- Medical Marvels
- Pushing the Boundaries of Medical Care

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- View a video about immunisation.
- Complete a multiple-choice quiz about medical pioneers.

**Topic Book 3  
Freemans' Feats**

**Guided Reading Book**

- The Lady with the Lamp
- The Nobel Prize
- ASIMO

**Listening Post  
Dare to Fly**

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 4**

**Big Ideas Book**

- Sporting Boundaries
- International Sports Stars
- Wave Blaster!
- Sprinting Towards Beijing

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Listen to an interview with an Australian Olympian.
- Research a sports person or team and create a PowerPoint presentation about them.

**Topic Book 4  
Riding High**

**Guided Reading Book**

- Crossing the Ditch
- Casey Stoner - World Champion
- Bouncing Back

**Listening Post  
The Question of Change**

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Going Beyond**

**Big Ideas Book**

- Song and Dance
- Dance and Drama Like Never Before
- Bangara Dance Theatre
- Public Art
- Accepting the Challenge

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Investigate different innovations in architecture.
- Match buildings with their name and location.

**Topic Book 5  
Taking a Line for a Walk**

**Guided Reading Book**

- A Snapshot of Christine Anu
- Pushing the Envelope: It's a Risky Business
- Pushing the Boundaries in Art and Design

**Listening Post  
The Question of Change**

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**Upper Primary  
Series B Unit 2  
Up Close and Personal**

Year 6

**Unit focus:**

**Deeper concepts related to wellbeing.**

**Further examination and extension of the key factors contributing to a balanced lifestyle.**

- higher order thinking on staying healthy and safe.
- importance of diet and regular exercise
- body types and genetic determination
- body image and media portrayals
- examining the effects of drugs on the body and behaviours
- tobacco and other substance abuse
- the importance of a good attitude to life
- resilience
- setting realistic goals
- coping with changes
- moving to high school
- failure and success
- pursuing personal gifts and talents
- strategies for coping with change, grief and loss
- honesty as a personal trait
- the importance of taking responsibility for one's decisions and noting the effects on self and others
- valuing one's role and responsibility in communicating for positive relationships
- making a difference in the preservation of ecology and the environment
- the ripple effect

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Scene Setter**

- Big Ideas Book**
- Goodbye Primary School
  - The Road Not Taken
  - Choices

- Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities**
- Click on photographs to read about different children's feelings about moving to secondary school.
  - Using ICT tools, design a personal shield.

- Guided Reading Book**
- Wellbeing Seminar
  - A Kid-sized Decision
  - The Pages That I Turn

**Listening Post**  
Looking Back

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 1**

- Big Ideas Book**
- Making Healthy Choices
  - Body Types
  - Healthy Food Choices
  - Lifestyle Facts, Choices and Decisions
  - Want2Share.com
  - What's the Message?

- Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities**
- Click on headings to find out about caffeine and its effects.
  - Students use a spreadsheet to calculate the servings from each of the food groups they eat in a day.

**Topic Book 1**  
*What You See Is Not What You Get*

- Guided Reading Book**
- Letters to Magazine Editors
  - It'll be a Blast!
  - Does One Size Fit All?

**Listening Post**  
Looking Back

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 2**

- Big Ideas Book**
- Attitude
  - What is Attitude?
  - A Good Attitude To Life
  - The Donkey In the Well
  - YINOS
  - The 15 Elements of Resilience
  - All about Relationships

- Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities**
- Listen to a conversation between three friends about resolving conflicts.
  - Students imagine a difficult situation then use a chart to work out the outcomes and consequences of their actions.

**Topic Book 2**  
*House of Cards*

- Guided Reading Book**
- Is There Anyone Out There Like Me?
  - Heart Starter
  - Taking Responsibility

**Listening Post**  
Caring - What's That to Me?

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 3**

- Big Ideas Book**
- Dreams and Goals
  - Wise Thoughts
  - Charlotte's Inspiration: Counting Sheep!
  - Life Is Full of Changes
  - Look for the Sun

- Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities**
- Click on headings to read about how to achieve SMART goals.
  - Play an interactive game of snakes and ladders to reach the goal of participating in the state swimming competition.

**Topic Book 3**  
*Go For It!*

- Guided Reading Book**
- Goal!
  - Messages from Cartoons
  - Change.net.au

**Listening Post**  
Caring - What's That to Me?

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 4**

- Big Ideas Book**
- Reflecting
  - CyberSafeZone.com
  - Failure: A Right and an Opportunity
  - Think Positive!
  - To Cheat or Not to Cheat

- Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities**
- View a video to learn about staying safe on the internet.
  - Design a poster about Cyber Safety.

**Topic Book 4**  
*He Said, She Said*

- Guided Reading Book**
- Kids Warned of Internet Dangers
  - There's More to Life than School Work
  - Playing the Machines

**Listening Post**  
One Person Can Make a Difference

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Going Beyond**

- Big Ideas Book**
- One Person Can Make a Difference
  - The Ripple Effect
  - Kids Who've Made a Difference

- Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities**
- Click on a photo to find out about a person who wanted to make a difference.
  - Create an action plan about an area of concern.

**Topic Book 5**  
*From Little Things ...*

- Guided Reading Book**
- Should Australia Give Overseas Aid?
  - Children for Peace
  - A Race Against Time

**Listening Post**  
One Person Can Make a Difference



**NSW  
COGS UNIT**

**Global and social issues  
(Stage 3 COG E)**

- understand the many links that exist between people, places and resources on a local and global level
- human rights
- Australia's global context
- Australia's global trade
- Overseas Aid
- active global citizenship
- initiate a fundraising event
- investigating the science of a natural disaster
- understand the impact of significant global events that form and change the earth over time
- research international aid agencies
- work cooperatively in teams and become more tolerant and caring community members



**BLUEPRINTS UNIT**



**Upper Primary  
Series B  
Unit 3  
Thinking Globally**

*Year 6*

**Unit focus:**  
Learning experiences relate to global systems, communities and responsibilities.

Identifying global problems and environmental issues.

Exploring ways in which individuals and groups have contributed to solutions.

Australia's social and economic connection to the world

Rights and responsibilities of Australian and global citizens.

- technology of the 21C
- interconnections through the entertainment industry
- global problem of poverty
- global war and its effect on children
- environmental issues faced by the globe in the 21C
- major Australian exports and imports
- global travel
- rights and responsibilities of Australian and global citizens

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Scene Setter**

**Big Ideas Book**

- We All is One!
- Our World Is a Village
- Facts About Our World
- Global Headlines
- Every Picture Tells a Story

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Click on map titles to find out about differences across the world in cultivated land, wealth and predicted water shortages.
- Use a currency converter to convert prices into Australian dollars.

**Guided Reading Book**

- Global Rap
- global problems.com.au
- Talking about Our World

**Listening Post  
Untying the Knots**

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 1**

**Big Ideas Book**

- Our World in the Twenty-first Century
- Who Uses a Computer at Home?
- U-correspond.com
- The Growth of Global Entertainment

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- View a video to find out about how some students are using podcasting at school.
- Create a graph.



**Topic Book 1  
A Changing World**

**Guided Reading Book**

- Danger During an Eruption
- Going Global
- Welcome to the 24/7 Online World, Dudes

**Listening Post  
Untying the Knots**

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 2**

**Big Ideas Book**

- What Is Poverty?
- Children and War
- Wartime Stories
- Graca Machel
- People of Concern
- Children at Work
- Human Rights

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Read the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- Use a graphics program to design a poster.

**Topic Book 2  
Hope for Hanna**

**Guided Reading Book**

- The Flash of a Million Suns
- Hunger
- Space Research Versus World Poverty

**Listening Post  
Poor Countries Appeal for Help in Fighting Climate Change**

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 3**

**Big Ideas Book**

- Climate Change – the Global Impact
- Spreading the Word
- One Earth, One Future
- Worldwide Environmental Awareness

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Click on a timeline to learn about Greenpeace.
- Complete an interactive crossword about environmental issues.

**Topic Book 3  
Impact: Environment**

**Guided Reading Book**

- Devastation from Earthquakes and Volcanoes
- Measuring Global Disasters
- The Quake and The Wall of Water

**Listening Post  
Poor Countries Appeal for Help in Fighting Climate Change**

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Pacing Text 4**

**Big Ideas Book**

- Australia's Global Presence
- Reaching Out
- The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Nepalese Adventure
- Let's Travel
- Australian Trade

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Click on headings to read safety tips for overseas travel.
- Complete an interactive cloze activity about safety when travelling overseas.

**Topic Book 4  
The New 7 Wonders of the World: A Travel Guide**

**Guided Reading Book**

- Interview with a World Traveller
- A Website for the Smart Traveller
- Modern Wonders

**Listening Post  
Australia and the United Nations**

**BLUEPRINTS  
UNIT TEXTS  
Going Beyond**

**Big Ideas Book**

- The United Nations
- UNICEF
- Change of Plans Frontières
- Médecins Sans Frontières
- The Red Cross
- The "Youth Aware" Forum
- The International Olympic Committee

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Read information about the work international celebrities do with different global organisations.
- Students match celebrities with the organisations they support.

**Topic Book 5  
The Double-cross**

**Guided Reading Book**

- Caring for the Environment
- Volunteer Traveller
- Susan Morrissey, World Aid Volunteer

**Listening Post  
Australia and the United Nations**

## NSW COGS UNIT

### Identity (Stage 3 COG B)

- learn how our Australian identity, values and beliefs have been influenced by significant events, people, our families and the media.
- explore what constitutes the Australian identity
- develop knowledge and understanding of different expressions of Australian identities
- look at cultural influences through significant events and symbols of Australian culture.
- understand how our national identity is affected by how we live, behave and express cultural differences and values
- identify and discuss the effects of colloquial language
- respond to texts read in more complex ways
- identify and interpret ideas, themes and issues in texts
- justify own interpretations of a text
- research information reports
- read longer, more involved empathetic and historical recounts

### Traditions and heritage (Stage 3 COG G)

- explore and discuss historical events
- observe and discuss artefacts that represent Australian culture and heritage
- observe particular objects, representations and structures which comprise the arts, are critical elements of our cultural heritage.

### For Multi-age classes, also links to Being Australian (Stage 2 COG B)

- understand the shared Australian identity through the exploration of roles of individuals, families and groups that have contributed to communities.
- examine how a sense of being Australian has changed over time, influenced by significant events
- develop an understanding of one's own identity and the values related to being Australian



## Upper Primary Series B Unit 4 The Spirit of Oz

Year 6

**Unit focus:**  
Learning experiences relate to the Australian 'spirit', our characteristics and personal qualities.

Students learn that our geography, heritage, language and cultural diversity including those of Aboriginal people have all contributed to the Australian spirit

- diversity of spirit within our Australian communities
- how the Australian climate and geography affects our spirit.
- how the 'Spirit of Oz' is reflected in ballads, songs, colours and national sites
- significant events, which have showcased Australia's identity and spirit.
- people and their actions, which have helped shape our identity and spirit.
- contributions of The Arts (performing, visual & literary) to the Australian 'spirit'



## BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Scene Setter

**Big Ideas Book**

- Touching on the Spirit
- Waltzing Matilda
- One Man's View



**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Read the results of research into what people believe it means to be Australian.
- Survey classmates, tally results and present findings in a graph

**Guided Reading Book**

- The Spirit of Australia Finale
- What is Being Australian?
- Becoming an Australian

**Listening Post**  
The Heart of the Country

## BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 1

**Big Ideas Book**

- Our Land Australia
- The Outback
- The High Country
- The Tropics
- The Coast

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Click on Australian geographical landmarks to find out more about them.
- Identify the state or territory where iconic landmarks can be found.

**Topic Book**  
*A Duel of Words*

**Guided Reading Book**

- The Expedition to the Dreaded Deadibone Desert
- Travelling in the North
- From City Girl to Bush Wife

**Listening Post**  
The Heart of the Country

## BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 2

**Big Ideas Book**

- Putting in Heart and Soul
- The Anzac Spirit
- The Blueprints Forum
- Lending a Hand
- An Interview with an Olympic Volunteer
- Maitland Floods
- Australian Surf-lifesaving
- Black Sunday

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Click on logos of volunteer organisations to find out about the work they do.
- Using ICT tools, design a poster encouraging people to volunteer.

**Topic Book**  
*Mad Mal, Desperado of the Diggings*

**Guided Reading Book**

- He's My Cobber, He's My Mate
- Farming Through the Years
- Australians Value a "Fair Go" Highest

**Listening Post**  
From Poster to Real Life

## BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 3

**Big Ideas Book**

- Aussie! Aussie! Aussie! Oi! Oi! Oi!
- Back Page
- Showcasing Our Spirit to the World
- The Owens Family Goes to the Games



**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Find out more about the Arafura Games by clicking on the links on a webpage.
- Electronic cloze activity on the Arafura Games.

**Topic Book**  
*Ready, Steady ... Wait, Is That a Sport?*

**Guided Reading Book**

- Hey there, Sport!
- Getting to the Olympics
- Student Sport Participation

**Listening Post**  
From Poster to Real Life

## BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 4

**Big Ideas Book**

- The Entertainers
- Our Spirit on Parade
- Performing with Spirit – Circus Oz
- Australian Art in Parliament House
- Australian Artists
- Spirit in Word

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Click on images from Australian film and television to learn how they reflect the spirit of Oz.
- Interactive crossword puzzle on the Arts.

**Topic Book**  
*A Song for Fred*

**Guided Reading Book**

- Circus Oz Performers
- The Circus Is Coming to Town
- William Barton
- Musical Journey Hits
- 30 000ft (almost)

**Listening Post**  
Happy Feet: A Review

## BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Going Beyond

**Big Ideas Book**

- Make 'em Laugh
- Who's Who of Aussie Comedy
- Resume of a Comedian
- Testimonials from a School Visit

**Big Ideas Book  
CD-ROM Activities**

- Investigate some Australian comedians.
- Students record themselves telling a funny experience they have had.

**Topic Book**  
*What's the Best Way to Catch a Barramundi? A book of Aussie humour*

**Guided Reading Book**

- The Most Boring Town in Australia
- The Six-legged Chooks: A Tall Tale
- How McDougal Topped the Score

**Listening Post**  
Happy Feet: A Review