

RIGBY Blueprints

Literacy for Life



Rigby Blueprints and the NSW COGS – Middle 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

Our families (Stage 1, COG B)

- family groups
- different kinds of family groups.
- similarities and uniqueness about families
- cultural similarities
- aspects of family and community living
- roles, rights & responsibilities of people in families
- our heritage and changes over time
- stories, events, objects that are part of family heritage
- comparing family traditions and culture
- local, national and international ceremonies of different groups
- values & attitudes in intercultural understanding; beliefs and moral codes

Getting along (Stage 1, COG D)

- a focus on the family
- family portraits
- who makes up the family?
- how do families differ?
- family rights and responsibilities

Understanding ourselves (Stage 1, COG H)

- similarities and differences in family celebrations
- foods, clothing and gifts that are part of some family celebrations
- expanding understanding of culture, the diversity of families and their backgrounds
- practices and rituals that reflect family beliefs.
- cultural and religious events in the community including Aboriginal cultures.

Our stories (Stage 1, COG G)

- developing a sense of change by sharing stories, photos and artefacts related to family and community
- learning about family members and I family traditions
- interviewing a family member about their history and events
- significant events that have affected their family

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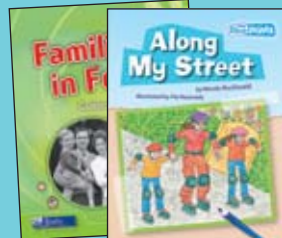


Middle Primary Series A Unit 1 Families In Focus

Year 3
(suggest early in year)

Unit focus: Family makeup, heritage and change

- Describing a family
- Family relationships
- Family backgrounds
- Family heritage and cultural differences
- Aspects of childhood
- Parents & grandparents
- Family role Changes
- Family celebrations



BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Scene Setter

Big Ideas Book

- Australian Families
- Who Am I?
- Families

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Information text about different types of Australian families
- Drag and drop activity about family groups

Guided Reading Book

- Our Family Album
- A Family Camping Trip
- Who Is You?

Listening Post

Families: So Different, Yet the Same

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 1

Big Ideas Book

- All about Families
- My Family
- Family Trees
- Gran's 90th Birthday
- Table Talk

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Audio text about members of a family and how they are related
- Create a family chart

Topic Book 1

Along My Street

Guided Reading Book

- Our Family Tree
- Helpful Harry
- Famous Literary Families
- A Day in the Life of a Family
- My Friend Gio
- Who Helps This Family?

Listening Post

Families: So Different, Yet the Same

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 2

Big Ideas Book

- Coming To Australia
- Families Divide, the World Unites
- Melbourne
- The Third Biggest Greek City in the World

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Information text about different Australian families and their origins
- Write an account of family and background

Topic Book 2

Family Voyages

Guided Reading Book

- A Change For Zoe
- Jessica's Journal
- Interview with My Father, Huong

Listening Post

Mario Changes His Mind

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 3

Big Ideas Book

- The Time Capsule
- Advertisements From The Past
- Great Grandma's Dishwasher

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Information text about kitchen appliances from the 1950s
- Drag and drop activity placing household items on a timeline

Topic Book 3

Gramp Camp

Guided Reading Book

- Great Grandma's Pictures from the Past
- Visiting Great Grandma
- Are The Old Times The Good times?

Listening Post

Mario Changes His Mind

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 4

Big Ideas Book

- Pictures From The Past
- The Family Kitchen

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Conversation between a boy and his grandfather
- Interactive cloze activity about when Grandpa was young

Topic Book 4

Times Are Changing

Guided Reading Book

- funfamilyfacts.com
- funfamilyfacts.com
- fabfamilies.com
- Changing Family Roles

Listening Post

Grandpa's shed

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Going Beyond

Big Ideas Book

- New Year Celebrations
- Bring A Cake!

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Information text about different children's family traditions
- Interactive word search on celebrations from around the world

Topic Book 5

Celebrations

Guided Reading Book

- Party Poems
- Make a Celebration Card
- An Aboriginal Festival

Listening Post

Grandpa's shed

NSW COGS UNIT

Being Australian (Stage 2, COG B)

- symbols of state and national identity
- Aboriginal communities and heritage
- understanding own identity and values related to being Australian
- understanding identity of individuals, families and groups that contribute to changing Australian communities.

Local environments (Stage 2, COG A)

- information about natural and heritage places in Australia
- mapping skills
- identifying, describing and locating a range of places in NSW and Australia
- significant places in Australia

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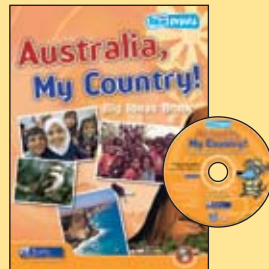


Middle Primary Series A Unit 2 Australia, My Country

Year 3

Unit focus: Australia's geographic position; its uniqueness, symbols & icons and cultural diversity

- Global position, surrounding oceans, seas, and internal rivers
- States, cities, borders & sizes
- Symbols & icons
- Language & Aboriginal heritage
- Cultural diversity and multicultural citizens



BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Scene Setter

Big Ideas Book

- Australia: the Facts
- My Country



Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Students listen to a reading of the poem *My Country* and have the opportunity to record their own version
- Interactive jigsaw of map of Australia

Guided Reading Book

- Australia, Our Country
- The Sights and Sounds of Australia
- About Australia

Listening Post

Australia: The Challenges of a Dry Land

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 1

Big Ideas Book

- Map of Australia
- How many people Live in Australia?
- How Big Are the States and Territories?
- State and Territory Snapshots

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Information text about different Australian places and towns
- Interactive concentration game about Australian places

Topic Book 1

Postcards For Grandma

Guided Reading Book

- Spotlight on New South Wales
- Inside the Great Barrier Reef
- A Holiday in South Australia

Listening Post

Australia: The Challenges of a Dry Land

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 2

Big Ideas Book

- Designing the Australian Flag
- Symbols of Australia an its States and Territories

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- A blog about travelling around Australia
- Drag and drop activity about Australian symbols

Topic Book 2

Australian Symbols

Guided Reading Book

- Make Your Own Flag
- The Smithtown Clarion
- Make Your Own Coat of Arms

Listening Post

Ernest Edward 'Weary' Dunlop

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 3

Big Ideas Book

- Aboriginal Languages
- Aussie Diggers
- Smart as Paint
- Fly the Australian Way
- The Melbourne (Butter)cup

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Information text about Australian rhyming slang
- Interactive cloze passage using rhyming slang

Topic Book 3

Come on Aussie! How to Speak Australian

Guided Reading Book

- Aussie Words Are So Much Fun!
- The Average Day of a True Blue Aussie
- Australian English

Listening Post

Ernest Edward 'Weary' Dunlop

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 4

Big Ideas Book

- People from around the World
- Aussies Come from Everywhere



Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Biographical texts about Dr Victor Chang and Olivia Newton-John
- Create a webpage

Topic Book 4

We All Call Australia Home

Guided Reading Book

- Our Class Party
- Turkish School
- Cherrybrook Lantern Night
- The Sydney Japanese School
- Dragon New Year
- Mayfield Celebrates Its Diversity

Listening Post

The Wanderer

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Going Beyond

Big Ideas Book

- Around the World... (Without Leaving Australia)
- Emails for My Friends

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Reading diary entries
- Create an interactive route of Rom's trip

Topic Book 5

Bad Mad Max

Guided Reading Book

- Touring in the Centre of Australia
- Holidays
- The Outback
- Outback Storm
- Images of Australia

Listening Post

The Wanderer

**NSW
COGS UNIT**

**Machines
(Stage 2, COG F)**

- machines use energy in order to function
- different forms and sources of energy
- the flow of energy through movement
- force and power associated with machines
- the development of machines over time to help people work



**Middle Primary
Series A
Unit 3
Machines**

Year 3

**Unit focus:
Machines at work and
their importance in
our lives.**

- Machines in our lives
- Types of force and energy
- Simple machines and their features
- Compound machines
- Making our lives easier
- Machine dependency
- Machines and their lives



**BLUEPRINTS
UNIT TEXTS
Scene Setter**

Big Ideas Book

- What Machines Do We Use?
- Kitchen Whizz

**Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**

- Investigate different toys that are machines
- Students select appropriate words to complete a poem

Guided Reading Book

- The Disappearing Socks
- On a Garbage Disposal Unit; Calculations
- Shoe Streakers

Listening Post
A Present For Mr P

**BLUEPRINTS
UNIT TEXTS
Pacing Text 1**

Big Ideas Book

- Simple Machines
- The Grabber
- Dad's Groovy Shed
- Marshmallow Machine
- Roy's Garden Wall

**Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**

- Investigate different simple machines that can be found on a building site
- Drag and drop activity matching pictures of machines with their matching simple machines

Topic Book 1
Machines and Their Parts

Guided Reading Book

- The Fixit Machine: Little Jim
- Machines Around Us
- Making Biscuits

Listening Post
A Present For Mr P

**BLUEPRINTS
UNIT TEXTS
Pacing Text 2**

Big Ideas Book

- Energy
- Energy in the Home
- The Wind Farm Debate Continues

**Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**

- Investigate how electricity gets from the power station to the appliances
- Interactive word search of energy words

Topic Book 2
Energy

Guided Reading Book

- The Sun
- Solar Power
- Wind Power

Listening Post
From Horse-drawn Vehicles to Motor Cars

**BLUEPRINTS
UNIT TEXTS
Pacing Text 3**

Big Ideas Book

- Water Pump
- Keeping in Touch
- How Have Bicycles Changed?
- The Bedroom Cleaner

**Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**

- Compare machines of the past with those today
- Drag and drop activity about machines past and present

Topic Book 3
Machines around the Home

Guided Reading Book

- Make a Jet-powered Machine
- How Television Works
- Microwave Ovens

Listening Post
From Horse-drawn Vehicles to Motor Cars

**BLUEPRINTS
UNIT TEXTS
Pacing Text 4**

Big Ideas Book

- Living with Machines
- The bionic Ear
- A Special Customer

**Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**

- Investigate Australian medical inventions
- Drag and drop activity about instruments and how they help people

Topic Book 4
Double- Dinking

Guided Reading Book

- Schoolgirl Inventor
- High-tech Chairs
- A Television Newsroom

Listening Post
A Great Ride for a Great Cause

**BLUEPRINTS
UNIT TEXTS
Going Beyond**

Big Ideas Book

- The Scary Boy
- Ben's Bike
- Machine Chaos
- Bad Machines
- Machines Have Moods

**Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**

- Timeline of Australian inventions
- Drag and drop activity matching inventor with machine

Topic Book 5
Machine Mayhem

Guided Reading Book

- Kitchen Mayhem
- Dad's Dangerous Machine
- The Anguish of the Machine

Listening Post
A Great Ride for a Great Cause

NSW COGS UNIT

Understanding each other (Stage 2, COG H)

- identifying own strengths
- valuing yourself and as a member of a group
- appreciating the way others feel
- learning positive ways to respond to others
- coping with changes in relationships
- skills of negotiation, conflict resolution, tolerance
- roles and relationships within groups and relationships

Working together (Stage 2, COG D)

- different types of relationships
- maintaining positive relationships
- recognising situations of potential abuse
- negotiation and decision making in drama

Getting along (Stage 1, COG D)

- communicating with others
- sorting out problems with another
- solving problems with friends
- positive relationships
- staying safe

BLUEPRINTS UNIT



Middle Primary Series A Unit 4 Forever Friends

Year 3

Unit focus: Friendship

- Making friends
- Qualities of friends
- Maintaining friendships
- Types of groups
- Group membership
- Bullying
- Managing conflict situations



BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Scene Setter

- Big Ideas Book**
- Friends
 - Being a Friend
 - Friendship Proverbs and Sayings

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Read about what makes a good friend
- Construct a concept map using an outline template and drop down boxes



Guided Reading Book

- Friendship Poems
- Jayco
- More Friendship Poems

Listening Post Ant and Dove

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 1

- Big Ideas Book**
- A Plan for Sam
 - What is a Friend?
 - Beanies R So Cool!
 - Welcome Book
 - What's a Friend to Be?

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Read about friendship skills
- Drag and drop activity to sort behaviours of good and bad friends

Topic Book 1 Bilby Friends

- Guided Reading Book**
- Using Your Spare Time
 - Activities at Belfield Recreational
 - Things to Do with Friends

Listening Post Ant and Dove

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 2

- Big Ideas Book**
- Friendship Wall
 - Jake and the Bike
 - My Mate

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Click on sections of a webpage to find out what to do to make friends
- Interactive jigsaw puzzle about friends

Topic Book 2 Team Time

- Guided Reading Book**
- Bad Hair Day
 - How to Build a Friendship

Listening Post Support for the Bullet

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 3

- Big Ideas Book**
- Hello My Friend
 - New Kid in Town
 - How Do We Communicate?

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Click on different forms of communication to find out how a young girl keeps in touch with her friends
- Write and record a telephone conversation with a friend

Topic Book 3 C U L8ter

- Guided Reading Book**
- Dear Mario, Hi Tyler
 - You Are Invited
 - Wanted!

Listening Post Coping With Being Hurt

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 4

- Big Ideas Book**
- Bullying. No Way!
 - Say No to Bullies
 - What Should I do?

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Role play and record a conversation between Sam and his mother about why he is sad
- Design an anti-bullying logo or picture

Topic Book 4 The Wobbly Wombat

- Guided Reading Book**
- Bullying: Questions and Answers
 - Being Strong
 - Looks Like He Could Do with a Friend

Listening Post Coping With Being Hurt

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Going Beyond

- Big Ideas Book**
- The Rules of Friendship
 - Mrs Bradie Sorts Things Out

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Click on different characters to reveal a conflict resolution speech bubble
- Game in which students 'catch' tadpoles showing words that are useful in resolving conflict

Topic Book 5 Goldilocks versus the Three Bears

- Guided Reading Book**
- The Missing Muffin
 - Daniel's Dilemmas
 - How To Resolve a Conflict

Listening Post Coping With Being Hurt

NSW COGS UNIT

Understanding each other (Stage 2, COG H)

- appreciating the way others feel
- customs in other communities
- values and attitudes related to intercultural understanding

Effects of growth and change (Stage 2, COG C)

- the digestive system in humans and associated organs
- healthy eating
- developing a fitness and nutritional plan
- exploring and identifying the factors that may impact on health

Products services and systems (Stage 2, COG E)

- using the healthy eating guide to identify nutritious foods
- identifying ways to access information on health products
- budgeting for a birthday party to get value for money
- planning a birthday party
- making decisions about healthy lifestyles
- developing a system to produce a healthy snack such as muffins or slices for a school function
- income and spending
- influences on family spending
- recording thoughts and actions throughout the design process
- noting changes or modifications made



Middle Primary Series B Unit 1 Nutting Out Nutrition

Year 4

Unit focus: Good nutrition and a healthy diet

- Importance of adequate nutrition
- Balanced eating habits
- The digestive system
- Fast food choices
- The purchase of food and associated food choices
- Food choices within our culturally diverse society



BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Scene Setter

Big Ideas Book

- The Day Mum Stopped Cooking

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Students listen to a story as they investigate the Healthy Living Pyramid and record themselves reading one of the parts
- Match nutrition words with their correct meanings

Guided Reading Book

- Nutrition Spelled Out
- Hamburger Hassles
- The Stomach Song

Listening Post

When One More Is Too Much

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 1

Big Ideas Book

- Why You Are What You Eat
- Goodfoods.com
- Five Food Groups Plan
- Smart Food Choices

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Listen to an interview about a healthy diet
- Drag and drop activity about food groups

Topic Book 1

A Healthy Life Is a Balancing Act

Guided Reading Book

- Good Food
- What's so Bad About Junk Food?
- What is in the Food you eat?

Listening Post

When One More Is Too Much

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 2

Big Ideas Book

- Food: Where Does It Come From?
- Fruit House
- The Supermarket
- Growing Healthy Kids

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Browse in an online shop to find the cost and number of serves of food items
- Select items to feed a family of four

Topic Book 2

Off to the Supermarket

Guided Reading Book

- All Kinds of Packages
- Food for Thought
- Packaging Facts
- Packaging – Is More Best?
- Both Sides of the Question

Listening Post

Junk Food Bans at Schools

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 3

Big Ideas Book

- Canteen Closed!
- Why People Eat the Foods They Do

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Click on foods on a menu board to find out about their nutritional value
- Select foods from the menu board that will give nutritional value

Topic Book 3

Funny Business

Guided Reading Book

- Canteen Menu
- Keep It Clean
- The Biggest Sandwich Ever

Listening Post

Junk Food Bans at Schools

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 4

Big Ideas Book

- The Best Sauce
- Snacktime.com
- Healthy Snack Recipes
- Mad Menus

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Students investigate foods from different countries
- Cloze activity about foods from different countries

Topic Book 4

The Penthean Problem

Guided Reading Book

- How to make Spaghetti
- Photographing Food
- Eating Dinner
- Slippery Sloppery Spaghetti
- Stranger Foods
- Unusual Places to Eat

Listening Post

A Very Rare Puddin'

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Going Beyond

Big Ideas Book

- Strange foods from Around the World
- Luscious Limericks

Big Ideas Book CD-ROM Activities

- Read a transcript of an interview with a Food Technology student
- Design a webpage

Topic Book 5

Let's Eat

Guided Reading Book

- You Are Lucky Frances!
- A Healthy Harvest
- Making Sukiyaki

Listening Post

A Very Rare Puddin'



**NSW
COGS UNIT**

**Products services and systems
(Stage 2, COG E)**

- identifying personal and community needs and wants, and how these are met
- the value of money
- Using a savings account
- influences on family spending
- studying some products and services; financial literacy, service providers, voluntary organisations
- rights and responsibilities of the people who access and provide these products and services
- changes in the use of technology and it's impact on different services
- developing values and attitudes of sustainability and democratic process
- awareness of health and emergency services and how to access them
- production systems and factors effecting
- small scale production and large scale production
- designing and implementing a system
- planning products and services in the local community; roles and movements

**Local environments
(Stage 2, COG A)**

- interpreting and drawing maps
- a new neighbourhood design and reflection on the design process
- participating in improving the local environment



**Middle Primary
Series B
Unit 2
Are You Being Served?**

Year 4

**Unit focus:
The provision of
goods and services,
lifestyles, our
environment &
monetary exchange**

- Goods and services
- Shopping trends in the past, present and future
- History of money and our Australian currency
- Advertising strategies and techniques
- Consumer rights
- Volunteer services in Australia



**BLUEPRINTS
UNIT TEXTS
Scene Setter**

Big Ideas Book

- The Shopping Centre
- What Are Goods and Services?
- Red Riding Hood
- Excuse Me

**Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**

- Read all about GST
- Game in which children identify items that have GST added



Guided Reading Book

- At The Shopping Centre
- What is Trading?
- Money Matters and Ken

Listening Post
Supermarkets-Row by Row

**BLUEPRINTS
UNIT TEXTS
Pacing Text 1**

Big Ideas Book

- Shopping-Past, Present and Future
- Shopping Experiences
- Future Mall

**Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**

- Listen to a conversation between a boy and his grandmother about shopping in the past, present and future
- Drag and drop activity about shopping in the past and present

Topic Book 1
A Short History of Shopping

Guided Reading Book

- Kids with Initiative
- To the Shops, Going Shopping
- Shopping Embarrassment
- Shopping with My Family

Listening Post
Supermarkets-Row by Row

**BLUEPRINTS
UNIT TEXTS
Pacing Text 2**

Big Ideas Book

- Money, Money, Money
- Our Australian Money
- Foolish Jack
- Children and Their Money

**Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**

- Read about a girl whose trading eventually resulted in her trading an unwanted bassinette for a family holiday
- Drag trading items into sequence

Topic Book 2
Money Matters

Guided Reading Book

- The Goose that Laid the Golden Eggs
- How Kids Spend Their Money
- Pocket Money – to save or Spend?
- The Ultimate Piggy Bank
- Banjo Patterson: The Man on the \$10 Note
- What a Nightmare!
- Who Wants to be a Millionaire?

Listening Post
The Parents Jury

**BLUEPRINTS
UNIT TEXTS
Pacing Text 3**

Big Ideas Book

- Getting Our Attention
- Attention Grabber
- Advertisements: Fact or Opinion
- The Power of Advertising
- My 'Big Name' Jeans

**Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**

- Click on hidden logos in a scene
- Design a logo to represent a company

Topic Book 3
The Cereal Spies

Guided Reading Book

- Logos in Advertising
- Design Your own Logo
- Features of Advertisements
- Should Advertising to Children Be Allowed?

Listening Post
The Parents Jury

**BLUEPRINTS
UNIT TEXTS
Pacing Text 4**

Big Ideas Book

- Consumer Rights
- Fair Trading
- How to make a Consumer Complaint



**Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**

- Read a story conclusion 'Swap Card Mania'
- Select from a list of response choices to choose a response about a faulty garment

Topic Book 4
The Smart Shopper

Guided Reading Book

- Know Your Rights
- Swapcard Season
- Children's Television and the Law

Listening Post
A Special Night for a Special Someone

**BLUEPRINTS
UNIT TEXTS
Going Beyond**

Big Ideas Book

- Volunteering Goods and Services
- Helping Others
- Kids Help Line
- Old Bill

**Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**

- Read about the work of 'Save the Children Australia'
- Drag and drop cloze activity about Save the Children Australia

Topic Book 5
The Worm Bank

Guided Reading Book

- 'Let Me Help'
- Wirimah Public School
- Kids Love Radio Red Rock

Listening Post
A Special Night for a Special Someone

**NSW
COGS UNIT**

**Our fleeting past
(Stage 2, COG G)**

- British colonisation and how it has shaped Australia
- events in Australia's history
- British colonisation and its effects on the British settlers, convicts and Aboriginal people
- the voyages of James Cook
- the work of Joseph Banks
- the First Fleet under Captain Arthur Phillip
- early days in the colony under Governor Phillip
- people who contributed to the growth and success of the colony
- problems for early settlers
- problems for the Aboriginal people
- Aboriginal resistance to settlement growth
- consequences for Aboriginal people
- values and attitudes of social justice, environmental sustainability and democratic processes.
- the effects of clearing land for farming
- loss of habitats for native animals
- the particular viewpoint of artists and writers in the First Settlement
- viewing historical works from this period in Australian history



BLUEPRINTS UNIT



**Middle Primary
Series B
Unit 3
Beginnings**

Year 4

**Unit focus:
British Colonisation
of Australia
Identifying the
changes and
consequences for
Aboriginal people
and others**

- Early exploration and voyages to the southern landmass
- Our first inhabitants; their origin, lifestyle and beliefs
- European explorers; sightings and landings
- Cook's voyages of 1770
- British lifestyle in the 1780s and conditions for the poor
- The First Fleet in 1788
- Early days in the First Settlement



**BLUEPRINTS
UNIT TEXTS
Scene Setter**

Big Ideas Book

- Australia,
- Then and Now
- European Explorers in the Pacific



**Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**

- Click on sailing ship icons to read about early Dutch exploration of New Holland
- Drag and drop activity matching years with voyages

Guided Reading Book

- The Search For the Great Southern Land
- Early Exploration
- Ancient Australia

Listening Post
Bennelong

**BLUEPRINTS
UNIT TEXTS
Pacing Text 1**

Big Ideas Book

- An Ancient Mystery
- Corroboree
- An Aboriginal Creation Story
- Artists' Impressions
- An Ancient Frog Story

**Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**

- Listen to a description of how Indigenous Australians lived before Europeans came to Australia
- Drag and drop cloze activity about this

Topic Book 1
The First Australians

Guided Reading Book

- This Earth
- Ancient Rock in Arnhem Land
- The Wallaby's Pouch

Listening Post
Bennelong

**BLUEPRINTS
UNIT TEXTS
Pacing Text 2**

Big Ideas Book

- European Exploration
- Diary of a Cabin Boy
- Captain Cook's Endeavour
- Captain Cook's Voyage
- Joseph Banks Speaks

**Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**

- View routes and read information about Captain Cook's three voyages
- Interactive jigsaw puzzle of Cook's Endeavour

Topic Book 2
The Captain's Diary

Guided Reading Book

- Births, Marriages and Deaths
- Joseph Banks
- What Strange Creatures!

Listening Post
Child Convicts

**BLUEPRINTS
UNIT TEXTS
Pacing Text 3**

Big Ideas Book

- Why Were Convicts Sent to Australia?
- The First Fleet
- The Myth of Terra Nullius
- Phillip's Log
- The Hidden History
- My Past, My Family
- The Black Velvet Band

**Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**

- Read about the different ships in the First Fleet
- Match the names of the eleven ships of the First Fleet with descriptions by clicking and dragging

Topic Book 3
Eliza Bird: Child Convict

Guided Reading Book

- John Hudson, Child Convict
- Botany Bay
- Old Botany Bay

Listening Post
Child Convicts

**BLUEPRINTS
UNIT TEXTS
Pacing Text 4**

Big Ideas Book

- The First Settlement
- The Bad Old Days
- News from the Colony

**Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**

- Read a fictitious letter from a boy whose family has settled in Sydney Cove in 1788 to his grandmother in England
- Drag and drop names of convicts and their jobs to match descriptions of these occupations

Topic Book 4
Patch Parker: Son of a Convict

Guided Reading Book

- What Happened to Child Convicts?
- Seven Years of Hard Labour
- The New Colony
- Farming in the New Colony
- Clothing in the New Colony; Art in the New Colony
- Social Structure in the New Colony

Listening Post
Steps From a Distant Past

**BLUEPRINTS
UNIT TEXTS
Going Beyond**

- Eventful Beginnings
- Researching Australian Leaders



**Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**

- Read information about early Australian leaders by clicking on portraits
- Find names of early Australian leaders in an interactive word puzzle

Topic Book 5
Francis Greenway: Grand Dreams and Beautiful Buildings

Guided Reading Book

- A Letter Home
- Mary Reibey
- The First Australian Schools
- This Is Your Life... Elizabeth Macarthur
- Convict Dream Becomes Reality
- The Tank Stream

Listening Post
Steps From a Distant Past

NSW COGS UNIT

Local environments (Stage 2, COG A)

- observing and interpreting the environment
- impact of our interactions on different environments needs to be considered
- exploring different urban environments
- ways people use their environment
- interpreting the environment as sounds and movement
- participating in improving the local environment
- comparing environments
- developing values and attitudes related to ecological sustainability and democratic processes
- information about a range of natural places in Australia
- mapping skills to identify, describe and locate these natural environments in Australia
- making links with the environment and the effects it can have on your health and safety
- examining the environment and how it can be utilised to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle.

BLUEPRINTS UNIT



Middle Primary Series B Unit 4 Our Fragile Environment

Year 4

Unit focus: How living things interact with each other and their environments

- Plants and animals live where environments supply their needs.
- Living things depend on each other.
- There are benefits and problems associated with human changes to the environment.
- Pollution means varied consequences.
- We can take actions to save our world.
- Preserving the natural features of our world.
- Traditional Aboriginal lifestyles adapted to their environment which provided for their needs.



BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Scene Setter

- Big Ideas Book**
- Only a Little Planet
 - Why Do We Have To Move?



- Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**
- Read poem 'We Only Have One World'
 - Environment word search

- Guided Reading Book**
- The Creation of the Earth
 - The Earth
 - You Must Teach Your Children

Listening Post
Where Have They Gone?

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 1

- Big Ideas Book**
- Australian Mini Worlds
 - The Disappearing Motorbike Frogs
 - Food Chains

- Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**
- Description of different aspects of Australian grasslands
 - Drag and drop activity to show a grasslands food chain

Topic Book
Wetland Wonders

- Guided Reading Book**
- The Mangroves
 - Nature's Boarding House
 - Make Your Own Ecosystem
 - The Water Cycle
 - In a Drop of Water
 - The Rainforest Cycle

Listening Post
Where Have They Gone?

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 2

- Big Ideas Book**
- The Urban Spread
 - The Birth of Cities
 - Global Warming
 - What are Natural Resources?
 - Be a Waste Detective

- Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**
- Listen to audio recording of conversation about urbanisation. Record own version
 - Drag and drop 'beehive' game about positive and negative environmental actions

Topic Book
The Pesky Guest

- Guided Reading Book**
- There's a Rainbow in the River
 - The Environment in Danger
 - The Last Tree

Listening Post
The Greenhouse Effect

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 3

- Big Ideas Book**
- Be a Waste Warrior
 - The 'No Waste Lunch' Challenge
 - A Class Diary – Our Clean-up Project
 - Keeping a 'Green' Garden
 - This is My Place; Keep It Safe

- Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**
- Click on pictures to read descriptions of different waste and recycling bins
 - Drag and drop waste or re-usable items into correct containers

Topic Book
A Visit to CERES

- Guided Reading Book**
- Poems To Write
 - Clean-up Capers Board Game
 - Winning for a Rubbish-free World
 - What Can You Do to Save the World?
 - Lesson one: Saving the World Can Be Fun
 - What is National Tree Day?
 - Set up Your Own Tree Day

Listening Post
The Greenhouse Effect

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Pacing Text 4

- Big Ideas Book**
- Ian Kiernan
 - Working to Save The Environment
 - Watching Waste
 - Kids for Forests

- Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**
- Click on logos of conservation groups to read about these organisation
 - Use computer tools and programs to design a poster

Topic Book
Steve Irwin: Crocodile Hunter

- Guided Reading Book**
- The Super Supermarket Plan
 - Just an Ordinary Pool
 - Blueprints Wildlife Rescue
 - Australian Conservation Foundation

Listening Post
Planning a Bushcare Project

BLUEPRINTS UNIT TEXTS Going Beyond

- Big Ideas Book**
- Our National Parks
 - National Parks and Their Environments
 - Our Botanic Gardens
 - The First Australians – Preserving Their Environment

- Big Ideas Book
CD-ROM Activities**
- Listen to a passage about how Indigenous Australians preserve their environment
 - Drag and drop cloze activity about this



Topic Book
Horatio Einstein, the Hero

- Guided Reading Book**
- Puppets Give Birds a Hand
 - Joey's Just Born To Be Wild
 - Will You Save The World?

Listening Post
Planning a Bushcare Project