

Amazing Maze 'n Maize Teaching Units

Level	Curriculum Learning Area	Unit Title	Summary of Unit
Three (Years 5 – 6)	Social Sciences The Economic World Social Inquiry	1. The Production and Uses of Maize	1. The children will learn about the maize plant, the production procedures and uses of maize. They will also look at the correct conditions for growing maize and what happens if these are not met.
		2. Economics of Farming	2. Looks at input of farms for outside contractors and others jobs a farm may provide. Also focuses on the caring of animals, life cycles and food chains.
		3. History of Mazes	3. Looks at what a Maze is, their purpose and from where they originated. They also look at different types of mazes including modern day mazes. They will learn how the Amazing Maze n' Maize is created.
		4. Adventure Tourism	4. The children look at what part tourism plays to a local economy and will learn how farms can tap into this market. Then take a closer look at adventure tourism in their local area and where the Amazing Maze n' Maize fits into this.
	Arts Visual Arts Dance	1. Scarecrow Making (Education for Sustainability focus)	1. Children will learn about the use of a scarecrow. The children can make scarecrow using recyclable materials (EFS).
		2. Maize Harvest Dance	2. Children will produce a dance in groups or as a whole class showing the production of maize and using different dance elements.
		3. 3-D Art – Optical Illusions	3. After experiencing what optical illusions are, the children will create some 3 – D paintings and try to create their own optical illusions.
	Science Living World Nature of Science	1. The Production and Uses of Maize	1. The children will learn about the maize plant, the production procedures and uses of maize. They will also look at the correct conditions for growing maize and what happens if these are not met.
		2. Grow a Grass Maze	2. Looks at how seeds germinate and grow and make a grass maze.
		3. Farming Animals	3. Looks at why farmers farm animals, what a farmer's job is and all the different types of farms. Also focuses on the caring of animals, life cycles and food chains.
	Mathematics and Statistics Number and Algebra Geometry and Measurement	1. NUMP + - Calculations	1. A series of NUMP calculations using maize involving whole numbers, fractions, simple decimals, percentages and using a range of additive and multiplication strategies
		2. Measuring Up	2. The children will learn about measuring distances covered in a maze, and measure the heights of different maize plants. They learn to calculate perimeter and areas of the paddock covered in Maize.
		3. Navigating through a Maze	3. The children will learn to use a compass and write the coordinates through a maze and then guide a partner through this maze.
		4. Grow a Grass Maze	4. Grow a grass maze and map out a simple pattern on this maze using coordinates, transfer this onto their grass maize.
	English Speaking, Writing, Presenting	1. Recount a field trip to the Amazing Maze n' Maize	1. The children will plan and write a story about what they saw and did on the trip using more complex related vocabulary.
		2. Letter writing	2. The children will look at the correct letter format and write a thank you letter to someone who participated in the trip.
		3. Amazing Poetry	3. The children will brainstorm as many words as possible from their trip and turn this into a variety of Amazing Poems.