

## Executive Summary

Title of the Work	Action Enquiry for School Improvement: A Critical Enquiry into the Development and Impact of a Creative, Integrated, Topic-Based Curriculum in a North London Primary School	
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Institutional Contextual Details E.g. Phase (Optional)	Second year MA Module – Action Enquiry	
Major Needs Identified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ More creativity in the curriculum;</li> <li>❖ More focus on subjects other than Literacy and Numeracy;</li> <li>❖ More hands-on kinaesthetic learning</li> </ul>	
Methods used to collect data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Implementation of a new curriculum;</li> <li>❖ Qualitative data collection in the form of interviews (teaching staff and children), observations, pupil diaries;</li> <li>❖ Documentary evidence;</li> <li>❖ Pen portrait analyses;</li> <li>❖ Critical incidents reflection.</li> </ul>	
Summary of Major Findings (Or recommendations to others)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Cross-curricular topics should be built on children's previous learning and experiences;</li> <li>❖ Topics should be relevant and meaningful to children;</li> <li>❖ Topics should encourage children to enquire and find things out for themselves;</li> <li>❖ Topics should encourage children to use their imaginations;</li> <li>❖ Creative topics should be taught for sustained periods of time;</li> <li>❖ Topics should have clear goals/end-products;</li> <li>❖ Topics should be planned with different learning styles in mind.</li> </ul>	
Impact of the Project (And evidence source) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge</li> <li>• Practice</li> <li>• Pupil/Student learning Experience</li> <li>• Pupil/Student Learning Outcomes</li> </ul> (What happened as result?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The cross-curricular project,</li> <li>❖ Led to an increase in pupil interest, enthusiasm and motivation;</li> <li>❖ Led to more pupil progress in terms of attainment and behaviour;</li> <li>❖ Created memorable experiences for the children.</li> </ul>	
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