



Year 5
How We Organise Ourselves
Term 2 Weeks 3-8

An inquiry into the structure and function of organisations; economic activities and their impact on humankind and the environment

Central Idea:

Goods and services can be created in response to entrepreneurial thinking and innovation

Lines of inquiry:

- The structure and function of a business
- Understanding supply and demand
- The design and development of goods and services



Concepts:

- **Form:** The types and structure of businesses
- **Connection:** Supply and demand
- **Reflection:** Why some businesses are successful

Subject Areas:

Mandarin, Social Studies, Language, Mathematics

Overview: This unit provides the students with the opportunity to understand how businesses begin, function and the influences on their success. With a **Social Studies** focus, the students will investigate the motivations behind starting a business and the ways in which people develop the skills and ideas necessary to sustain or build a business. The students will develop a basic understanding of economics as they involve themselves in practical experiences which test the concept of supply and demand. To support their language development in **Mandarin**, the students will learn the names of some shops, ask for and give directions within a shopping mall, name some common goods, use money and participate in dialogue about shopping.



How You Can Help at Home and at School

- Talk to your child about your own entrepreneurial endeavours. If possible to arrange a day for your child to 'have a day at work', learning about a company if you can arrange this.
- Research an entrepreneur – read a biography or autobiography
- Discuss the term philanthropist
- Have your child plan a meal, based on a budget, or have them help with the grocery shopping, identifying which brand, size of a product should be bought due cost
- Ask your child to identify an item from their wish list. Prompt them to show you a way they could plan to purchase it one day
- We would love to have guest speakers who can talk about their own experiences with running a business or being part of the design, inception, production and /or distribution

