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A spirit of environmentalism centres on the significance of understanding mankind’s place in the universe, the forces that shape our surroundings and the impact we have on those surroundings. A systems-based appreciation of the interdependence between human beings and the planet highlights the fine balance needed to make that relationship a healthy one.

In addition, mindfulness in connecting with the surrounding world underpins a peace and ease with natural cycles. This creates a connected appreciation for the beauty, complexity and fragility of the environment which often inspires creative expression - landscape painting, photography, poetry, creative writing

A person living out a spirit of Environmentalism takes practical action in tackling issues of sustainability. They question and challenge any practices that impact negatively on the environment. They seek solutions and make suggestions as to how practices can be improved, and consideration of the environmental impact of every-day activity is second-nature.

An active interest in, and concern for, all environments develops awareness and understanding known issues. This leads to a recognition of the importance of tending to the future of the planet, protecting and preserving threatened habitats and creating sustainable communities. Ultimately, through discovering a spirit of environmentalism, each young person accepts and prepares for their destiny to be a future guardian of human society and the global environment.



THE ROUND SQUARE DISCOVERIES IN THE CONTEXT OF ENVIRONMENTALISM		© 2017 Round Square
Communication Skills 	Round Square Explorers exercise mindfulness in connecting with their surrounding world and can communicate appreciation for its beauty, complexity and fragility through a variety of visual and verbal media. They apply their communication skills in rallying support for environmental causes and are ready to be the voice that nature doesn't have	
Inquisitiveness 	Round Square Explorers show a keen interest in, and commitment to, the development of sustainable practises. Their concern for all environments leads them to research, to promote positive action, question negative practises, build awareness and take positive action themselves.	
Appreciation of Diversity 	Round Square Explorers celebrate commonality, variety and difference between cultures and communities. They appreciate the importance of biodiversity and the need to make the relationship between humans and the planet a healthy one	
Ability to solve problems 	Round Square Explorers view themselves as guardians of the Environment and will tackle issues of sustainability on a small and large scale. They readily identify and question practices that impact negatively on the environment and seek to promote and explore alternative approaches that are less harmful.	
Sense of responsibility 	Round Square Explorers are prepared to take on their role as custodians and guardians of the environment, making a personal commitment to take positive action. They take responsibility for their personal learning on environmental issues, and ensure that they make a tangible contribution to the cause	
Self-awareness 	Round Square Explorers learn to centre their attention on the present moment, and connect with the world around them. They understand the influence that environment can have on thoughts, emotions and behaviours, and how their own interactions with that environment can have a positive or negative impact.	
Tenacity 	Round Square Explorers persevere in making their individual contributions for the good of the planet, in the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges. They recognise that holistic solutions can be achieved through multiple, continuous individual and collective efforts.	
Courage 	Round Square Explorers are courageous in championing environmental causes, taking action and speaking out for the good of our planet. They are prepared to face up to injustice and inequality in the distribution and effective management of the world's resources, empowered by a conviction that where there is change to be made they can drive that change.	
Commitment to sustainability 	Round Square Explorers appreciate the diversity, complexity and fragility of the natural environment and respect the interdependence of wildlife, other living organisms, geology, geographies, indigenous and foreign peoples. They share a concern for global environmental issues and a commitment to research and action that promotes sustainable practices.	
Teamwork 	Round Square Explorers recognise that successful environmental stewardship is a local, national and international team effort. Respect and concern for the environment prompts them to collaborate with others in seeking and implementing sustainable solutions to environmental challenges.	
Inventiveness 	Round Square Explorers come to understand that inventiveness is the driver of almost every global problem our planet faces, but also their potential solution. Active interest in preserving and repairing the environment, both for their own and future generations, leads them to approach long-established environmental issues in new creative ways.	
Compassion 	Round Square Explorers display, and act on, a compassion and desire to care for all living things. In doing so, they connect with their surroundings, ensuring that their emotional and intellectual response is informed and supported by sensitivity to heritage, culture, background, ethics, beliefs, social differences and alternate perspectives.	