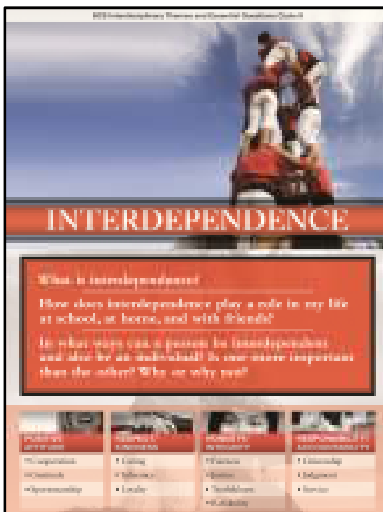


# BCS Interdisciplinary Themes – Cycle 2

Integrated learning is a critical element in all classrooms at BCS. The ability to understand big themes common to human experience, past and present, provides students with the framework for thinking about themselves and their world. The themes and essential questions for this year have been carefully chosen by the staff to connect and to link all curriculum areas.

## 3-4 PATTERNS

- What is a pattern?
  - How do patterns help (you) to make predictions?
  - How do patterns influence behavior?
- Challenge: How can patterns change and adapt?*



## 5-6 INTERDEPENDENCE

- What is interdependence?
- How does interdependence play a role in my life at school, at home and with friends?
- In what ways can a person be interdependent and also be an individual? Is one more important than the other? Why or why not?

## 7-8 DIVERSITY: A Matter of Perspective

### SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES

- How does a culture in which a person lives affect that person's understanding of the world?

### OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

- What obstacles (physical, social and mental) does an individual encounter and how does one resolve them?

### QUEST FOR IDENTITY

- What are ways individuals react when faced with challenges to their culture/customs/beliefs?

