Herbie the Love Bug - Presentation and film... Our son presented to a group of between 30-50 homeschoolers and parents with our 1963 Volkswagen Beetle that was road registered and drove to the site. He showed aspects differentiating a 1963 beetle over other years, and describing what work we would be doing to create a Herbie replica. Affielped with some of the work we would be undertaking to give the kids insight into a car project. It went very well and he presented very well to the group. Can you please list the learning areas that have been covered and why? / Subject Explorer (Learning Corner to design and aesthetics of a 1963 Volkswagen Beetle.

- Exploring the concept of creating a replica of Herbie encourages creativity and artistic expression.
- Understanding the visual appeal of Herbie the Love Bug in popular culture.
- Exploring the concept of car design and customization.

## **English Language Arts**

- Practiced public speaking skills during the presentation to communicate effectively with the audience.
- Describing the differences between the 1963 Volkswagen Beetle and other years involved engaging in descriptive writing.
- Learning about the storytelling aspect of Herbie the Love Bug and its impact on popular media.
- Exploring the narrative of car projects and the process of creating a replica.

# **History**

- Gained knowledge about the historical significance of the 1963 Volkswagen Beetle in the automotive industry.
- Understanding the cultural impact of Herbie the Love Bug and its representation in different time periods.
- Learning about the evolution of automotive technology and design from the 1960s to the present day.
- Exploring the historical context of car customization and the concept of making a replica.

#### Math

- Understanding the mechanical aspects of the 1963 Volkswagen Beetle, including measurements and calculations related to the restoration work.
- Learning about the mathematical principles involved in car restoration and customization projects.
- Practicing budgeting and cost estimation for the Herbie replica project.
- Exploring the aerodynamics and engineering concepts related to car design.

### Music

- Exploring the musical themes and soundtrack associated with Herbie the Love Bug.
- Understanding the use of music in film and its connection to storytelling and emotional impact.
- Engaging with the concept of sound design in movies and its effects on audience perception.
- Learning about the cultural influence of music in the context of movies and popular media.

#### **Science**

- Gaining knowledge about the mechanical and technical aspects of the 1963 Volkswagen Beetle.
- Understanding the physical properties of automotive materials used in car restoration and customization.
- Exploring the science of car mechanics and the principles of automotive engineering.
- Learning about the environmental impact of car restoration and sustainable practices in automotive projects.

## **Social Studies**

• Understanding the social and cultural impact of the 1963 Volkswagen Beetle and its representation in different communities.

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 Gaining insight into the collaborative nature of car projects and its role in building communities and relationships.

Continued explorations related to the activity could involve engaging with automotive history through documentary films, visiting car restoration workshops, or interviewing professionals in the automotive industry to learn about the intricacies of car design and restoration. Additionally, exploring the connection between cars and art through automotive design sketches or studying the intersection of music and film could provide further avenues for creative development.

#### **Book Recommendations**

- <u>The Love Bug: Junior Novel</u> by Jacqueline O'Connor: A junior novel adaptation of the classic film, providing an engaging read for young audiences.
- <u>Herbie's Love Bug Diary</u> by Angela Darling: A fun and interactive book that allows readers to explore Herbie's world through interactive activities and games.
- <u>Herbie Fully Loaded: Movie Storybook</u> by Kitty Fross: A movie tie-in storybook that captures the adventures of Herbie the Love Bug, complementing the film experience.

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