
Curriculum Leadership Series:

Ongoing Renewal of the School Curriculum for English Panel Chairpersons

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Objectives

To enhance English Panel Chairpersons' understanding of their [roles as curriculum leaders](#) and their capacity to incorporate the [major updates](#) of the English Language Education Key Learning Area under the ongoing renewal of the school curriculum ([ELE KLACG](#))(2017);

To provide suggestions on how to lead the English Panel to incorporate the [major updates](#), in particular, promoting [Language across the Curriculum \(LaC\)](#) in the school English Language curriculum; and

To share strategies and experiences on planning and implementing [LaC](#) at the secondary level (by the Principal and LaC Coordinator from Methodist College)

What is the role of the English Panel Chairperson?

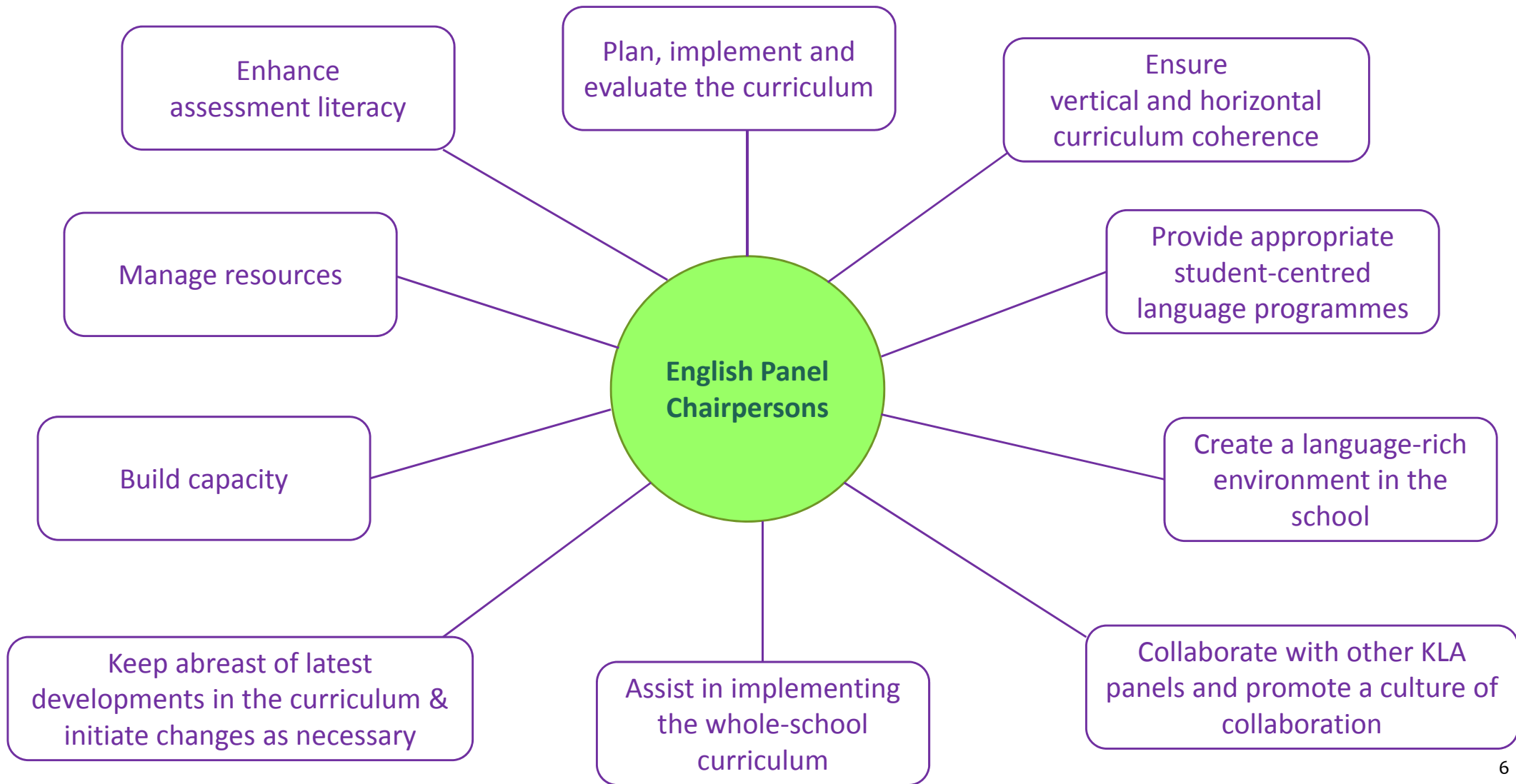
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Share with your group members:

- Three most important duties
- Three most time-consuming duties

The role of the English Panel Chairperson



Curriculum Management and Leadership

Management



- staff and resources deployment
- implementing the school EL curriculum and other related initiatives

Leadership



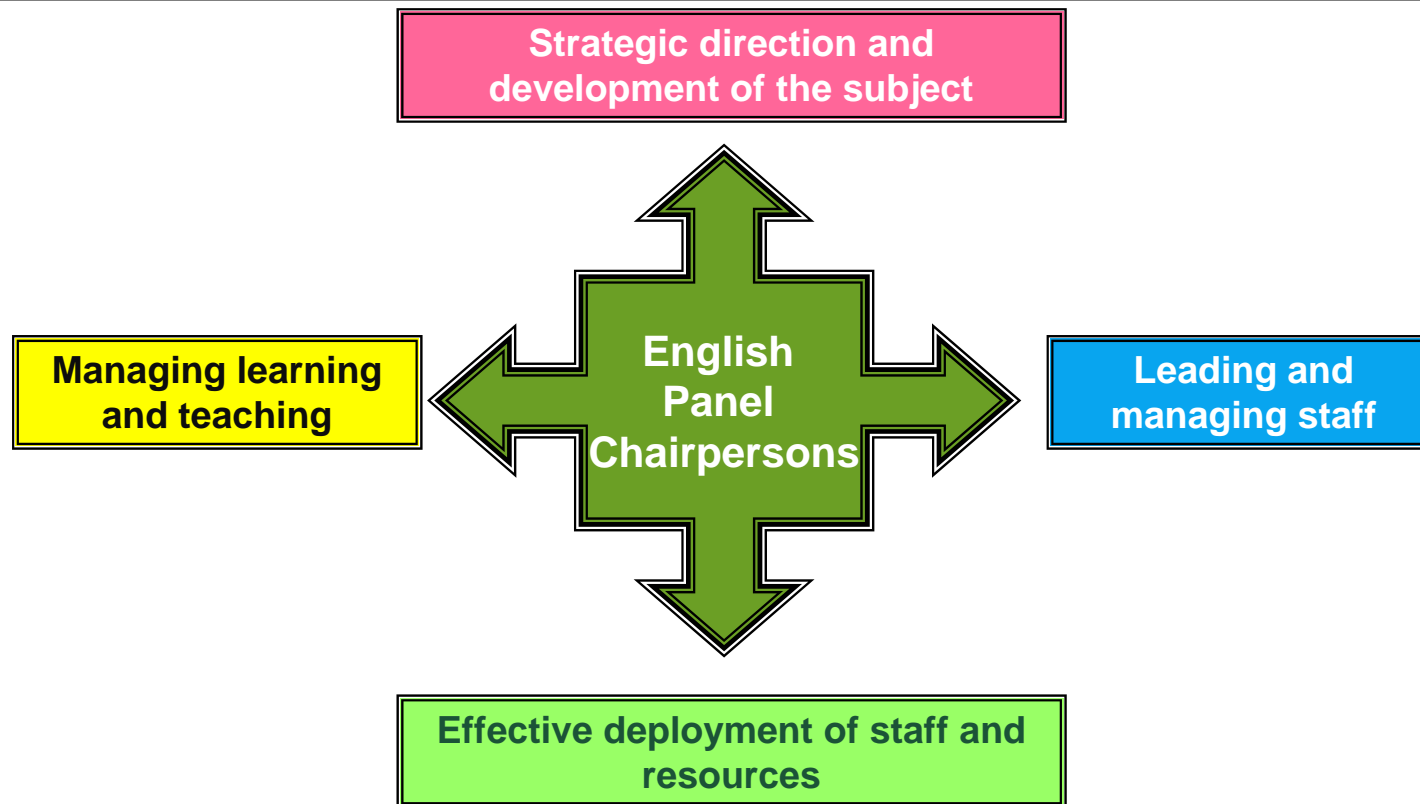
- adaptable to changes
- goal setting
- re-evaluating goals and modifying the school EL curriculum



Maintenance

Development

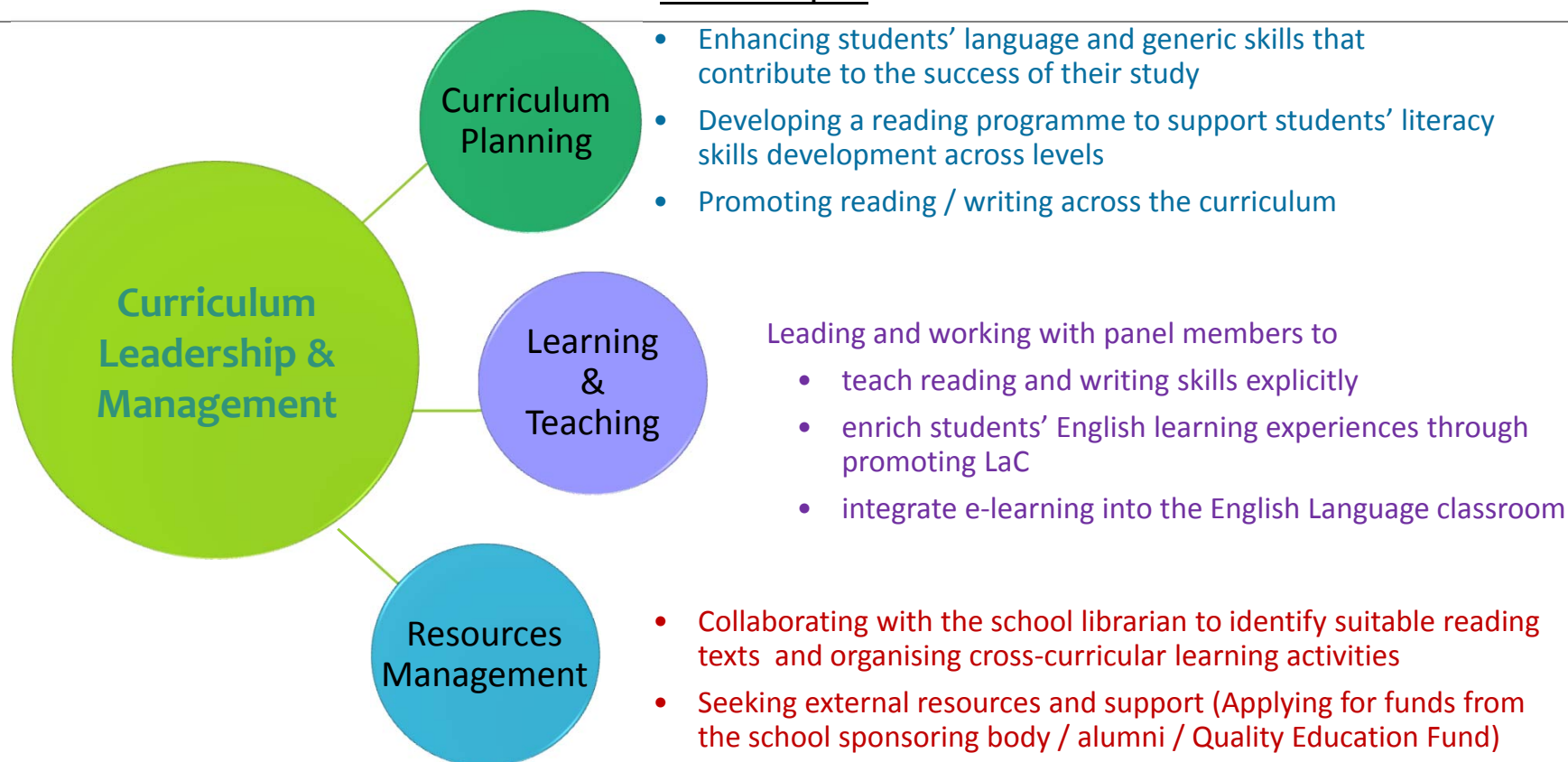
Tasks for English Panel Chairpersons



Source: Turner, C. (2005). *How to Run Your Department Successfully*. London: Continuum, p.6.

Curriculum Leadership and Management

For example:



Curriculum Planning

Horizontal coherence

- teachers aligning what is taught, and discussing the progress of learning and conduct of assessments to ensure key concepts are covered in every classroom at the level

Vertical coherence

- learning logically sequenced across all levels so that students are building on what they have previously learnt and progress to more challenging, higher-level work

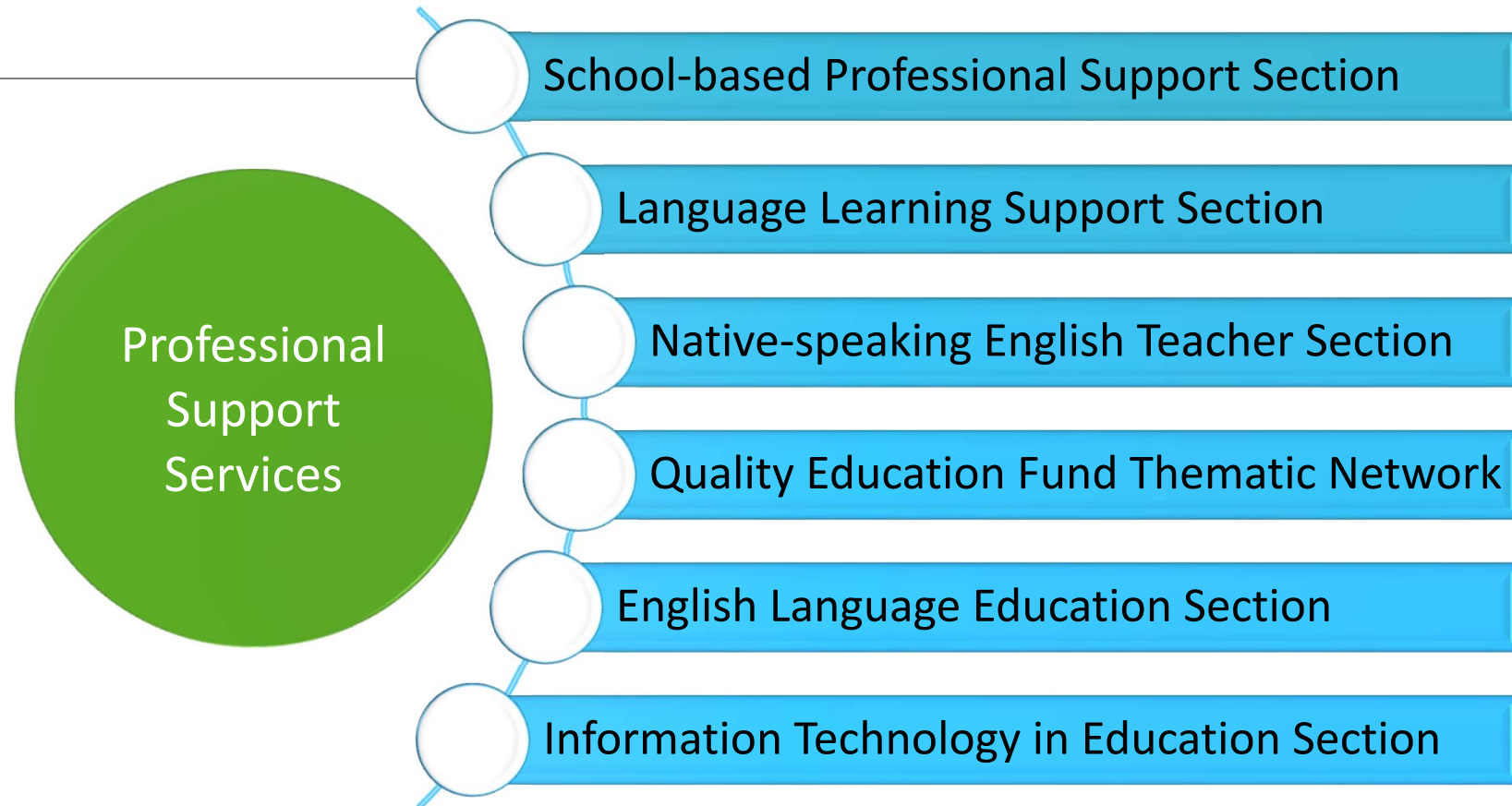
Subject-area coherence

- ensuring the curriculum is well-planned to facilitate learning in the subject, and enabling communication and collaboration among all teachers in the panel

Interdisciplinary coherence

- focusing on skills and habits that students need to succeed in their study, such as reading and writing skills

Professional Support



Resources



EDB

- One-stop Portal
- ETV
- English Language Education Learning and Teaching Resources
- Radio Programmes

Others

- Public Libraries
- Internet, e.g. YouTube, TED-Ed, BBC, British Council
- Application Software (e.g. tools for polling, organisation, collaboration and production)
- Lexile

Professional Development Programmes (2017/18)

<http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/eng-edu/professional-development-programmes.html>

Literacy Skills	• Enhancing the Interface : Developing Reading Skills of Secondary Students with Reference to the Learning Progression Framework
	• Enriching and Extending Students' Learning Experiences through Reading and Writing across the Curriculum at the Secondary Level
	• Developing Secondary Students' Writing Skills with Reference to the Learning Progression Framework
e-Learning	• e-Learning Series: Adopting e-Learning to Enhance Students' Grammar Knowledge and Promote Self-directed Learning
	• e-Learning Series: Effective Use of IT to Explore Literary Texts in the Junior Secondary English Classroom
	• e-Learning Series: Effective Use of e-Resources for Communication – Tapping into Students' Creativity, Critical Thinking and Problem-solving Abilities
	• e-Learning Series: Media Literacy in the Junior Secondary English Classroom – Enhancing Critical Thinking Skills through the Use of Digital Texts
Assessment Literacy	• Effective Assessment Practices in the English Language Curriculum

Professional Development Programmes (2017/18)

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Catering for Learner Diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catering for Learner Diversity Series: Adopting e-Learning to Cater for Students with Special Educational Needs in the Junior Secondary English Classroom
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catering for Learner Diversity Series: Stretching the Potentials of Advanced Learners in the Secondary English Language Classroom
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catering for Learner Diversity Series: Effective Strategies for Accommodating Diverse Needs of Students in the Secondary English Classroom
Senior Secondary Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effective Learning and Application of Grammar Knowledge in the Senior Secondary English Language Classroom
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developing Students' Creativity and New Literacy Skills through Language Arts Elective Modules
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developing Students' Thinking Skills through the Non-language Arts Elective Modules
New Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding and Interpreting the English Language Curriculum for New English Teachers

Useful Websites

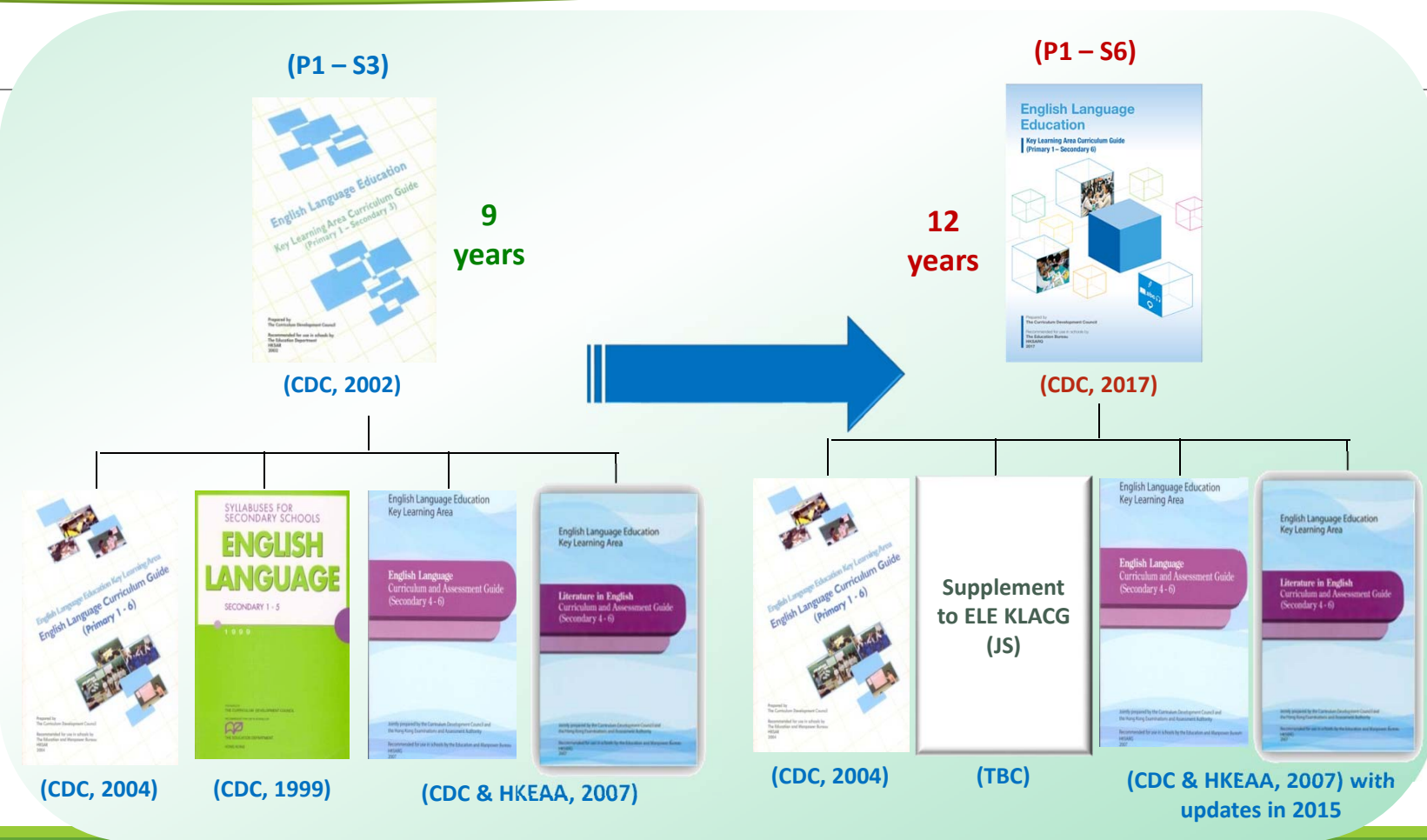
Learning and teaching resources

- Curriculum Documents
<http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/eng-edu/curriculum-documents.html>
- Resources developed by the English Language Education Section, CDI
<http://www.edb.gov.hk/index.aspx?nodeID=2773&langno=1>
- Resources developed by the Native-speaking English Teacher Section, CDI
<http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/resource-support/net/enet-resources.html>
- Resources developed by the Language Learning Support Section, CDI
http://cd1.edb.hkedcity.net/cd/languagesupport/resource/index_e.htm
- One-stop Portal for Learning and Teaching Resources
<http://minisite.proj.hkedcity.net/edbosp-eng/eng/home.html>
- ETV Programmes
<http://etv.edb.gov.hk/home.aspx>
- RTHK Teen Time Radio Programme
<http://app3.rthk.hk/special/teentime/mainpage.php>
- HKedCity English Campus
<http://www.hkedcity.net/english>

Useful Websites

- English Language Education Section, EDB
http://cd1.edb.hkedcity.net/cd/languagesupport/resource/index_e.htm
Central Resources by Curriculum Development Institute, EDB
<http://www.edb.gov.hk/crc>
- Standing Committee on Language Education and Research (SCOLAR)
<http://www.language-education.com/eng/index.asp>

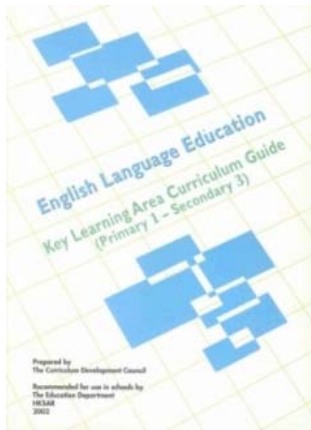
Updating of the ELE KLACG



Ongoing Renewal of the School Curriculum

<http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/renewal/>

ELE KLACG (P1-S3) (2002)



(P1-S3) 2002

Grammar in Context

Catering for Learner Diversity

Promoting Assessment for Learning

Generic Skills

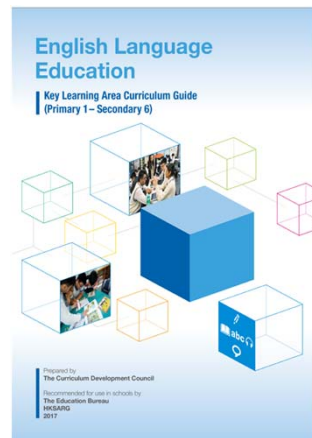
Reading to Learn

IT for Interactive Learning

Moral & Civic Education

Project Learning

Major Updates of the ELE KLACG (P1-S6) (2017)



(P1-S6) 2017

Learning and Teaching of Text Grammar

Catering for the Needs of Students with SEN and Gifted Students in the Mainstream English Classroom

Extending Formative Assessment from Assessment for Learning to Assessment as Learning

Integrative Use of Generic Skills

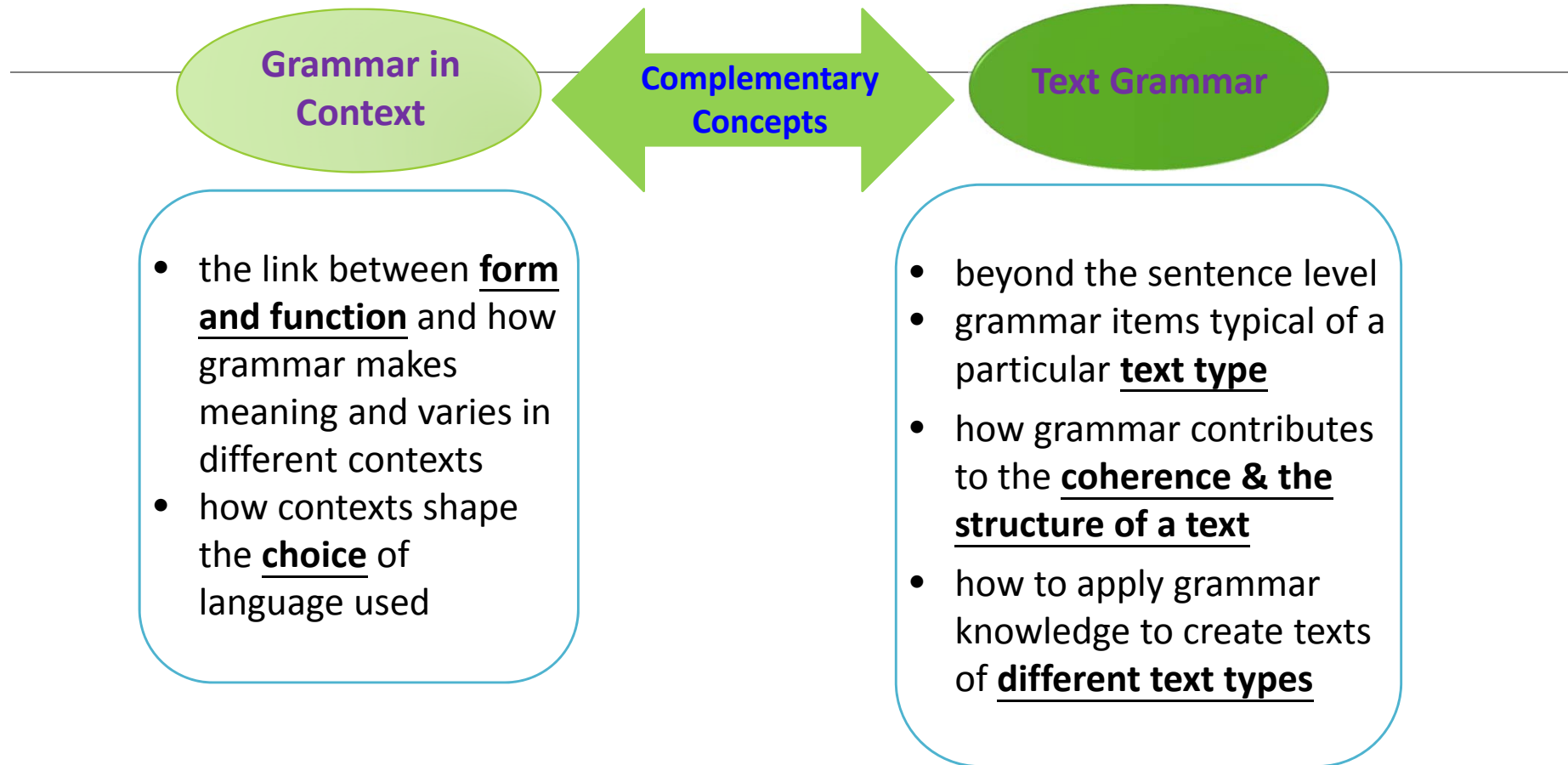
Literacy and Language across the Curriculum

e-Learning & Information Literacy

Values Education

STEM Education (including Entrepreneurial Spirit)

Grammar in Context or Text Grammar?



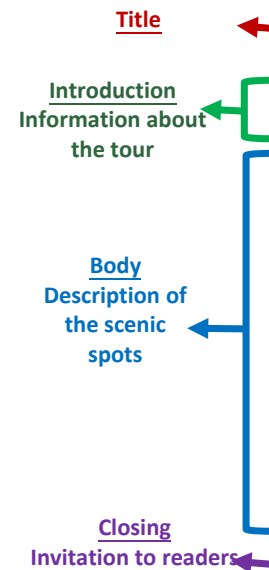
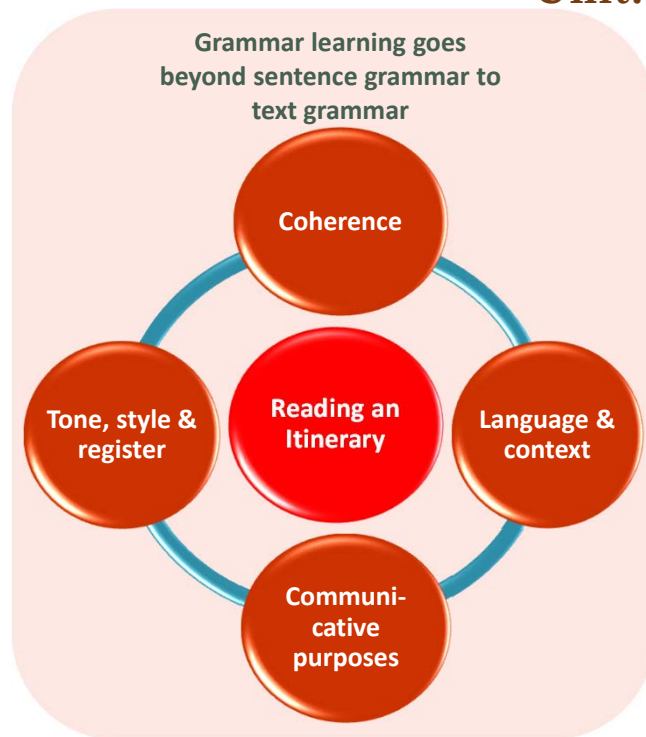
Example

Situation

Your teacher wants you to plan a tour and write an itinerary for the tour. Your class is learning about things to do in Hong Kong. Your teacher has given you some information about places to explore in Hong Kong, e.g. an itinerary.

Reading

Level: Junior secondary
Unit: Out and About



Organising structure across paragraphs

Scenic spot

↓
Visiting time

↓
How to get there

↓
Activities

Example

Writing

Grammar Learning goes Beyond Sentence Grammar to Text Grammar



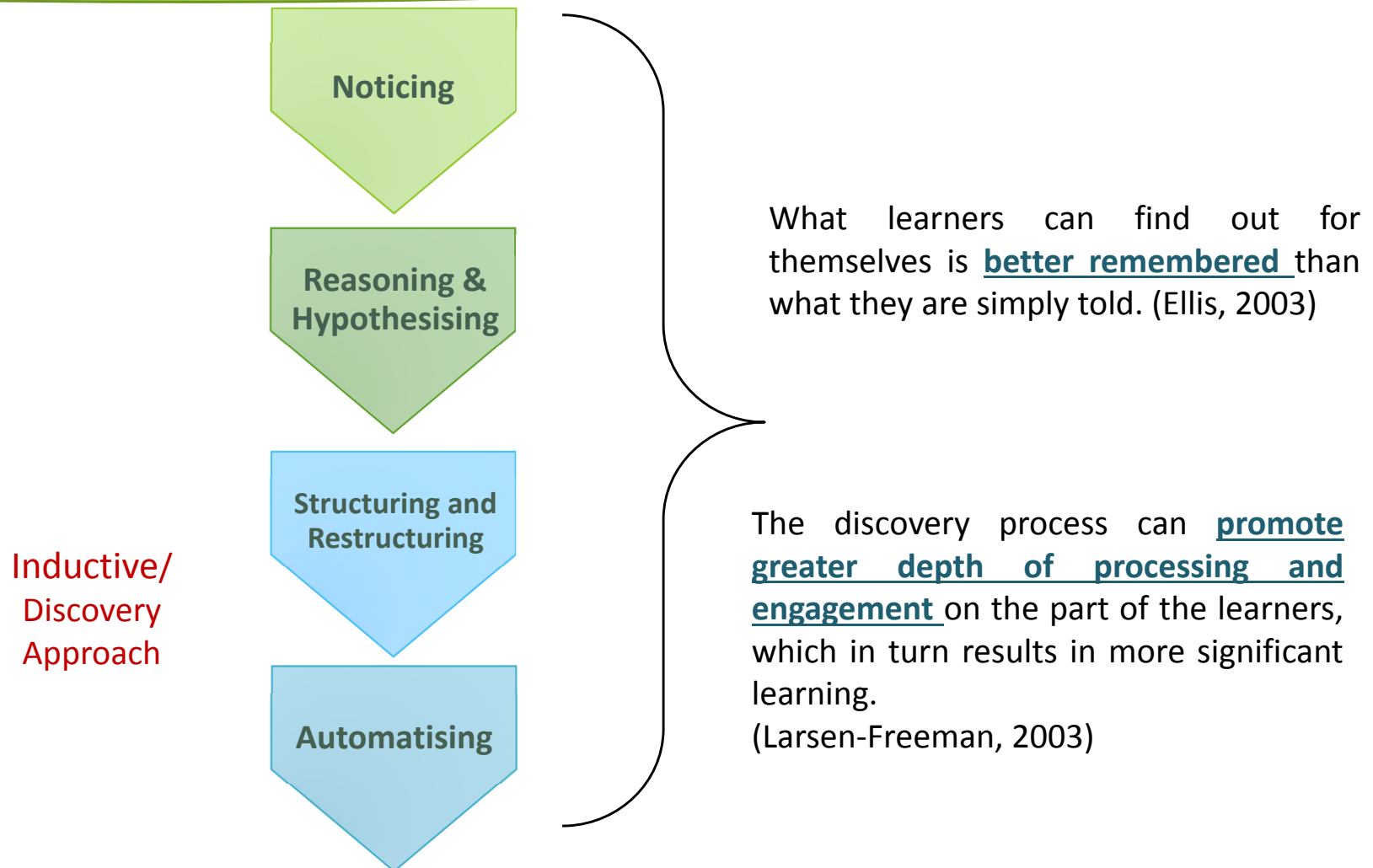
Organisation across paragraphs

Scenic spot ⇒ Visiting time ⇒ How to get there ⇒ Activities

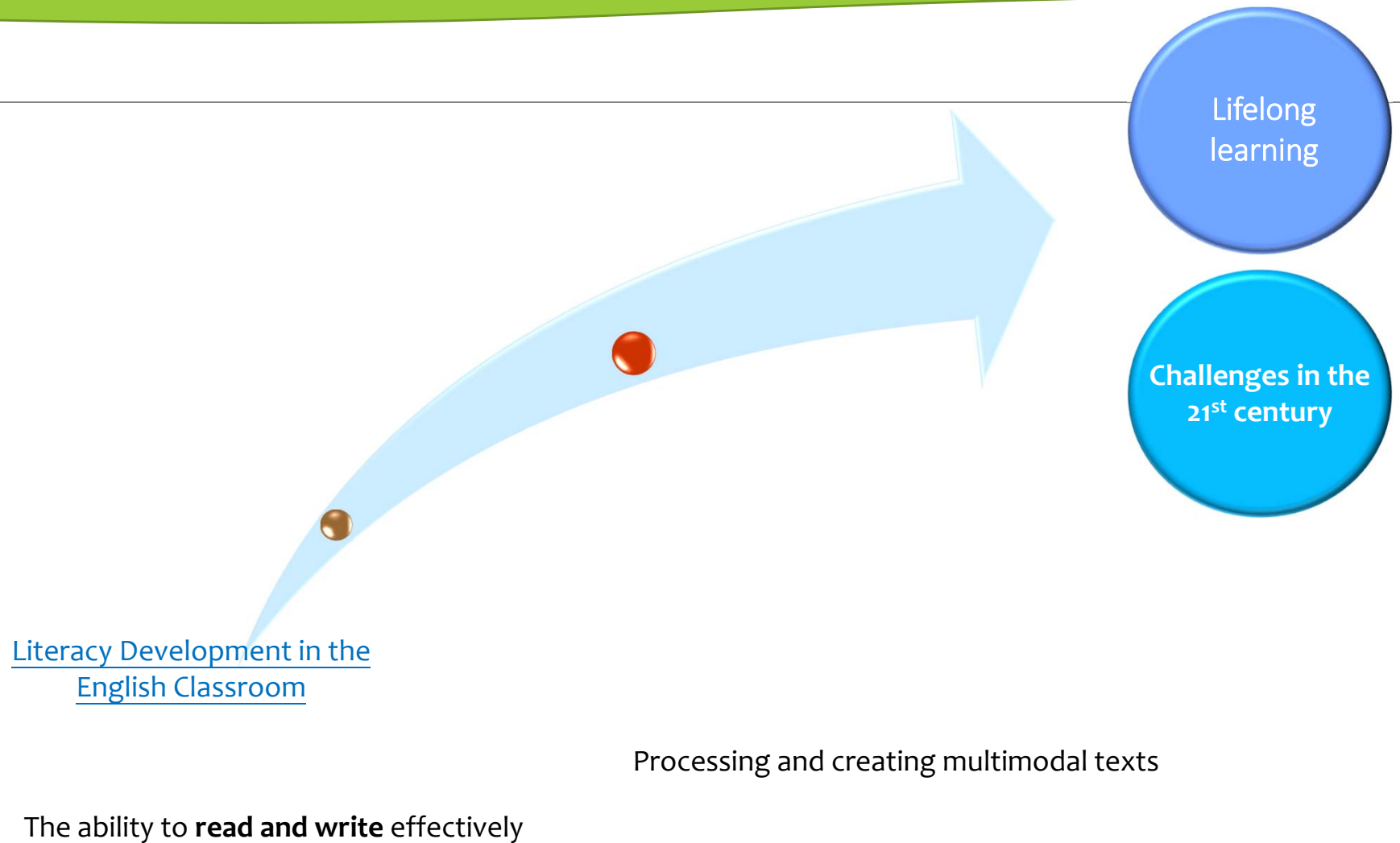
Text

Applying Grammar Knowledge in Context

Process of Learning Grammar



Equipping Students with **New Literacy** Skills



Using e-resources to develop writing skills

Using e-resources to facilitate the development of students' literacy skills and the creation of multimodal texts

Popplet

Padlet (website)

Skitch (app)

Tellagami

Sonicpics (app)

Information Literacy Framework for HK Students

Category	Eight Literacy Areas	
Effective and Ethical use of information for lifelong learning	Category	Eight Literacy Areas
	Effective and Ethical use of information for lifelong learning	<p>Information users → Information providers</p>
	Generic IL	<p>Information need → Locate information</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Organise & Create ← Evaluate information</p>
	Information World	<p>IT skills</p> <p>Media Literacy:</p> <p>Information providers</p> <p>Conditions for reliable information</p>

Using e-resources to develop reading skills

Multisensory Input

Supporting independent reading with the use of technology

- Making predictions about the content using pictorial cues (e-feature: mask)
- Working out the meaning of words / phrases,
 - ✓ i.e. 'blend into' by clicking on the words in bold (e-feature: word definition)
 - ✓ i.e. 'blend into', 'sways like a flower in the breeze', 'shaped like petals', 'behave like giants' by using semantic clues (e-feature: video clip)

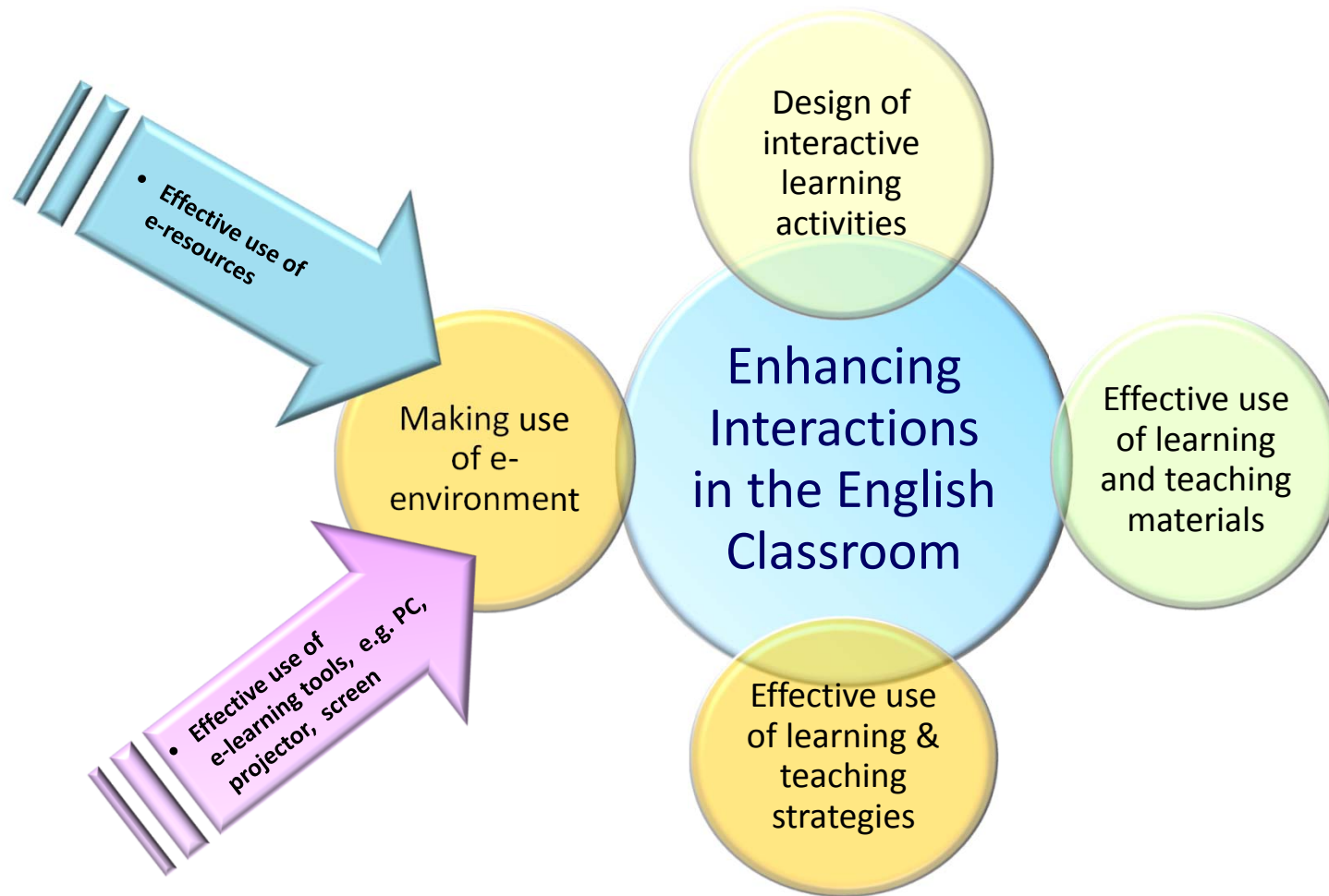
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- Working out the meaning of words / phrases: 'camouflaged' (e-feature: word definition)

- Working out the meaning of words / phrases

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Enhancing Interactions in the English Classroom



Strengthening AfL:

- Adopting diversified modes of assessment
- Making use of various assessment tools
- Making effective use of assessment data

Extending from AfL to AaL:

- Enhancing learners' self-directed learning capabilities through introducing metacognitive strategies

Promoting
Assessment
for/as
Learning

Learner Independence

Extending from Assessment for Learning (AfL) to Assessment as Learning (AsL)

Formative assessment	Assessment as Learning	enhances learners' role and responsibility in reflecting on, monitoring and evaluating their own progress of learning
	Assessment for Learning	integrates assessment into learning and teaching process to inform and facilitate learning and teaching
Summative assessment	Assessment of Learning	reports on previous learning of learners

**Self-directed
Learners**



Catering for Diversity

- Core section
- Remedial programme
- Extended section/Enrichment

Differentiated Curriculum

Differentiated Materials

- Graded worksheets
- Authentic context
- Self-access learning materials

- Multiple representations
- Creative tasks
- Rubrics for assessment
- Reducing / increasing word limit
- Peer assessment

Differentiated Assessment

Differentiated Instruction

- Scaffolding
- Multisensory input
- Organisation tools
- Tip boxes/ Challenges
- Bloom's taxonomy
- Revising and recycling

Supporting Students with Special Educational Needs (SEN)

Adopt a
multi-
sensory
approach

Differentiate in
terms of **Content**,
Process, **Product** &
Learning
Environment

Encourage
personalised
learning goals
based on students'
own needs

internet

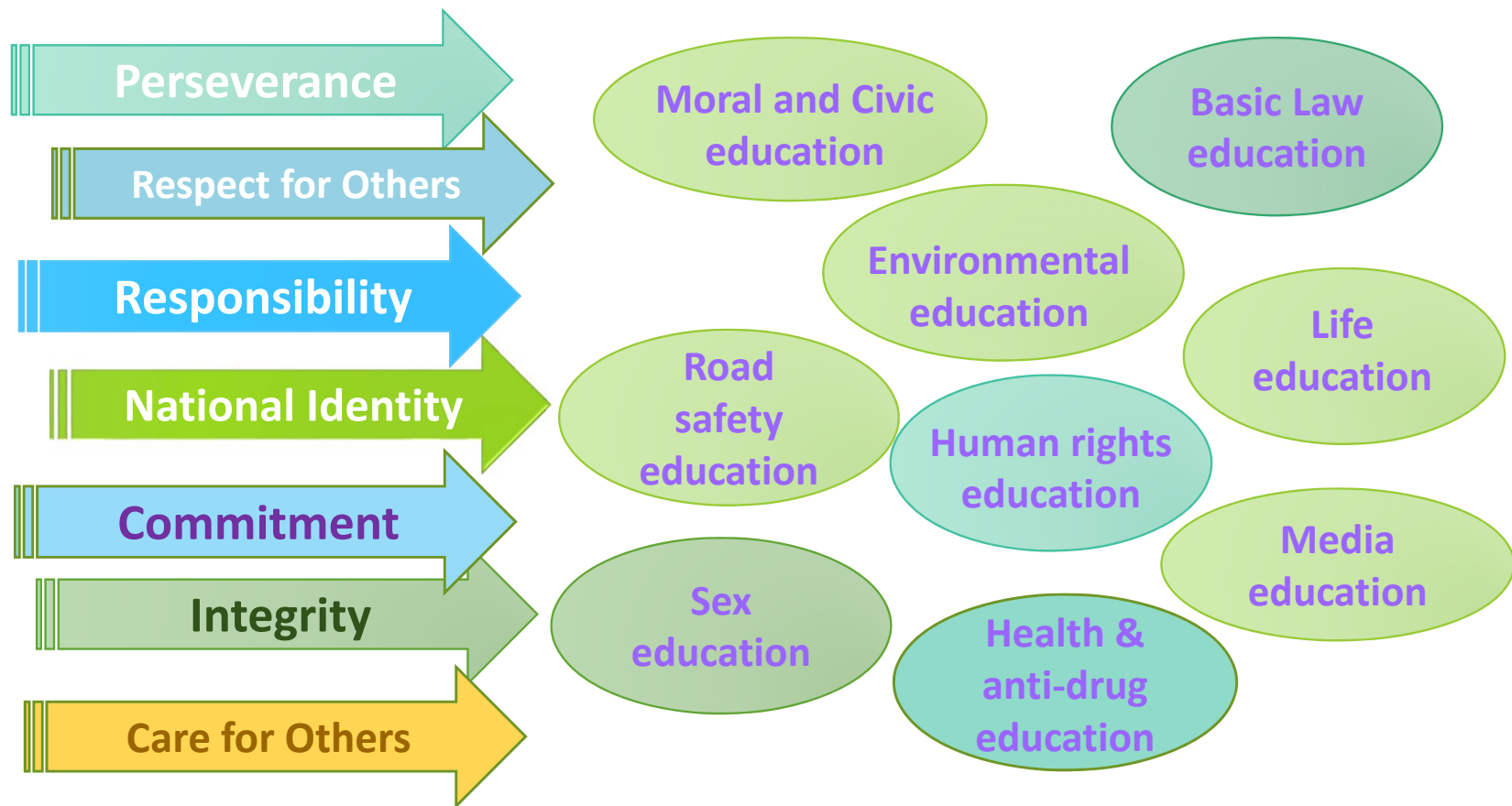
Unleashing Potentials for Gifted Learners

- Higher order thinking skills
- Multiple intelligence
- Thinking skills (e.g. SCAMPER, thinking hats)
- Transformation of ideas, divergent thinking, multiple perspectives (e.g. sociological, scientific, historical)
- Social issues and real world knowledge
- Enrichment programmes
- External competitions

Values Education

Seven Priority Values and Attitudes

Values education in different domains



Integrative Use of Generic Skills

Basic Skills	Thinking Skills	Personal and Social Skills
Communication Skills	Critical Thinking Skills	Self-management Skills
Mathematical Skills	Creativity	Self-learning Skills
IT Skills	Problem Solving Skills	Collaboration Skills

Two examples of integrative use of generic skills:

- **Holistic thinking skills:** involving the use of critical thinking skills, problem solving skills and creativity
- **Collaborative problem solving skills:** involving the use of collaboration skills, communication skills and problem solving skills

In the ELE KLA context, STEM education can be best promoted through RaC / LaC and project learning

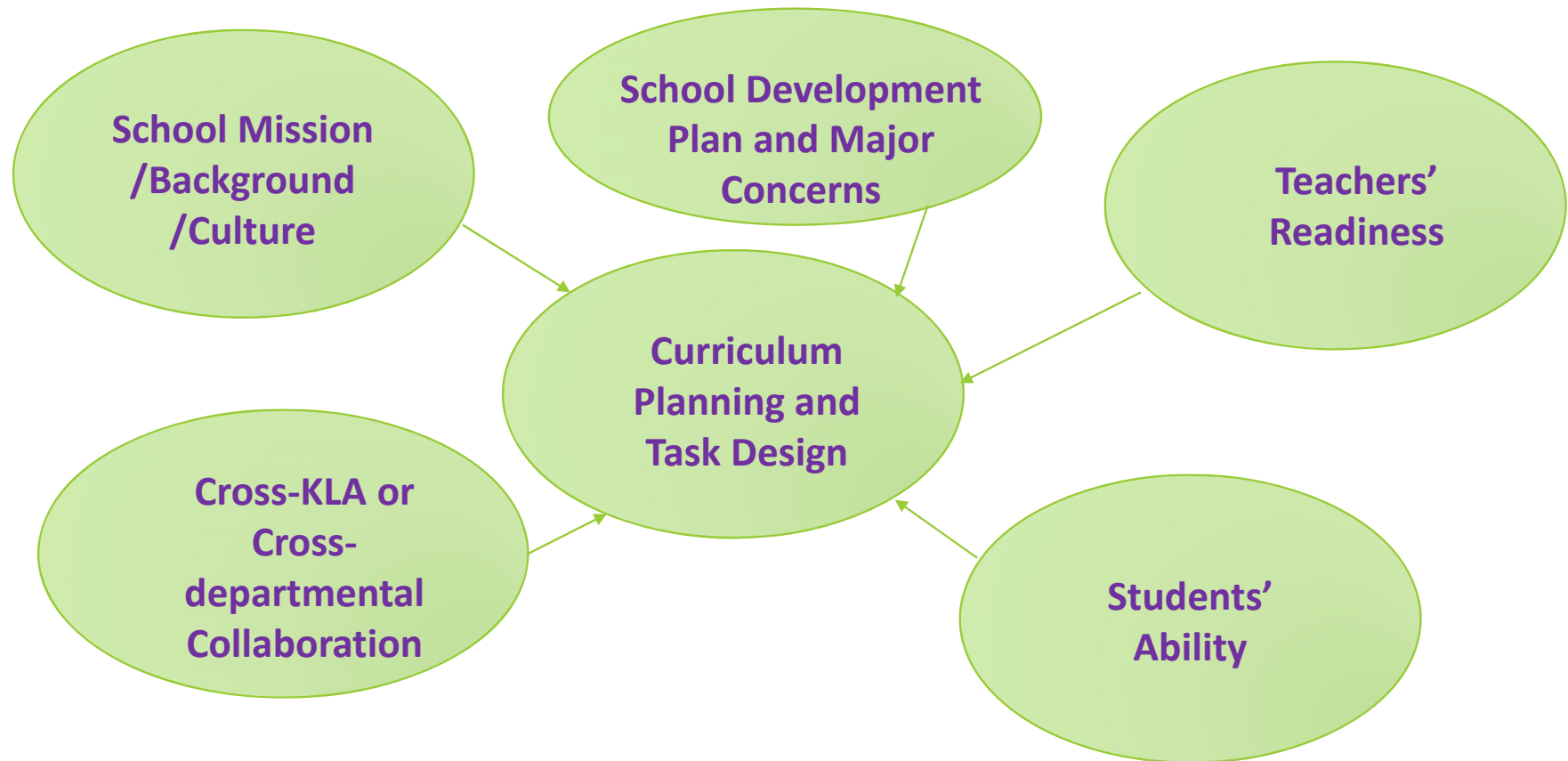
Whole-school
initiative:
STEM
education



ELE KLA **supports** the implementation of STEM education through RaC/LaC activities, e.g.

- introduce STEM-related reading materials
- design tasks, activities and projects to create new things or work out innovative solutions to problems
- connect learning experiences through life-wide learning
- infuse elements that help nurture an entrepreneurial spirit

Considerations when implementing the major emphases in the school curriculum



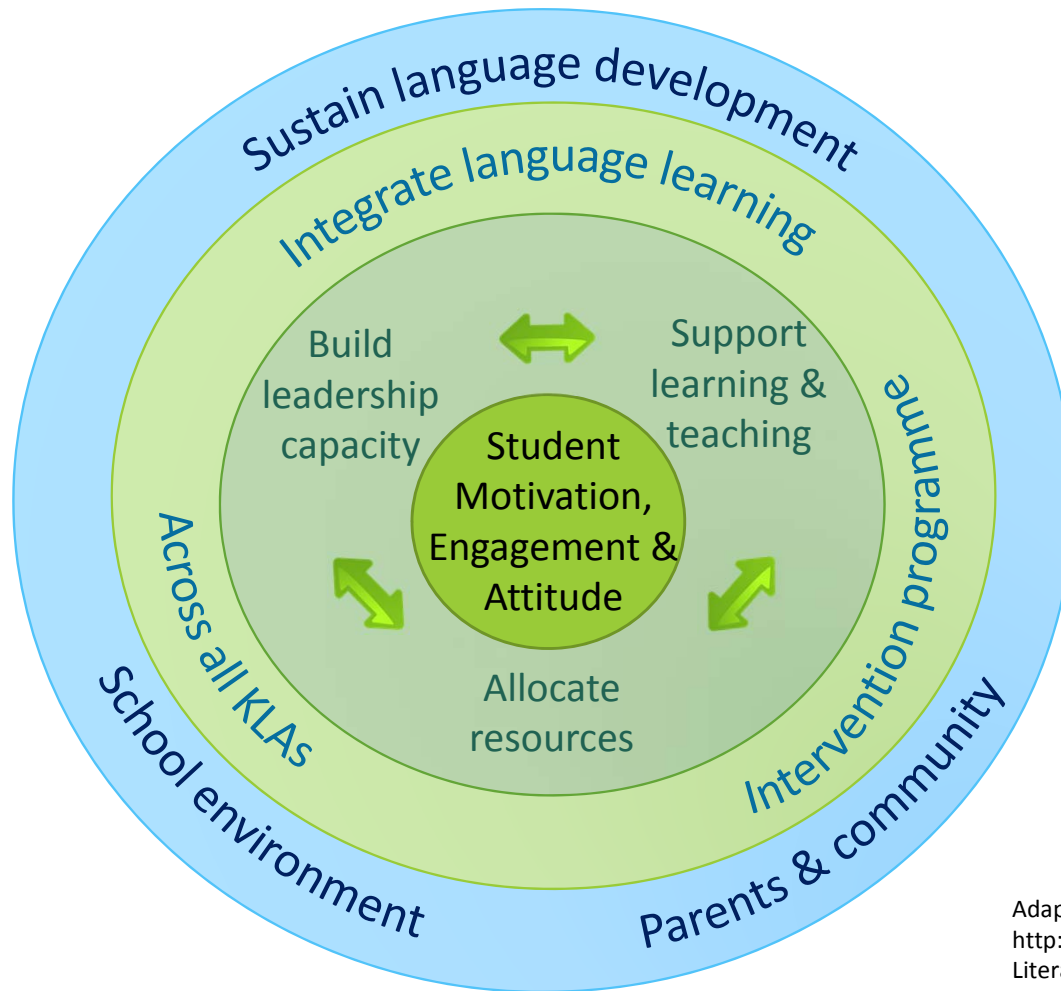
Promoting Language across the Curriculum

Discussion

Share with your group members:

your experience in coordinating with teachers of other panels in promoting Language across the Curriculum

Implementing LaC: A whole-school approach

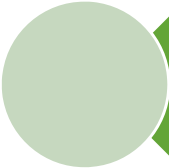


- An effective whole-school approach steers actions on many levels related to the following areas:
 - School policies and environment
 - Enhancing literacy development across KLAs
 - Supporting learning and teaching
 - Building leadership capacity to facilitate collaboration


Adapted from: Taking Action on Adolescent Literacy by Judith L. Irvin, Julie Meltzer and Melinda S. Dukes
<http://www.ascd.org/publications/books/107034/chapters/Develop-and-Implement-a-Schoolwide-Literacy-Action-Plan.aspx>

Language across the Curriculum (LaC)


An LaC approach is one that integrates language learning and content learning




coordinate and facilitate the collaboration among teachers



communicate with other KLAs, plan the curriculum and lead the members in the panel



introduce and teach the skills, reinforcing them from time to time in English lessons



re-teach those skills or introduce related skills / concepts in their lesson, integrating language and content

Example:

After the concept “suffixes” is covered in the English lessons, the Integrated Science teachers introduce common suffixes that can be found in Science texts, such as ‘-logy’ in ‘radiology’ and ‘zoology’, and ‘-ium’ in ‘sodium’ and ‘calcium’.

Books for reference:

Book title: Language Across the Curriculum
& CLIL in English as an Additional
Language (EAL) Contexts

Author: Angel M.Y. Lin

Book title: Cross-curricular Resources for
Young Learners

Author: Immacolata Calabrese & Silvana
Rampone

How to promote Language across the Curriculum

- ◆ Create a language rich environment
- ◆ Foster a culture of collaboration among KLAs
- ◆ Promote reading across the curriculum

Promoting Language across the Curriculum- Creating a Language-rich Environment

School language policy

- Achieve a consensus among the teachers on what should be the school language policy, e.g.:
 - Which subjects would be taught in English?
 - Where should students speak English?
 - Should all staff use English when communicating with students?
 - To what extent should school assemblies or extra-curricular activities be conducted in English?
- Decide on the use of language in, e.g.:
 - notices and announcements
 - display boards
 - circulars
- Make the school language policy explicit to teachers and students

Literacy materials

- Reading materials

- Providing access to reading materials that cater for the interests and needs of students
- **Format:** Print form
- **Examples:** books, booklets, newspapers, newsletters, journals, posters, leaflets, flip cards
- **Functions:** (1) to record and convey knowledge and information
(2) to help students develop ideas
(3) to enable students to express themselves

Literacy materials

- Digital / Audiovisual materials

- Today's world has become more visual → “The ability to understand images and symbols is just as important as understanding words” (Lim 2010)
- **Format:** digital / non-print format
- **Examples:** e-books, e-magazines, online articles, DVDs
- **Functions:** (1) to arouse students' motivation
(2) to provide sources of knowledge and information
(3) to complement and supplement print materials

Providing multimodal reading experiences

- Literacy materials should provide students with multiple means of communication as multimodal texts help students retain information.
- According to Rief (1993), students retain:

10 % of what they read
20 % of what they hear
30 % of what they see
50 % of what they see and hear
70 % of what they say
90 % of what they say and do

- e-Resources: Epic, CSI Literacy

Literacy activities

- Interactive and enjoyable activities can be combined with reading to:
 - enrich English learning experience
 - encourage learners to interact with their environment
 - enhance their higher order thinking skills such as creativity and critical thinking

Literacy activities: An example

- increase students' exposure to English and enhance their ability to learn non-language subjects through:

Inside classroom

(English Lessons)



Teachers introduce subject-specific vocabulary and common language structures / features used in texts on different subjects.

Outside classroom

(English / LaC Days)



Students take part in activities that develop their interest and knowledge in learning non-language subjects through English.

Inside Classroom

Programme design

Learning materials (*e.g. reading texts, worksheets, resource packages*) are designed with reference to the modules of the school English curriculum to equip students with language skills in non-language subjects

Teachers involved & roles

English teachers

- ✓ developing learning materials
- ✓ conducting lessons

Non-language teachers

- ✓ giving advice on the content related topics to be covered

Outside Classroom

Programme design

Cross-curricular activities of different KLAs (*e.g. drama, interclass competition, book exhibition, game booth*) are organised during lunch time to increase and widen students' exposure to the language used in non-language subjects.

Teachers involved & roles

English teachers

- ✓ giving advice on the language elements

Non-language teachers

- ✓ proposing the topic and content to be included
- ✓ taking the lead to guide student helpers to design the activities

Physical environment

- An attractive, organised and inviting reading environment can accelerate students' literacy development and promote good reading habits.
- The availability of appropriate, adequate and accessible literacy materials as well as how they are organised can influence the acquisition of reading skills.

Physical environment: An example

Collaborate with the School Library

- source suitable books for different KLAs (based on teachers' suggestions and students' needs)
- organise learning activities to
 - motivate student to read
 - develop students' reading skills
 - promote LaC
- maintain an organised and encouraging reading environment

Physical environment: An example

Create a Class Library

- a balance of fiction and nonfiction texts
- a variety of text types
- match the school curricula of different KLAs
- keep the books organised, e.g. by
 - Theme
 - Level of difficulty

Physical environment: An example

Organise a Class Library – Theme (Con't)

- Books selected with reference to the school curriculum
- Books on the same theme graded and put in the same box

Promoting Language across the Curriculum- Collaboration among KLAs

Collaboration among KLAs

- Curriculum mapping

- the process of indexing or diagramming a curriculum to identify and address academic gaps, redundancies, and misalignments for purposes of improving the overall coherence of a course of study and, by extension, its effectiveness

Curriculum mapping

- Bridging pedagogy in language development across the curriculum
 - Language is the building blocks of cognitive development
 - “... children first build on what they know before language, and then use language as well in constructing additional categories.”
 - “Adding in systemic teaching of academic language skills helps in further developing the knowledge structure”

An example: Curriculum mapping on Rhetorical Functions

Rhetorical functions	Language features (e.g.)	PSHE	ME	SE	TE	AE	PE
Comparison	Connectives: (KS3 – KS4) <i>However, on the contrary, despite, whereas</i>	*		*			
Procedure	Imperatives: (KS1 – KS4): <i>Hold</i> the racket vertically.		*	*	*	*	*
Recount	Past tense: (KS1 – KS4) World War II <i>lasted</i> from 1939 to 1945.	*		*			*
Explanation	Connectives: (KS2 – KS4) <i>Due to, because, since; therefore, so, as a result</i>	*	*	*			
Description	Adjectives: (KS1 – KS4) <i>Postmodern, romantic, three-dimensional</i> Passive construction: (KS3 - KS4) Water <i>is pumped</i> to the water treatment station.	*		*		*	
Conclusion	<i>To summarise, to conclude</i>	*		*			
Suggestion	Modal verbs: (KS2 - KS4) Can, may, could, might, should	*		*			
Instructions	Wh-words: (KS1 – KS4) <i>What</i> is the sum of the numbers from 1 through 1000000? Imperatives: (KS1 – KS4) <i>Discuss</i> the impacts of Meiji Restoration.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Presentation of facts	Present tense: (KS1 – KS4) The Earth <i>rotates</i> around the Sun.		*	*			*
Assumption	If, let, suppose: (KS2 – KS4) The value of a gold coin is \$3 200. <i>If</i> its value increases by 6% each year, what <i>will be</i> its value after 4 years?		*				*

Collaboration among KLAs

- Planning of curricula and collaborative development of learning materials
 - Teachers of different KLAs working closely to match the language needed as well as the content for different subjects
 - Planning the English curriculum to facilitate and enhance reading and writing skills for non-language subjects
 - Working on the scheme of work of English Language to incorporate language skills and features needed for non-language subjects
 - Producing learning and teaching materials for the use in the non-language subjects

Collaboration among KLAs

- Conduct of cross-curricular projects

- Small-scale cross-curricular projects:

Subjects	Suggested Projects
English + Mathematics	Conduct a survey, e.g. to find out the favourite extra-curricular activities of S1 students and present the findings in the form of statistical presentation and oral presentation.
English + Geography	Describe the land use in the district where the school is located and suggest alternative uses of the land.
English + Computer Literacy	Use of apps (e.g. “Explain Everything”, “Book Creator”) to produce English digital multimodal texts

Collaboration among KLAs

- **Conduct of cross-curricular projects**

- Large-scale cross-curricular projects:
- Collaboration of several KLAs on one project

Example: A project on a school tour to the Mainland

History:

Students study the history of the place

Geography:

Students read the map of the place and plan the tour.

Mathematics &

Computer Literacy:

Students prepare a statistical presentation.

English:

Students present their findings in English.

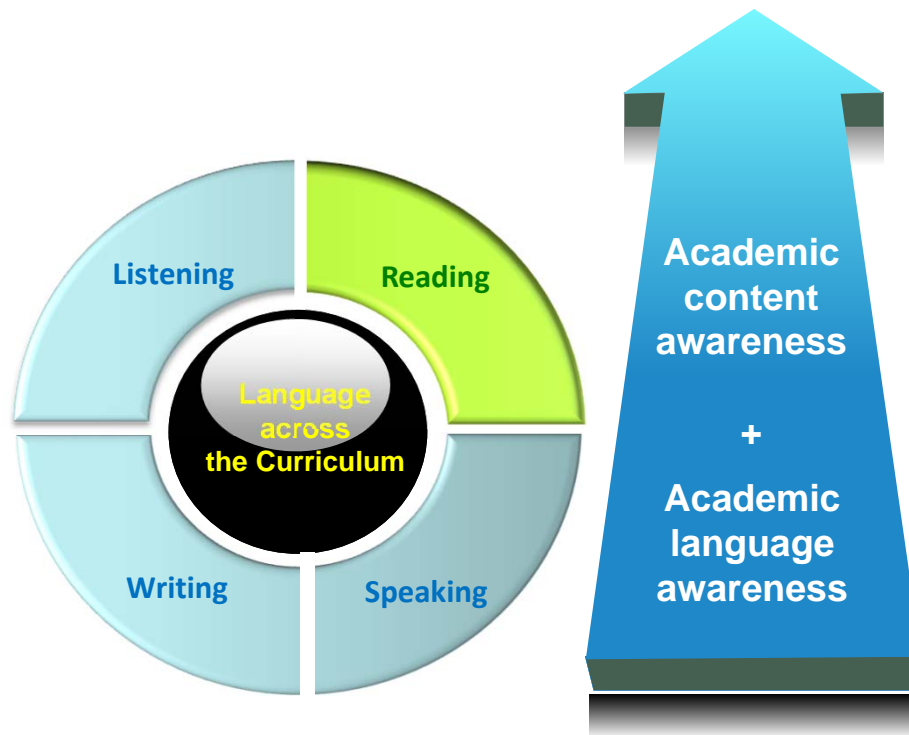
Promoting Language across the Curriculum - Reading across the Curriculum

Reading across the Curriculum

Promoting reading across the curriculum

- Promote leisure reading of non-fiction books among various subjects
- Incorporate “reading” in teaching – language subject and non-language subject


Reading across the Curriculum



- Reading across the curriculum (RaC) is a component within Language across the Curriculum
- RaC
 - reading as a **fundamental mode of learning**
 - explicit teaching of reading to be **integrated** with teaching the curriculum
 - students learning to read
 - the **subject matter** of pedagogic texts
 - the associated **language patterns**

(Martin & Rose, 2005)

Facilitating reading across the curriculum

- Provide different levels of materials on the same theme
 - Model good reading strategies
 - Focus on text structure and text grammar
 - Encourage learner independence
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Reading in Mathematics

- Math comes with its own vocabulary
 - many mathematical terms have different meanings in everyday use e.g. “times”, “product”, “function”
- Math texts contain more concepts per sentence and paragraph than other text types, and words as well as numeric and non-numeric symbols to decode
- Need to guide students to understand the non-linear presentation of information, and very often with graphics

(Barton & Heidema, 2002);

<http://www.ascd.org/publications/books/105137/chapters/Reading-in-the-Mathematics-Classroom.aspx>

Book recommendation

Book title: The Number Devil

Related KLA: Mathematics

Related topics in History: Prime Number

Reading in History

- “Historical **vocabulary**” is **difficult** to students e.g. “Constitutional Monarchy”, “Feudal System”.
- Reading **primary sources** may be challenging.
- **Background knowledge** is important to the understanding of the concepts e.g. “Thanksgiving”.

Book recommendation

Book title: A Children's Introduction to Art

Related KLA: History

Related topics in History: Life in Ancient Greece

Extended reading for Reading across the Curriculum

For the Junior Secondary Level

http://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/en/curriculum-development/kla/eng-edu/references-resources/BL_for_KS3_2015.pdf

For the Senior Secondary Level

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