Curriculum Leadership Series – Ongoing Renewal of the School Curriculum (Primary)

(English teachers)

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OBJECTIVES

- 1. To introduce the major updates of the English Language Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide (P1-S6) (2017);
- 2. To provide suggestions on the learning and teaching activities, strategies and resources for incorporating the major updates in the school English language curriculum; and
- 3. To share good practices on designing meaningful learning activities to enhance learning and teaching effectiveness in the English classroom

Today's Programme

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	2:00 - 3:45 p.m.	 Part I Ongoing renewal of the school curriculum Major updates of the English Language Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide (Primary 1 – Secondary 6) (2017) Suggestions on the L&T activities, strategies and resources The roles of an English Language teacher as a curriculum leader
	3:45 - 4:00 p.m.	Break
	4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Part II • Sharing of good practices Delia English Primary School & Kindergarten

Ongoing Renewal of the School Curriculum

Respond to local, regional and global contextual changes

Build on existing strengths and practices of schools

Curriculum enhancement to benefit student learning

Ongoing Renewal of the School Curriculum

Learning to Learn Report (2001)



BECG (2002) / SSCG (2009)





BECG 2014 (P1-P6)

SECG 2017

(S1-S6)

8 KLA Curriculum Guides (2002)



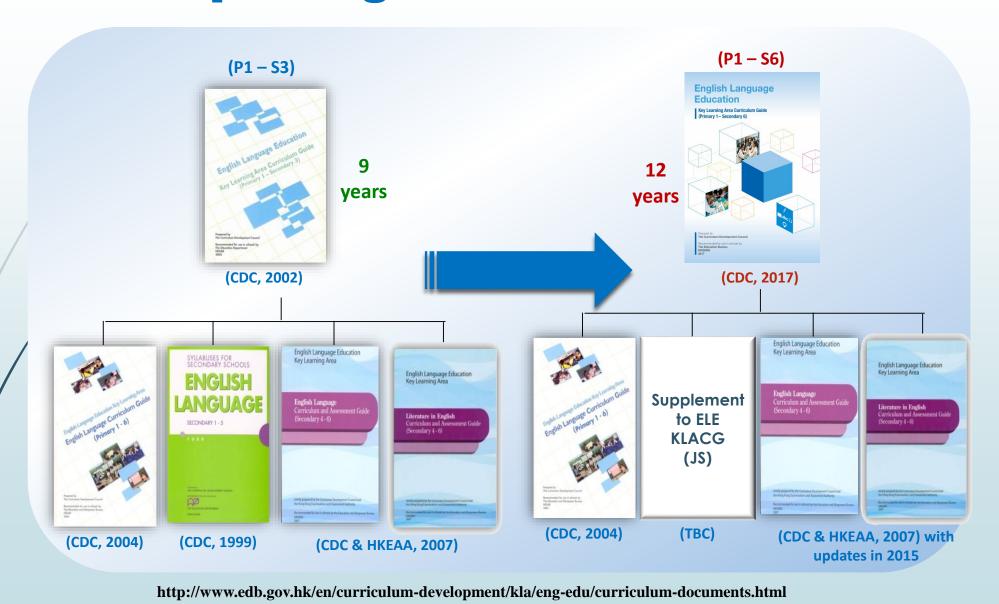
Various Subject Curriculum Guides



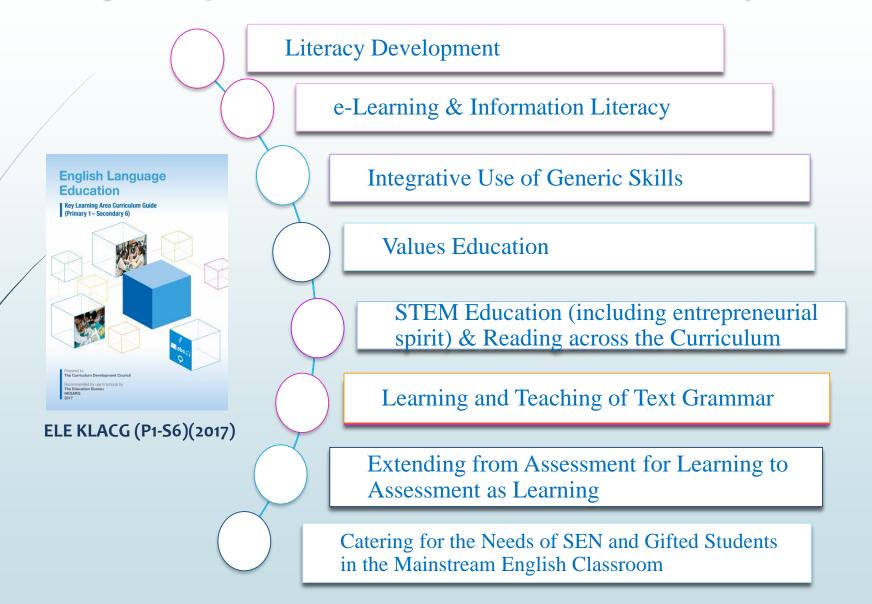
(2017 onwards) **KLA Curriculum Guides**

Subject curriculum guides/ supplements

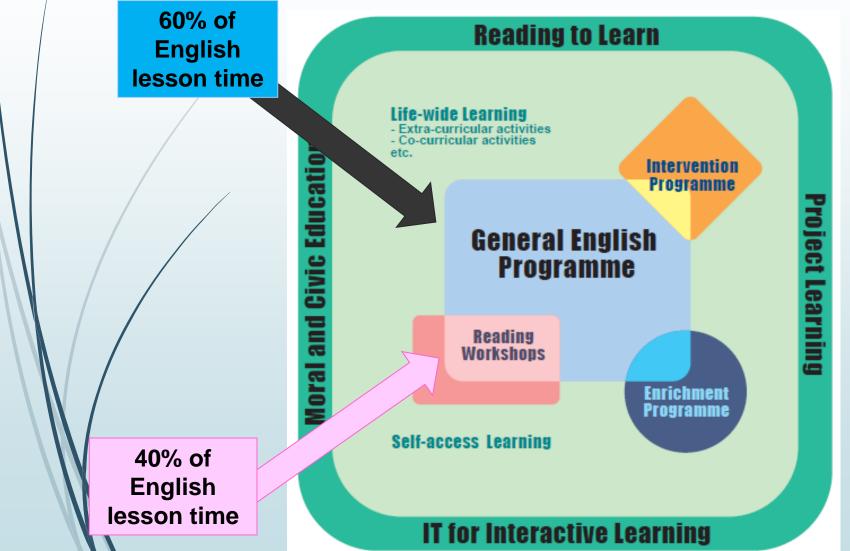
Updating of the ELE KLACG



Major Updates of the ELE KLACG (P1-S6)



Components of a School English Language Curriculum at the Primary Level





English Language Curriculum Guide (Primary 1-6) (CDC, 2004)

Reading Journey across Key Stages

Primary

- Exposure to a range of text types (both print and non-print)
- Incorporation of Reading Workshops into the School-based English Language Curriculum



Junior Secondary

- Exposure to a wide range of text types (both print and nonprint)
- Introduce elements of Language Arts
- Extensive reading and viewing



- Exposure to a wider range of more complex text (both print and non-print)
- Elective modules (Language Arts & Non-Language Arts)



Using real books with a variety of text types

Using non-print reading resources

Connecting students' reading and writing experiences

Promoting Reading across the Curriculum

Text Types

Examples of Text Types for	Key Stage 1	Additional Examples of Text Types for Key Stage 2		
 Advertisements Cartoons and comics Captions Cards Charts Conversations Coupons Diaries Directions Fables and fairy tales Forms Illustrations Instructions Labels Leaflets Menus 	 Notes and messages Notices Personal descriptions Personal letters Personal recounts Picture dictionaries Poems Postcards Posters Product information Rhymes Riddles Rules Signs Songs Stories Tables Timetables 	 Accounts Announcements Autobiographies Biographies Blogs Brochures Catalogues Children's encyclopaedias Dictionaries Directories Discussions Emails Explanations of how and why Formal letters Informational reports 	 Jokes Journals Maps and legends Myths News reports Pamphlets Plays Procedures Questionnaires Recipes Telephone conversations Tongue twisters Weather reports Web pages 	

Using Non-print Reading Resources

Digital Multimodal Texts

(e.g. Interactive books, audio books)

- Animations and/or audio files with narrations (reading texts provided)
- Technological features (e.g. interactive tools, embedded video clips, built-in dictionary, interactive activities)
- Basic interactions which allow students to have more control in the reading process
- Examples:
 - PEER http://peer.edb.hkedcity.net/
 - > Free apps for tablets
 - Non-print paired books of related themes
 - Naxos Spoken Word Library (HK Public Library)
 - Free audio books online http://lightupyourbrain.com/stories/

Enhancing the implementation of READING Workshops

- Ensuring progressive development of reading skills and strategies
- Providing opportunities for students to develop their creativity and critical thinking skills
- Introducing the features of different text types explicitly

Connecting students'
READING and
WRITING experiences

- Making alignment between the GE programme and Reading Workshops to design writing tasks with meaningful contexts
- Exposing students to authentic readers to enrich their writing ideas and language used

e-Learning refers to an open and flexible learning mode involving the use of the electronic media, including the use of digital resources and communication tools to achieve the learning objectives.

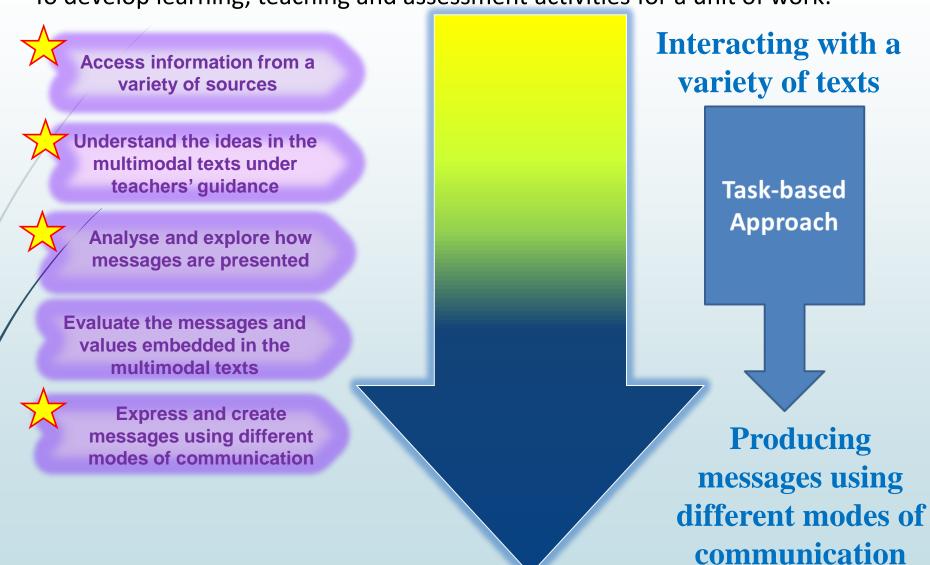
"Pedagogy empowered by digital technology"

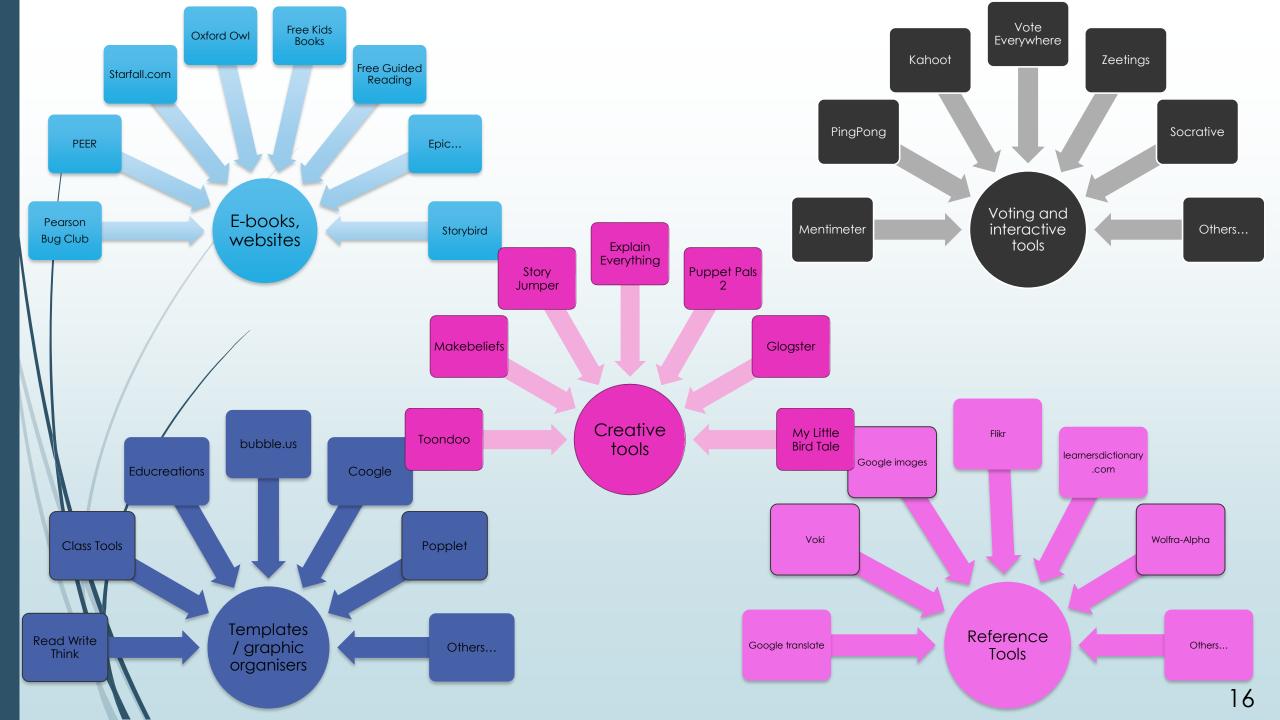
Information Literacy Framework for HK Students 2016

Category	Eight Literacy Areas		
Effective and Ethical use of information for	Category	Eight Literacy Areas	
lifelong learning	Effective and Ethical use of information for	Information users — Information providers	
Generic IL	lifelong learning		
Information World	Generic IL Information World	Information need Locate information Organise & Create Evaluate information	
		IT skills Media Literacy: Information providers	
		Conditions for reliable information	

Pedagogy to Enhance Literacy Development

To develop learning, teaching and assessment activities for a unit of work:





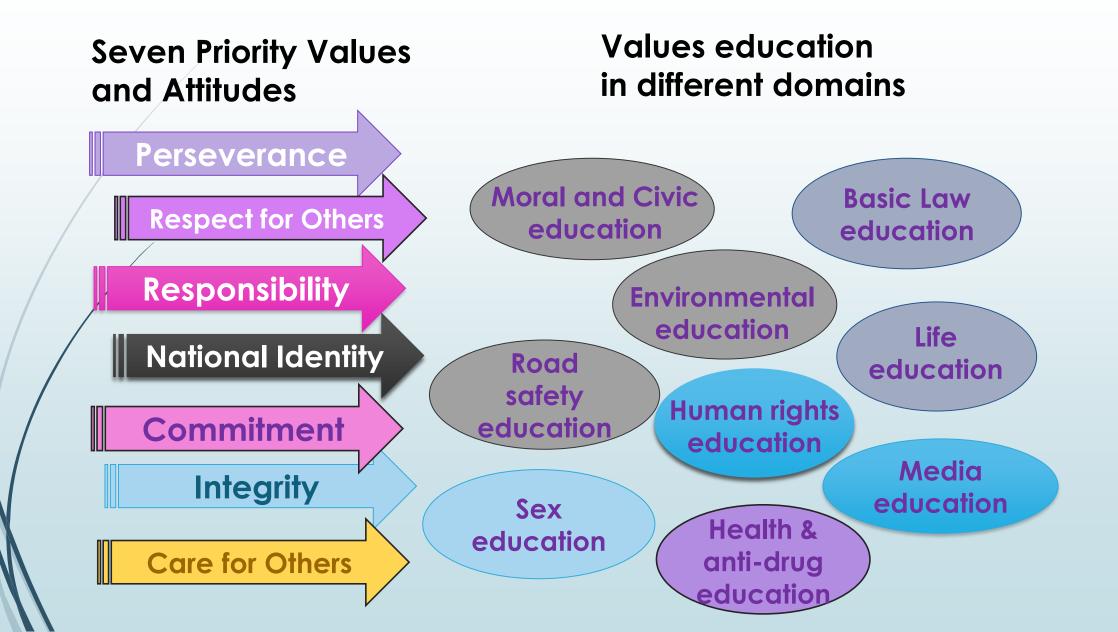
Integrative use of generic skills

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

Values Education

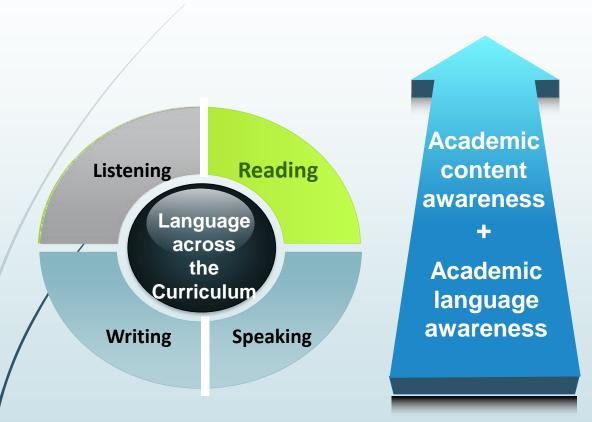


Incorporating Values Education into the School English Language Curriculum

An example – What if Everybody Did That? (Positive values: Be considerate, self-discipline, responsibility, respect for others)

- Connecting learning experiences between GE Programme & Reading Workshops (P4 Modules: We can be better! / Good habits)
- Prediction: Reading the page on the left and guessing the impact brought by the bad behavior
- Analysing the consequences of the bad behaviour
- Suggesting what should be done to correct the bad behavior
- Designing a booklet about good behavior in different settings

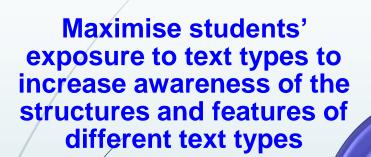
WHAT IS "READING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM"?



- 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)

Roles of primary English teachers in promoting RaC & LaC



Develop students' ability in understanding and producing English texts for a variety of purposes

Collaborate with teachers of other KLAs

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

Reading across the Curriculum at the Primary Level

Achieving the aims of education

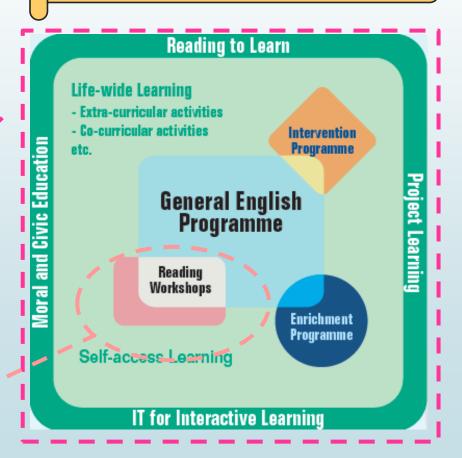
Major Concern of the school



Curriculum planning in different KLAs/subjects

English Language

Nurturing positive values and attitudes through reading and identifying values, attitudes and beliefs expressed in the text Life-long Learning and Whole-person Development



Reading across the Curriculum at the Primary Level

An example – Reader's Handbook (Yellow) (A reference reading for teachers/KS2 students to connect their reading and writing experiences)

- Reading non-fiction, e.g. a magazine article about earthquake
- Reading fiction
- Making connection and self-reflection using graphic organisers
- Showing practical examples to help students develop reading strategies, e.g. pause and reflect, making notes, asking questions and making evaluation

1. Making notes

2. Self-questioning

3. Making an evaluation about the magazine article

Grammar in Context or Text Grammar?

Grammar in Context

Complementary Concepts **Text Grammar**

- the link between <u>form</u>
 <u>and function</u> and how
 grammar makes
 meaning and varies in
 different contexts
- how contexts shape the <u>choice</u> of language used

- beyond the sentence level
- grammar items typical of a particular text type
- how grammar contributes to the <u>coherence & the</u> <u>structure of a text</u>
- how to apply grammar knowledge to create texts of <u>different text types</u>

Process of Learning Grammar

Noticing

 Noticing the specific language patterns in texts

Reasoning & Hypothesising

Hypothesising the grammar rule

Inductive/
Discovery
Approach

Structuring and Restructuring

- Structuring the grammar rule in mind
- Restructuring it and applying it in new contexts

Automatising

 Automatising the grammar rule and using it naturally

Purposes of Assessment



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	Purpose	Key Assessor	Self
Assessment for/as Learning (AfL / AaL)	 Quality feedback for learners, which entails timely support and enrichment Information for teachers to review the learning objectives, lesson plans and teaching strategies Students' self-monitoring & self-correction or adjustment 	Teacher / Students	direct Learn opudence
Assessment of Learning (AoL)	 Assessment of learners' performance and progress against the learning targets and objectives Judgments about placement, promotion and attainment 	Teacher	Learner

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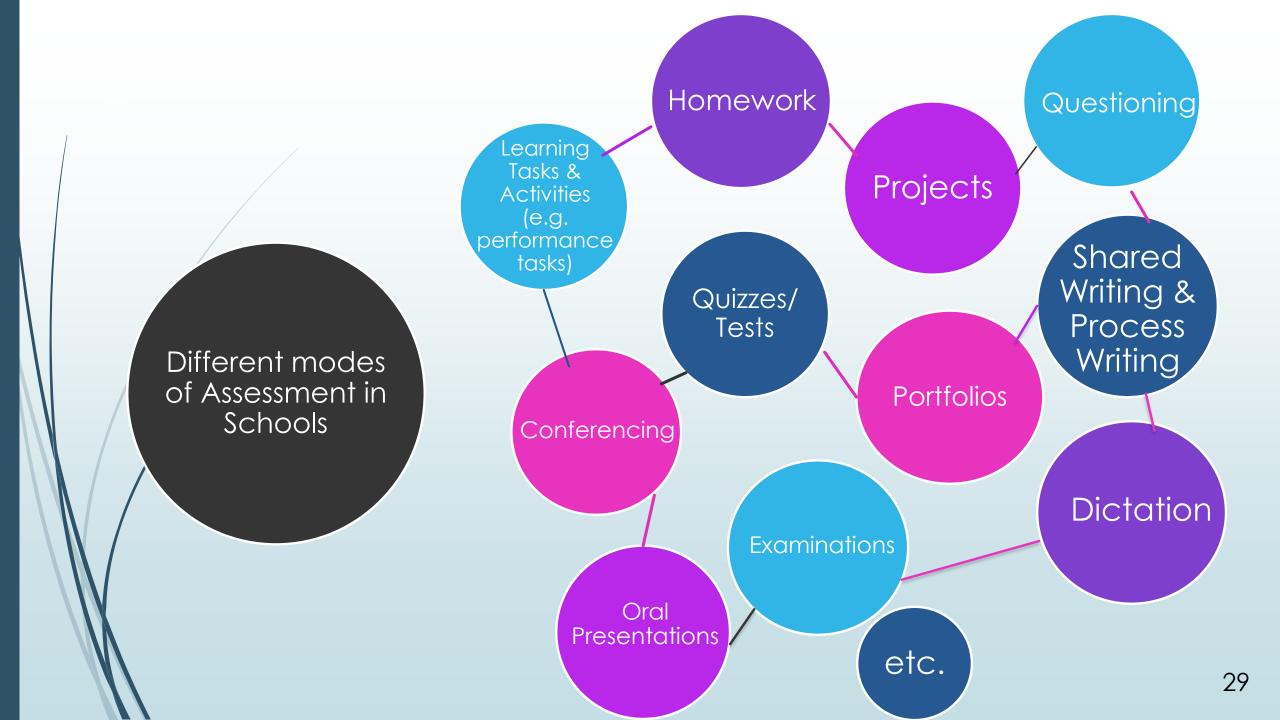
Strengthening AfL:

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

Promoting
Assessment
for/as
Learning

Extending from AfL to AaL:

- Enhancing learners' selfdirected learning capabilities through introducing metacognitive strategies



In order to enable students to take charge of their own learning, the following can be done:

Extending from AfL to AaL:

- teaching of enabling skills such as dictionary skills, research skills, phonics skills and vocabulary building strategies
- sharing of learning intention or goals
- modelling of learning strategies through think-aloud
- group discussion of sample student work
- using different kinds of assessment forms (e.g. KWHL Table, Feedback Sandwich) to facilitate selfreflection

Catering for Diverse Learning Needs and Styles

Learners' diversity exists naturally

Learning styles
Visual (Learn
best by seeing
Auditory
(Learn best by
hearing)
Kinesthetic
(Learn best by
doing)

Characteristics

maturity, gender, personality, aspiration, interest, learning motivation **Abilities**

Gifted

Special education needs

Prior knowledge

Level of readiness

Social Economic

Cultural

Backgrounds

NCS

NAC

CBS

Low family income

Supporting Students with Special Educational Needs (SEN)

Adopt a multisensory approach

Differentiate in terms of content, process, product & learning environment

Encourage personalised learning goals based on students' own needs

- ◆Content what students need to learn or how the student will get access to the information
- ◆ Process activities in which the students engage in to master the content
- ◆ Product work in which students demonstrate their learning
- ◆Learning Environment the operation of the classroom

Suggestions:

- Organising a variety of activities
- Each activity lasts for 10 15 minutes
- Allowing time for students to learn and explore independently using eresources

Strategies to Cater for Learner Diversity



Catering for diverse learning style and abilities

- conducting a variety of activities to suit students' learning interests, styles and needs
- designing open-ended tasks

Facilitating peer learning

- providing opportunities for students to share and discuss in groups
- flexible grouping

Providing scaffolding

- providing support using e-resources, e.g. e-readers, e-learning platform
- providing scaffolding for students to complete the task

Giving challenges

- -setting challenging yet manageable tasks for students
- -online resources to promote self-directed learning

Promoting assessment for/as learning

- giving verbal and written feedback in lessons / for homework
- guiding students to understand their performance and setting goals

Can we further enhance the effectiveness of the strategies? Through effective use of e-learning repertoire?

Catering for learner diversity Administrative Measures

- Understanding the weakness and strength of students
- Understanding their learning background

Early Identification

Professional Development

- PDPs provided by education psychologists
- PDPs on curriculum planning
- PDPs on teaching strategies

- Providing timely support
- Providing quality feedback
- Engaging students in a variety of learning activities
- Formative, e.g. student learning profile,
 differentiated dictation
 Summative (not only
- limited to pen-and-paper)
 Recognising nonacademic achievements in report cards

Human Resource
Deployment

Time-tabling for different programmes

- Organising enrichment programme for more able and gifted learners
- Organising intervention programmes for SEN students

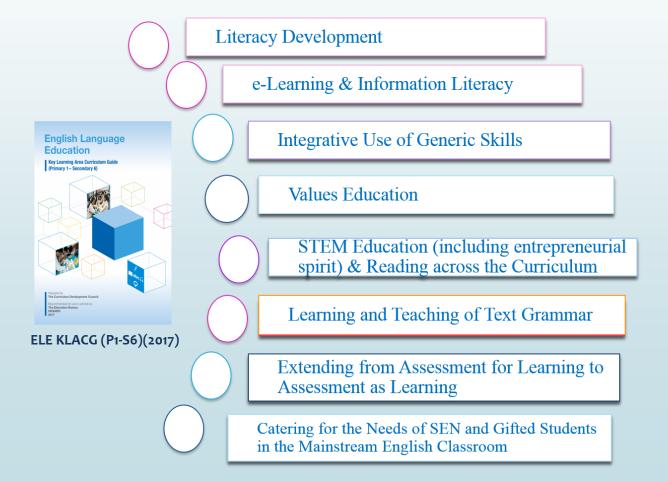
Diversified assessments

Flexible grouping

- Mixed ability grouping
- Streaming students according to abilities
- Grouping students
 according to the purposes
 and requirements of tasks

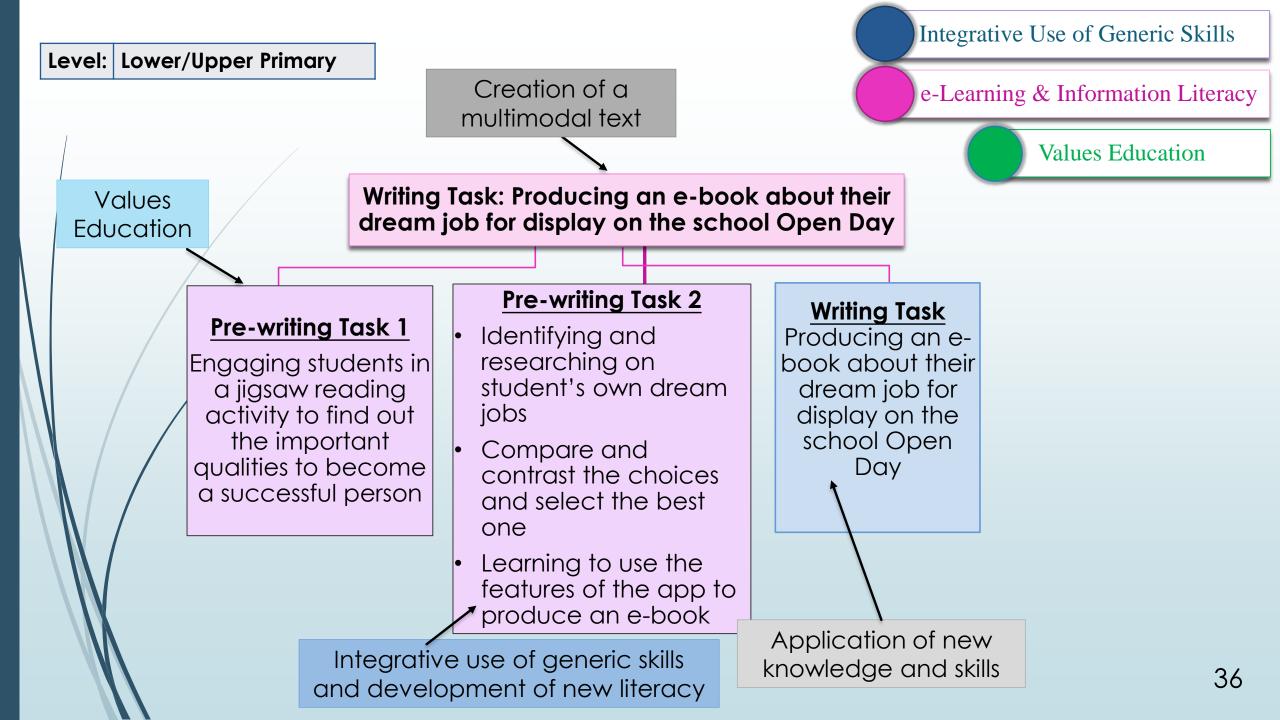


In groups, share a school-based initiative of your school which has incorporated plans to address the curriculum updates.



Time for discussion: 15 minutes

Time for sharing: 10 minutes



Level: Upper Primary

Major Concern of the School: Living a healthy life Reading across the Curriculum

Literacy Development

Values Education

Connecting students' learning experiences in different subjects, e.g. **General Studies** and **Physical Education**

Reading input

A unit about food and drink in English textbook

A profile of Michael Phelps A pamphlet about calorie and energy

A unit about Growth and Health in General Studies textbook

A leaflet about meals for athletes

Teaching • focus in • English • lessons

- Concepts of a balanced diet
- Facts about the diet of an athlete
- Text types: a pamphlet, a leaflet and a profile
- Language structures: the use of the simple present and simple past tense to talk about facts and past events respectively
- Vocabulary about food items and nutrients

Task: Design a healthy menu for the athlete you admire and give reasons

Providing students with the opportunity to apply and integrate the knowledge/skills learnt and learning experiences gained in different KLAs

Level: Upper Primary

Module: Happy Days Unit: Sports Days

Learning and Teaching of Text Grammar

e-Learning & Information Literacy

Values Education

You are a classmate of Peppa Pig. Your school held the Sports Day last week. You and your classmates enjoyed it very much. Peppa Pig has become so keen on sports that she decides to join a relay race in the Inter-school Sports Day next month. However, only two of her classmates are going to join the race with her. She needs one more team member.

Help Peppa Pig choose ONE member for her team and write a description about the new team member by explaining why he/she should be chosen.

 Viewing/reading different texts, including a blog entry in the textbook and a video clip to gain some exposure to the target language items/structures (i.e. adjectives, comparative and superlative adjectives) and learn the vocabulary items about sports

Exposure

Noticing and Practice

- Identifying and categorising the forms/patterns of the target language items/structures
- Practising the target language items/structures in an information gap activity about identifying the winners of the Sports Day

- Choosing ONE animal from the four given to be Peppa Pig's new team member
- Writing a description about the new team member and explaining the reasons for choosing him/her by using the target language items/structures

Structuring

Learning and teaching grammar at text level (illustrating how grammar makes meaning beyond sentence level in different contexts)

Using multimodal learning and teaching aids and materials

Exposure

Noticing and Practice

Raising students'
awareness of the
forms/patterns and the
connections between
form and meaning

Providing opportunities for students to **practise and reinforce the form** of the target grammar items

Providing students with the autonomy to complete the task

Applying the understanding of the use of the target language items and structures in another context

Structuring

Level: Upper Primary

e-learning

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

Extending from Assessment for Learning to Assessment as Learning

e-Learning & Information Literacy

Writing Task: Writing about a surprise party for a special person

Pre-writing Task 1

 Helping students learn the present perfect tense through reading different stories/recounts about parties, e.g. an e-book about a special birthday present, a party for a dog

Pre-writing Task 2

- Helping students learn the vocabulary items about organising a party through a variety of learning activities
- Learning about the setting of a story/recount
- Helping students to reflect on their learning using 3-2-1, summariser

Writing Task

- Conducting group writing to help students develop ideas and collaborate in
 groups
- Writing a creative story about a birthday celebration with a special person

Catering for the needs of students in the mainstream English classroom

Assessment for/as learning

Textbook unit:

Primary 5 Having fun together

Theme: A Surprise Party



Adaptations:

- Exposing students to more
 narrative texts to familiarise
 them with the features of a story
- > Creating a new writing task

Supplementary Resources

A. Thanks..

B. They

You are Yoshi. Here is the conversation between you and Bibi after the birthday party. Fill in the

blanks with the correct tense of the given verbs and put in the word 'already'.

Happy birthday, Bibj!

How's your party?

A Surprise Party

Mum, Ron and I decided to throw a surprise birthday party for Dad. I asked, 'Mum, who have we invited?' Mum replied, 'I've spoken to Dad's best friends, Uncle Melvin and Aunt Carrie. They're happy to join us.'

'What kind of food are we going to have?' Ron asked. Mum answered, 'I've baked a chocolate cake. Besides, I've made some snacks for everyone. Have you drawn a birthday card for Dad, Ron?' 'Yes, I've finished the drawing,' shouted Ron. &

"We'd better make sure the house is clean before everyone comes," said Mum. I said, "I've vacuumed the living room. I've dusted all the furniture.' Ron added, 'I've blown up balloons.' Mum said, 'Well done! I've hung a sign "Happy Birthday" on the wall. Can't you see the room is pretty now?' +

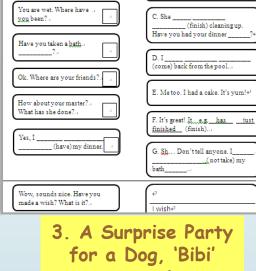
Uncle Melvin and Aunt Carrie arrived at six for the surprise party. They bought a tie for Dad! We hid in the living room. Time passed. 'Mum, its seven now. Where's Dad?' I asked. Mum gave him a call and returned, 'He's still in the office and won't be back shortly.' Uncle said, 'Why don't we celebrate together in his office?' We shouted, 'Great idea!' We took the taxi and arrived at his office very soon. When Dad saw us, everyone yelled, 'Surprise! Happy birthday!'

"Wow!" said Dad. 'This's a real surprise! Thank you so much! I haven't thought of having a party today! Hmm... I've just finished my work and we can celebrate now.' ...

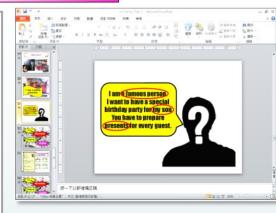
o.Even though the party was two weeks early, everyone had a great time.

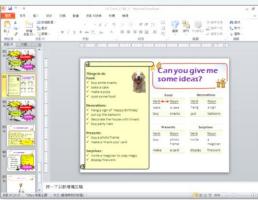
2. A Surprise Party

- setting of a story
- sentence building
- vocabulary building
- · learning of language items



 present perfect tense in context



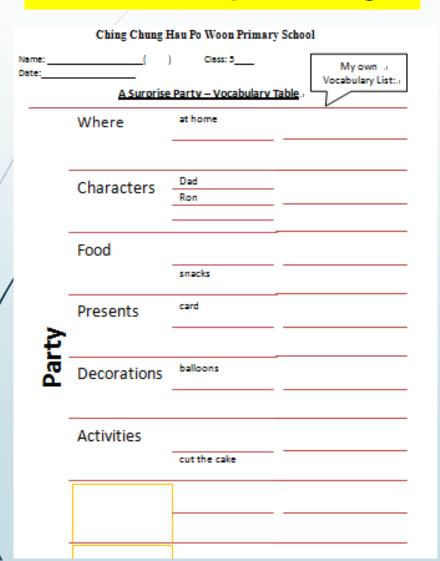


4. A Party Planner

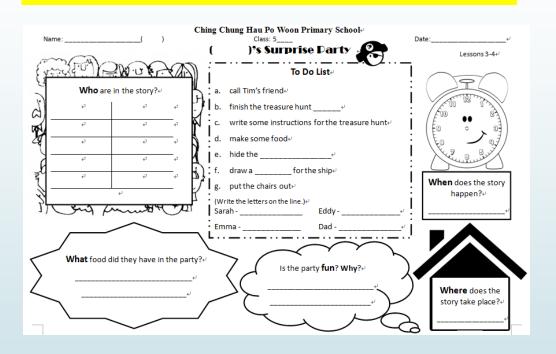
- surprise elements
- word collocation
- 1. An e-book about a birthday gift
- introducing the theme
- present perfect tense in context

1. Making use of graphic organisers and visual aids

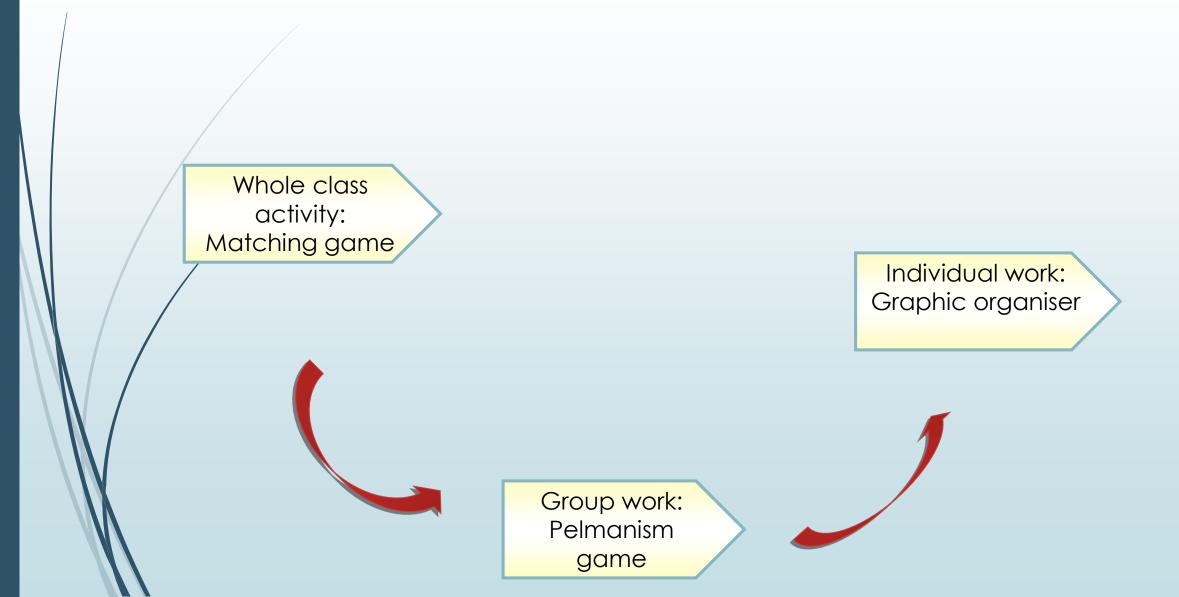
Vocabulary building



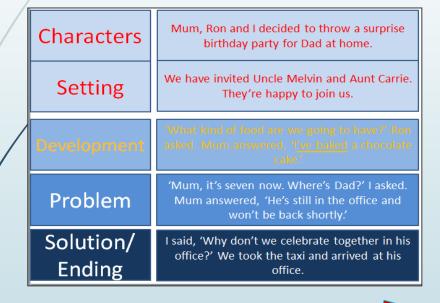
Understanding the setting of a story



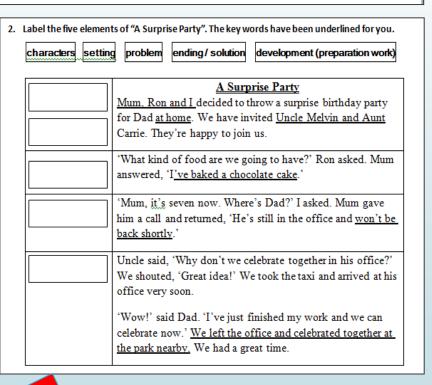
2. Enhancing students' participation through kinesthetic learning activities



3. Making use of the text features of a story to help students understand/construct the story



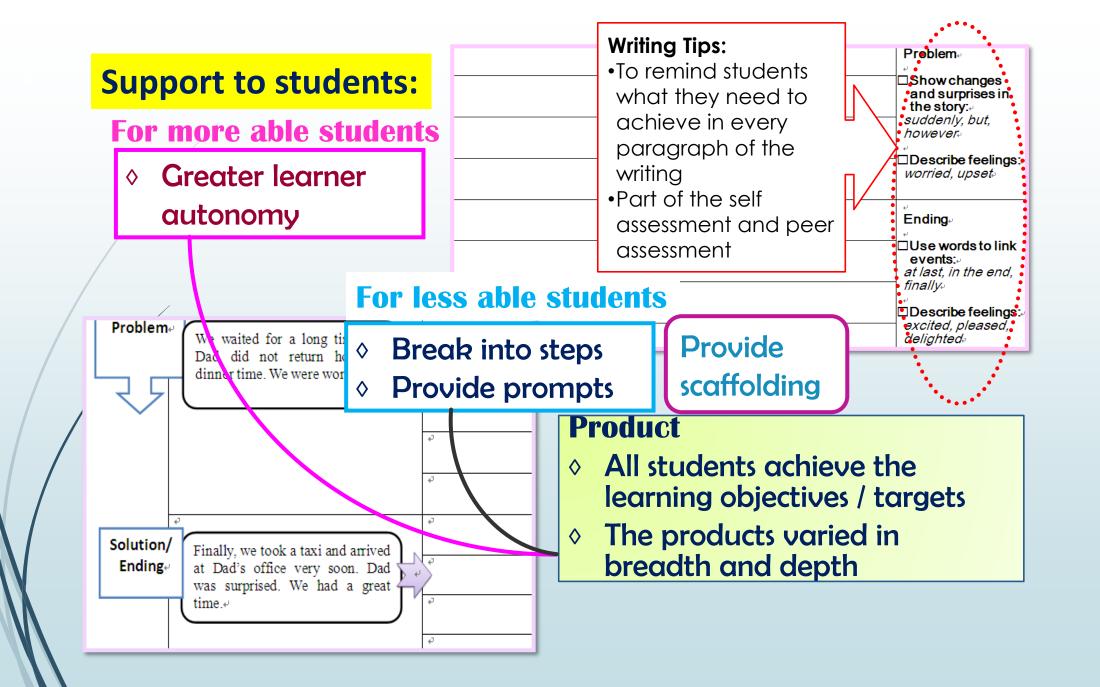
1. M	atch the five elem			ng the Story Map
a)	characters	•	•	the details of the story
b)	setting	•	•	the last part of the story $\slash\hspace{-0.4em}$ way to solve the problem
c)	development	•	•	the trouble and difficulty in the story
d)	problem	•	•	the people in the story
e)	ending/solution	•	•	the time, place and reasons that the story happens



4. Appropriate scaffolding for less able students and greater flexibility for more able students

Open-ended Task:
Creative story writing about a special party

	Code	Characters	Sett	ings	Pre	oblem			
		Who	When	Where	٧	Vhat			
	1	a teacher	picnic	a park	lose t	he present			
	2	a family member	1st September	beach		one is sick / busy			
	3	a friend	birthday	at home	n	o food			
	4	a classmate	the first day of Chinese New Year			the element		ory in the table below:	
	5	a relative	31 December	Character	S		Set	ting	Problem
L	6	a neighbour	Mid-Autumn festival	Who		Whe	en	Where	What
				a Mumbe		picn	ic	beach	Lost the present / no present



Assessment AS learning occurs when students reflect on and monitor their progress to inform their future learning goals.



Role of teacher:

- Identifying students' strengths and weaknesses
- Providing constructive feedback

Role of students:

- Making reflection
 on their own
 learning, especially
 the writing skills
- Making improvement based on feedback from teachers and peers

Sharing learning intentions and success criteria with learners

Peer checklist

Circle the icons for each part of the writing. More smiling faces nean better work

	My classmate can	
Setting/Characters	give reasons for having a party. (tell why there is a party.)	00000
7	write about the characters in the story.	
Development	use the present perfect tense in dialogues.	@@@
business of the second	use the punctuation correctly in dialogues.	
Problem	5. describe the problem.	00000
processor framework	6. use adjectives to describe feelings.	
Ending/Solution	7. write a good ending.	66666
	8. use adjectives to describe feelings.	00000
The whole writing	9. use the simple past tense to write a story.	9000 0
become the transfer of the second sec	10. spell the words correctly.	
Well Done!	7 4 2 1 4 1 1 4 1	
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(B)	and clear. You got some minor gramma	tical mistakes
	broad wall I know I	

Good work! Keep it up!

Checklist:

- Assessment rubrics summed up from have been taught in the lessons
- Raising students' awareness of the requirements of the writing task

Setting learning goals

Specific learning goals

- Short term goals within the over-arching context of a particular unit/module in the learning process
- Relate to learning output
- e.g. use 5 adjectives learnt in the article, use the simple past tense and present perfect tense correctly in the story

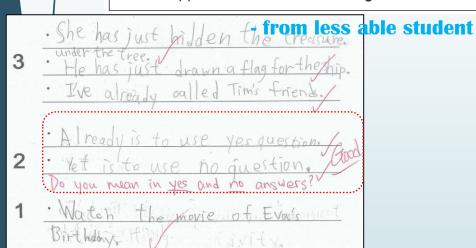
Generic learning goals

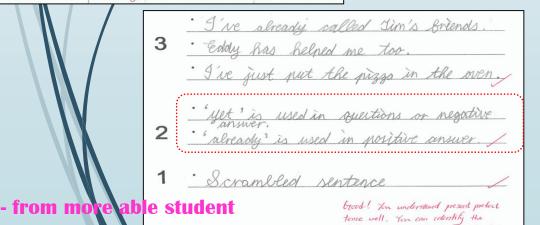
- More general goals and of longer term
- Continued to be addressed across several units/areas and over time
- e.g. listen when my friends talk, read longer books

Some reflection strategies

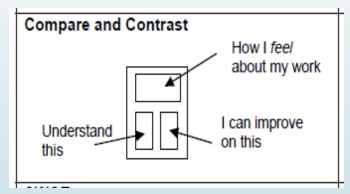
3-2-1 Summariser

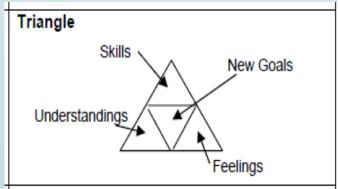
- 3 Examples of sentences written in the present perfect tense in the book/worksheets.
- 2 Differences between 'yet' and 'already'.
- 1 Activity you found the most interesting.



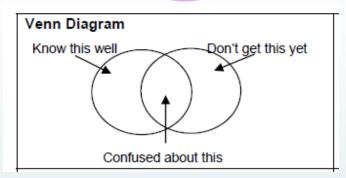


SWOT Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities Threats

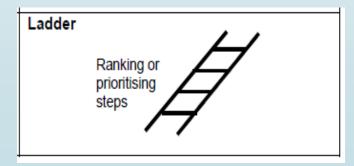




Graphic Organisers



Plus	Minus	Interesting	
Can do this well	Need more work on this	I could try	



Some reflection strategies

"Traffic Light"

Have students examine their work and highlight where they feel

- stopped
- cautious
- they can go straight ahead

"Concept Circle"

Instruct students to

- sketch a concept circle with as many spikes as they like;
- brainstorm and recall the key concepts/ideas learnt;
- highlight, or draw a box around, any concept that they have trouble understanding; and
- write down who/where to resort to in order to solve the problems

"Feedback Sandwich"

(Good news) "I did really well on ..."
(Bad news) "I think ...need to be changed because..."
(Good news) "Some ways I can improve this are..."

What is the role of an English teacher?

- Going beyond the role as a major provider of linguistic input to helping students make sense of language data;
- Capitalize on students' existing and diversified resources make school experience positive;
 let students develop a sense of achievements;
- Share learning experiences, identify critical facilitative/debilitative features, and demonstrate effective strategies in the processes of becoming an effective language user.

'Teach them how to fish rather than only feed them with fish'

Failure to learn well

Four major factors/questions:

- **►** Interest (Do students enjoy learning English?)
- Relevance (Do students find the learning relevant to their immediate and long-term goals?)
- Identity (Do students feel that learning English contributes to their desired/imagined identity?)
- Resources (Do students possess the valued resources to learn English well?)

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What makes English learning interesting?

■ Popular culture with audio-visual stimulus

■Games (with the elements of competition)

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What makes English learning relevant?

Immediate goals

- To make sense of fun things presented in English in everyday life?;
- Taking tests and exams?

Long-term goals

- Higher education?
- International communication?
- Career prospects?

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Everyone is a Leader:

