



Curriculum Leadership Series – Ongoing Renewal of the School Curriculum (English Panel Chairpersons)

English Language Education Section

Curriculum Development Institute

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Objectives

- To introduce the major updates of the English Language Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide (ELE KLACG) (2017)
- To explore the roles of an EPC as a curriculum leader in planning and implementing the school English Language curriculum under the major updates
- To share good practices on planning and implementing the school English Language curriculum

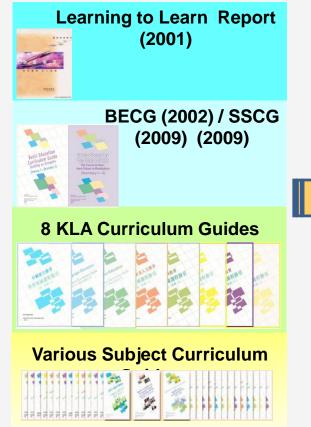


Ongoing Renewal of the School Curriculum

Respond to local, regional and global contextual changes

Build on existing strengths and practices of schools

Curriculum enhancement to benefit student learning



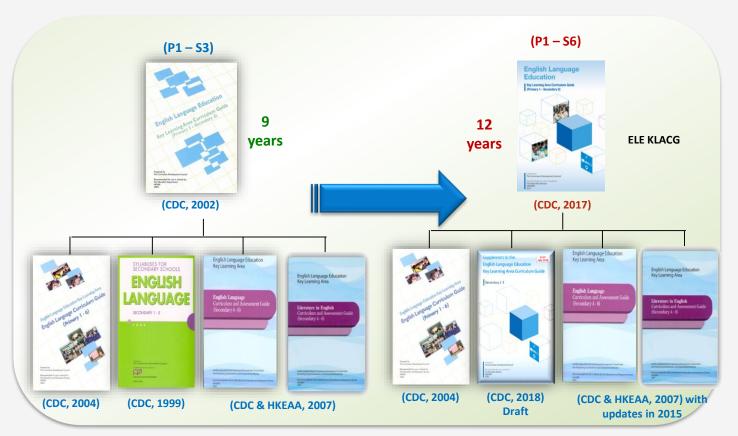
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SECG 2017 (S1-S6)

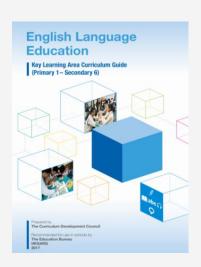
(2017)
KLA Curriculum
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Subject curriculum guides/ supplements

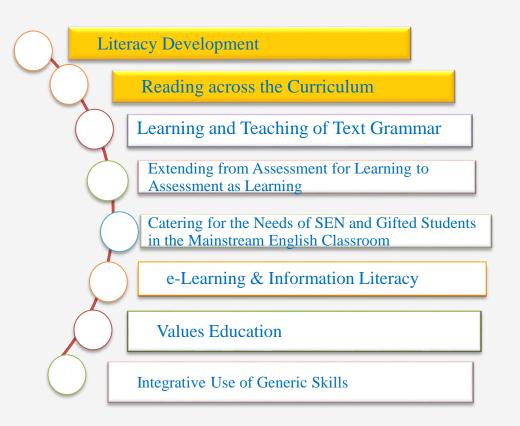
Updating of the ELE KLACG



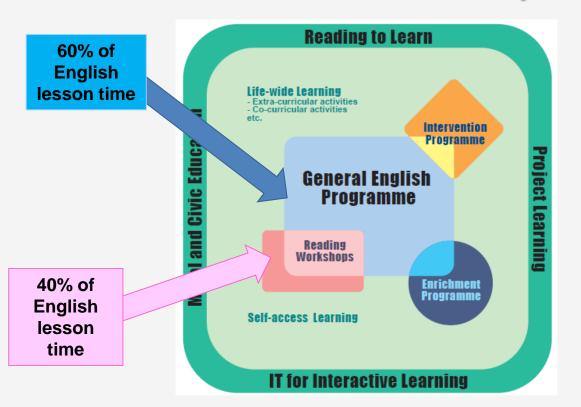
Major Updates of the ELE KLACG (P1-S6)



ELE KLACG (P1-S6)(2017)



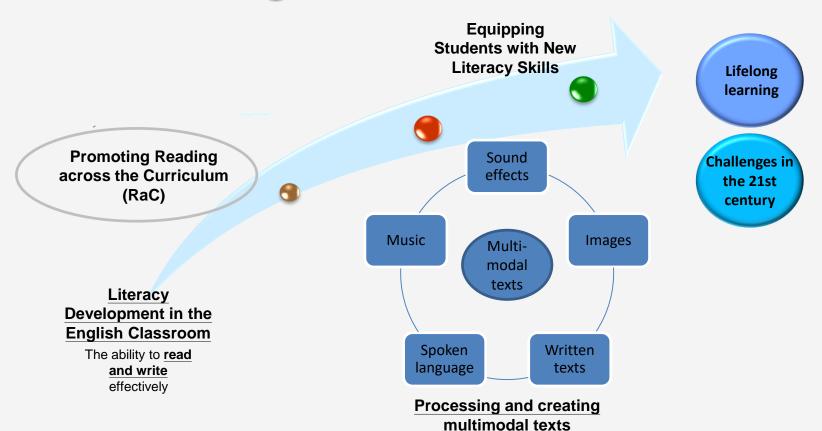
Components of a School English Language Curriculum at the Primary Level





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

Literacy Development in the English Classroom



Reading Journey across Key Stages

Primary

- Exposure to a range of reading materials (including information books)
- Incorporation of Reading Workshops into the School-based English Language Curriculum and teaching reading skills explicitly

Junior Secondary

- Exposure to a wide range of text types (both print and non-print)
- Promoting Reading across the Curriculum (RaC) and Language across the Curriculum
- Exposure to a wide spectrum of reading and viewing materials

Senior Secondary

- Exposure to a wider range of more complex texts (both print and non-print)
- Elective modules (Language Arts & Non-Language Arts)
- Extending students' language exposure and use of English for academic purposes

Using real books with a variety of text types

Using non-print reading resources

Developing students' reading and viewing skills

Connecting students' reading and writing experiences

Promoting Reading across the Curriculum

Using Print Reading Resources

Using real books with a variety of text types

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)

Using multimodal texts to address the different learning styles and needs of students

E-books for tablets platforms

Audio books platforms

Interactive books with technological features

Connecting students' reading and writing experiences

Enhancing the implementation of **READING** Workshops

Connecting students' READING and WRITING experiences

From Reading to Writing

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

• Making alignment between the GE programme and Reading Workshops to design writing tasks with meaningful contexts

'Teachers who use cross-curricular themes create active readers by engaging students in authentic literacy tasks that emerge naturally from interesting and worthwhile topics and ideas.'

Aslan, Y. (2016). The Effect of Cross-curricular Instruction on Reading Comprehension. *Universal Journal of Educational Research*, 4(8), 1797-1801.

'Because our lives require us to integrate what we have learned in an interdisciplinary manner, teaching children through merged disciplines better prepares them for applying new knowledge and experience. In addition, when students view their learning as having personal relevance, they put more effort into their schoolwork and achievement.'

Willis, S. (1995). Refocusing the curriculum: Making interdisciplinary efforts work. *ASCD Education Update*, 37 (1), 1-8.



English Language Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide (Primary 1 - Secondary 1)

In implementing RaC, English teachers are encouraged to:

identify reading materials in both print and non-print forms with suitable entry points (e.g. themes, text types, language features and vocabulary) for connecting students' learning experiences in different KLAs

collaborate with teachers of other KLAs to develop learning activities that provide students with opportunities to consolidate the knowledge and skills acquired across KLAs

help students develop the reading skills and strategies necessary for understanding and analysing language use in English texts (e.g. text structures and vocabulary)

design reading activities that reinforce students' ability to integrate the knowledge, skills and learning experiences gained in different KLAs

Cross-curricular collaboration to facilitate RaC

- Working with teachers of other KLAs to conduct curriculum mapping e.g. designing cross-curricular learning tasks and activities together
- Adjusting the **teaching schedules** of English Language and the content subject to teach the same theme/topic at around the same time

- Seeking advice from teachers of other KLAs on:
 - the choice and appropriateness of reading materials
 - the schedule of teaching a certain topic

Involving teachers of other KLAs in the conduct of cross-curricular learning activities or project work, e.g. assessing students' performance





- 1. Themes/topics/ issues
- 2. Text types
- Skills/Strategies
- -Reading strategies
- -Generic skills (e.g. mind mapping, graph plotting, drawing graphic organisers)

Key Stage 2

Changes

- Now and then
- Respect for life
- Wishes and dreams
- Growing up
- A changing world

Food and Drink

- Favourite food and drink
 - We can cook
- Eating out
- Healthy eating

Happy Days

- Festivals
- Special events
- Entertainment and leisure
- Hobbies
- A bag of laughs

Relationships

- Knowing our neighbours
- Beautiful people
- Making friends
- Send a message
- East meets West and more

The Magic of Nature

- Wonders of nature
- Out in space
- The lost world
- Fascinating oceans
- Taking care of our earth

We Love Hong Kong

- Jobs people do
- Knowing more about my community
- Travelling around
- Special people, special things



Possible directions when planning for RaC

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- 3. Skills/Strategies
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From General English	From other subjects	What are some common features?
Recipe	Procedures for doing an experiment	 to tell others how to do something list of materials and steps
An article in a guidebook	A description about the features of an animal	 to describe something in detail present tense is used use quite a lot of adjectives
A recount	An article about WWII	 to recall what happened in the past past tense is used followed the time sequence (chronological order)
An argumentative essay on studying abroad	An article discussing the different opinions about globalisation	 to discuss some issues from different sides/ perspectives

Grammar in Context or Text Grammar?

Grammar in Context

Complementary Concepts

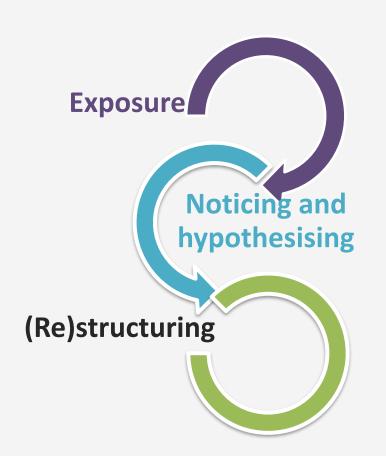
Text Grammar

- the link between
 <u>form 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> structure of a text
- how to apply grammar knowledge to create texts of different text types



Stages involved in learning grammar

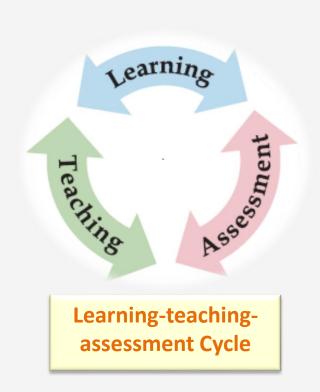


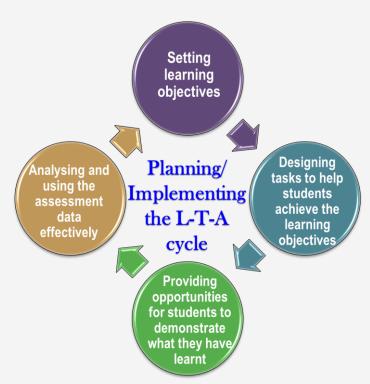
• Exposure to the specific language patterns in texts

- Noticing the structure and being aware of the connections between form and meaning
- Structuring the grammar rule in mind

 Restructuring it and applying it in new contexts/using it naturally

The relationships between learning, teaching and assessment





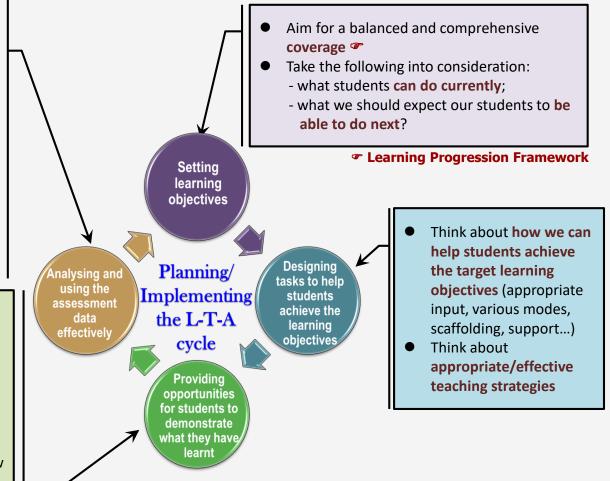
Three complementary assessment concepts

Formative	Assessment as Learning (AaL)	AaL engages students in reflecting on and monitoring their progress of learning through strengthening their roles and responsibilities in relation to their learning. Students are actively involved in regulating the learning process, evaluating their own performance against the learning goals, and planning for the next step in learning.
	Assessment for Learning (AfL)	AfL integrates assessment into learning and teaching. It assists students to understand what they are learning, what they have attained, and what is expected of them, and helps teachers collect evidence of students' learning so that teachers can provide students with timely feedback and refine their teaching strategies.
Summative	Assessment of Learning (AoL)	AoL describes the level students have attained in learning and shows what they know and can do over a period of time. It gives an overview of the previous learning of students and is mainly used for reporting purposes.

Selfdirected Learners

Learner Independence

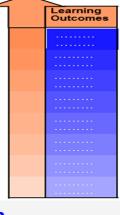
- Evaluate students' performance against the success criteria
- Identify students' strengths and weaknesses
- Analyse the underlying causes of students' learning difficulties
- Review **teachers' expectations** on students
- Modify teaching strategies
 - > Explore ways to help students improve
 - Design activities to address students' problems
- Revise the school-based curriculum design/content
- Make use of various assessment tasks/activities to gauge students' performance
- Share the learning intentions and task-specific success criteria with students
- Observe students' performance
- Use effective questions to elicit students' responses
- Provide students with quality feedback on how to improve (linked to success criteria)
- Collect evidence of student learning



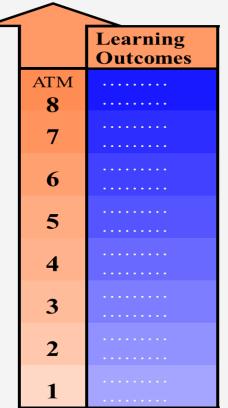
The Learning Progression Framework

What is the LPF?

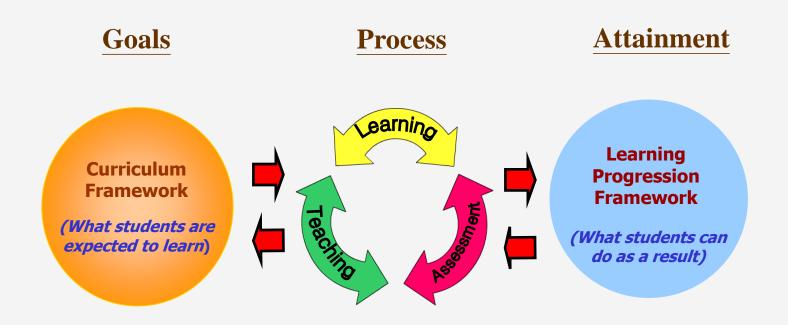
The Growth of Students across Key Stages



- represents the growth of learners on a developmental continuum as they work towards the Learning Targets and Objectives of the English Language curriculum;
- is made up of Learning Outcomes organised under the four language skills and divided into eight levels of attainment;
- helps teachers better understand and articulate learners' performance; and
- helps teachers plan strategically how to enhance English Language learning and teaching.

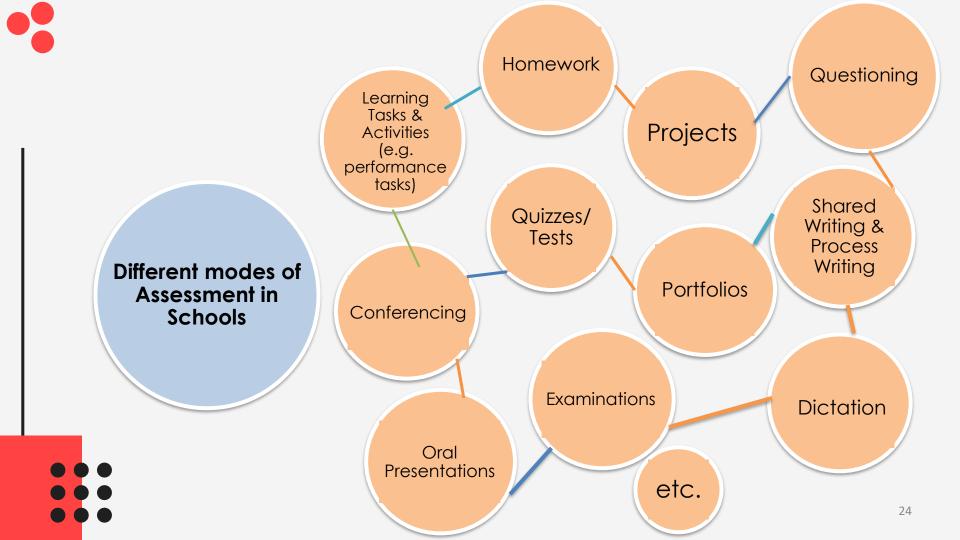


Curriculum Framework, Learning, Teaching and Assessment, and Learning Progression Framework (LPF)



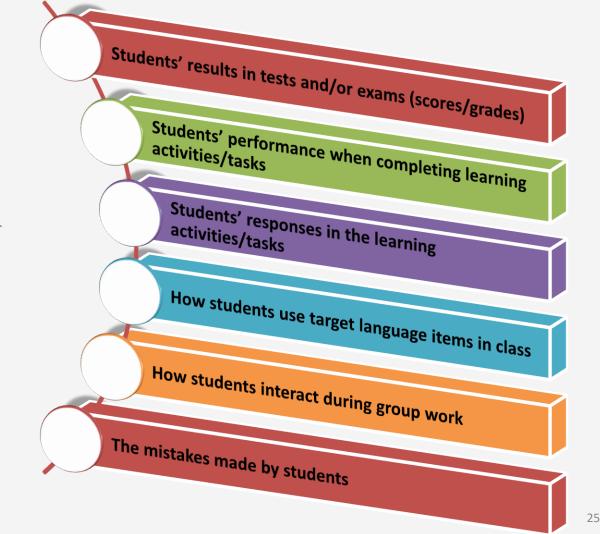
Considerations when designing quality learning, teaching and assessment tasks/activities





Assessment Data –

Evidence of student learning in terms of knowledge, skills and values and attitudes



What is Assessment as Learning (AaL)?

Assessment as learning (AaL) focusses on students and emphasises assessment as a process of metacognition. (Earl & Katz, 2006)

Strengthening AfL

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



Extending from AfL to AaL

- Greater involvement of students in LTA process
- Enhancing students' self-directed learning capabilities through introducing metacognitive strategies



Strategies to promote Assessment as Learning

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

identifying expected learning outcomes

creating criteria of good practices with the students

guiding students to set goals

teaching enabling skills (e.g. dictionary skills, research skills, phonics skills and vocabulary building strategies) providing opportunities for students to practise the skills that need to be learned or mastered

modelling of learning strategies (e.g. the skills of self-reflection) through think-aloud

discussing sample student work and providing constructive feedback to students as they learn using different kinds of assessment forms (e.g. KWHL Table, SWOT, PMI, Traffic Light, Feedback Sandwich) to facilitate self-reflection guiding students to keep track of their own learning



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

"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

"The Feedback Burger"

(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..."

Learner diversity exists naturally

Learning styles

- Visual (learn best by seeing)
- Auditory (learn best by hearing)
- Kinesthetic (learn best by doing)

Characteristics

- interest
- learning motivation
- maturity
- gender
- personality
- aspiration

Abilities

- gifted
- special educational needs
- priorknowledge
- level of readiness

Social Economic

Cultural Backgrounds

- non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students
- newly Arrived Children (NAC)
- cross-boundary students (CBS)
- low family income
- ethnic minorities

Mainstream
English classroom

Catering for Learner Diversity

General Principles

- Adopt a multi-sensory approach
- Differentiate in terms of:
 - Content what students need to learn or how the student will get access to the information
 - Process activities in which the student engages in order to master the content
 - Product work in which students demonstrate their learning
 - Learning Environment the operation of the classroom
- Encourage personalised learning goals based on students' own needs

- understanding the strengths/weaknesses and the learning background of students
- Understanding the learning interests, styles and needs of students
- designing open-ended tasks

Catering for diverse learning styles and abilities

- adopting **flexible grouping**/ mixed ability grouping
- •grouping students according to the purposes and requirements of tasks
- providing opportunities for students to share and discuss in groups

Facilitating peer learning

- using questioning techniques to elicit students' responses
- giving quality verbal and written feedback in lessons/ homework
- adopting various modes of assessment

Promoting assessment for/as learning

- motivating students' interest
- •facilitating understanding and providing support
- •giving immediate feedback
- engaging students in active/selfdirected learning to enhance
 learning autonomy and allow them to learn at their own pace

Effective use of e-learning repertoire

- providing timely support
- providing scaffolding for students to complete the task
- providing different modes
 of support in learning tasks
 (e.g. visual cues for visual learners)

Providing support and scaffolding

•setting challenging yet manageable tasks for students

Giving challenges

Mainstream

English classroom

Some Strategies to Cater for Learner Diversity

Topic of the unit:

Know more about animals

Context: We are going to build a School Zoo. The Principal would like the P1 students to tell him what animal(s) they want to keep in the zoo.

Task: Complete a map of the School Zoo by adding a drawing of the animal(s) you want to keep and a short description about the animal(s).

Target vocabulary and language items:

- ◆ <u>Vocabulary:</u> types of animals, body parts
- ◆ Grammar: singular & plural form of nouns, demonstrative pronouns

Learning and teaching activities:

- ◆ Listening to a song on YouTube
- ♦ Vocabulary games
- Reading a story (Jigsaw reading) and learning the text features
- Grammar games and practices
- ◆ Making audio recordings using an app
- ◆ Writing a description

Strategies adopted to cater for LD

- ♦ Providing different support through the use of multimodal texts
- **♦** Making use of a range of learning activities that incorporate different modes of representation
- **♦** Providing scaffolding by breaking the tasks into small steps to facilitate learning
- ♦ Engaging students in active learning through the use of IT to enhance learning autonomy

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Making use of **songs** on YouTube to:

- check students' prior knowledge about the topic
- cater for different learning styles (e.g. audio, visual learners)

Making use of visual aids to consolidate the learning of the target vocabulary items

Making use of games to:

- increase students' motivation
- address the needs of the kinesthetic learners
- consolidate learning of target vocabulary items in a fun way
- assess students' learning

Practising the target grammar structures before completing the end task

Using an app (Draw and Tell) to make audio recordings in grammar practices and the end task to allow students to make multiple attempts and do the work at their own pace when completing a task

Pedagogy to Enhance Literacy Development

Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge

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

To develop learning, teaching and assessment activities for a unit of work: **Access information** Interacting from a variety of with sources **Multimodal** Understand the ideas **Texts** in the multimodal texts **Analyse and explore** how messages are Task-based presented **Approach Evaluate the messages** and values embedded in the multimodal texts **Express and create Producing** messages using different modes of **Multimodal**

communication

Texts

Characteristics of Quality e-Learning Resources



Involving good models of English use Supported by teaching approaches based on sound pedagogical principles

Consisting of user-friendly design, and appropriate graphics, sound and animation to increase students' motivation and support learning

Promoting the integrated use of language skills

Promoting interactive learning by encouraging student input, allowing students to work at their own pace and providing feedback to them

English Language Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide (Primary 1 – Secondary 6) (CDC, 2017), p.103

https://www.powtoon.com/online-presentation/dWzw0CYqn1W/pdp-on-elearning-grammar/?mode=movie#/

Values Education



Seven priority values and attitudes

Perseverance

Respect for Others

Responsibility

National Identity

Commitment

Integrity

Care for Others

Promoting values education in different domains



education

Integrative use of generic 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

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



Roles of English Panel Chairpersons

Formulate schoolbased assessment policies in light of the direction of school development, the school context and students' needs Cultivate a reading culture by setting reading as a key task of the school

Create a conducive language learning environment to promote the learning and use of English Language

Initiate curriculum changes, collaborate with English panel members in developing a balanced school English language curriculum

English Panel Chairpersons

Provide space and support to support the professional development of English teachers

Manage resources to facilitate L& T of English



Managing Resources

Human resources

- Appoint **level coordinators** to help with horizontal coordination
- Deploy the NET effectively

Learning and teaching resources

- Build up a resource bank with teaching plans, learning tasks and resource materials developed by teachers
- Introduce EDB resource packages to teachers

Management of funds and grants

 Deploy different grants provided by the government strategically (e.g. The Promotion of Reading Grant)

https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/4-key-tasks/reading-to-learn/promotion-of-readinig-grant/index.html

- Apply for the Quality Education Fund and Dedicated Funding Programme for Publicly-funded Schools to implement projects that promote effective learning

http://www.qef.org.hk/e_index.html

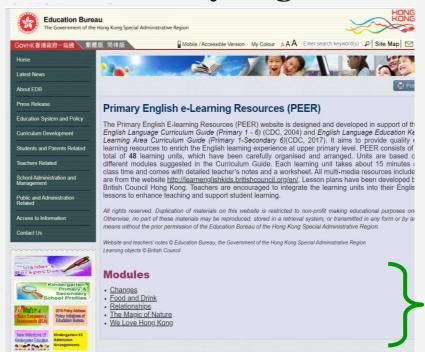
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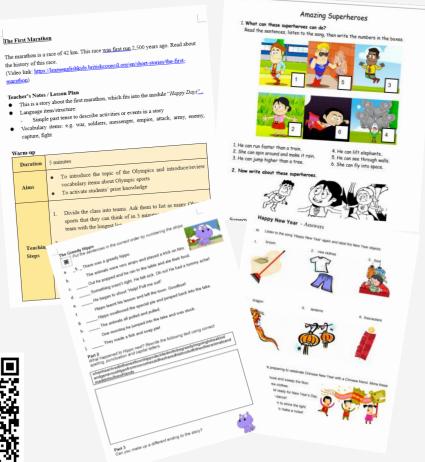
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Primary English e-Learning Resources (PEER)



https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/eng-edu/references-resources/peer.html





Resources in support of the ELE KLACG (2017)

Literacy Development / Values Education

- ✓ Using Storytelling to Develop Students' Interest in Reading A Resource Package for English Teachers (2015)
- √ Teaching Phonics at Primary Level (2017)
- ✓ Parents' Guide to Effective English Language Learning (2019)
- ✓ Promotion of Reading in Schools (2019)



✓ ETV on "Effective Use of Multi-modal Texts in Developing Primary Students' Language Skills" (2016)

(https://www.hkedcity.net/etv/resource/7413793066)





Cross-curricular Learning

- ✓ Suggested Book Lists for Reading to Learn across the Curriculum (KS1 KS4)
- ✓ Suggested Book Lists for Theme-based Reading (KG, Pri, Sec)

(https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/4-key-tasks/reading-to-learn/contribution-of-book-titles/index.html)



PDPs for 2019/20 s.y. (Primary)

Curriculum Leadership

- Ongoing Renewal of the School Curriculum for English Panel Chairpersons (Dec 2019)
- Ongoing Renewal of the School Curriculum: Adopting an Integrated Approach in Planning and Implementing the Major Updates in the English Language Education Key Learning Area (Apr Jun 2020)

Promoting Reading across the Curriculum

• Promoting Reading across the Curriculum in the Primary English Classroom (Jan – Mar 2020)

PDPs for 2019/20 s.y. (Primary)

Catering for Learner Diversity

• Catering for Learner Diversity in the English Language Curriculum: Stretching the Potential of the More Able Learners in the Primary English Classroom (Dec 2019)

Assessment Literacy

- Enhancing Assessment Literacy in the Primary English Classroom (Apr- Jun 2020)
- Effective Use of the Learning Progression Framework to Enhance English Language Learning, Teaching and Assessment in Speaking and Listening at Primary Level (Mar May 2020)

PDPs for 2019/20 s.y. (Primary)

e-Learning and Information Literacy

• Effective Use of Information Technology to Develop Literacy Skills in the Primary English Classroom (Apr- Jun 2020)

Learning and Teaching of Phonics

- Phonics Teaching Series: (1) Enhancing Teachers' Knowledge and Pedagogy in Teaching Phonics at Primary Level (Jan- Mar 2020)
- Phonics Teaching Series: (2) Enhancing Students' Reading and Speaking Skills through the Learning and Teaching of Phonics at Primary Level (Apr- Jun 2020)