STELLAR: Strategies for English Language Learning and Reading

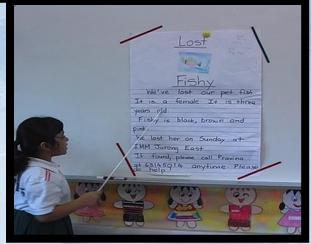
A new English Language Curriculum for Primary Schools in Singapore



The STELLAR Vision

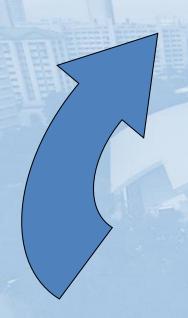
- Children who love reading and
- Have a strong foundation in the English Language





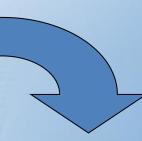


How a STELLAR lesson looks like...



1. Shared Reading Experiences

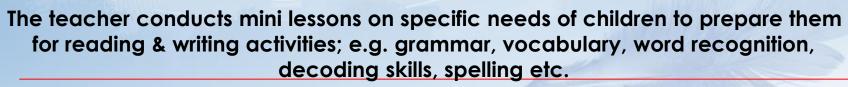
Children read a big book with their teacher and engage in oral discussions with their teacher and peers.



2. Shared Writing Experiences

The teacher models writing using children's language. Children engage in writing together and independently.

3. Language Use Activities in Learning Centres





Growing our Hearts and Minds

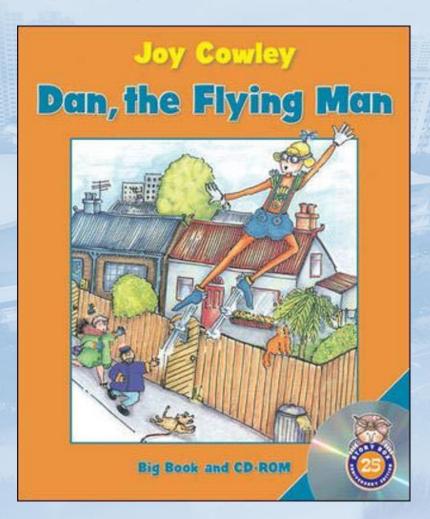




EACH STELLAR UNIT:

Reading

Listening



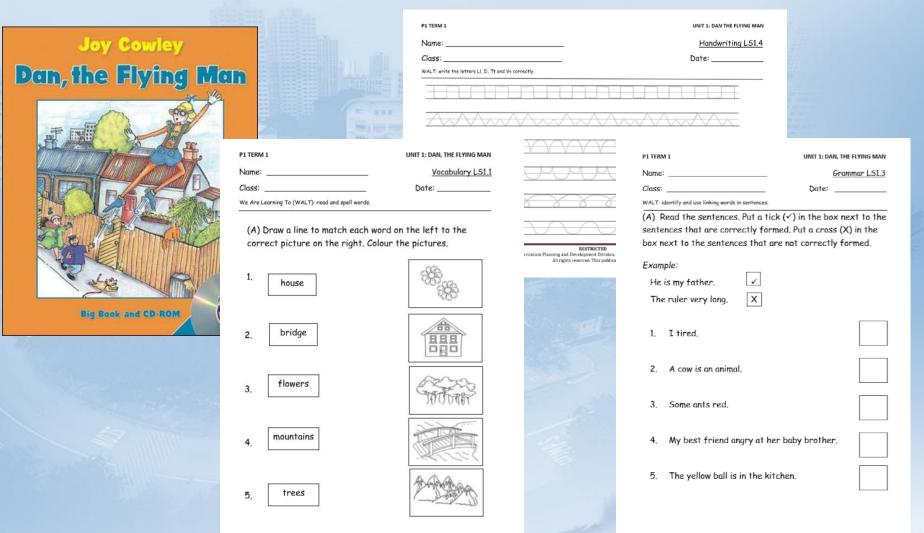
Vocabulary

Grammar

Oracy /
Speaking



EACH STELLAR UNIT:



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Growing our Hearts and Minds



Each STELLAR Unit includes...

Development of the four language skills:

- Listening
- Speaking
- Reading
- Writing

ELS 2020



ELS 2020 aims to create...

Empathetic communicators

who possess the values, dispositions and skills to listen actively to different perspectives; communicate confidently, effectively and sensitively while collaborating with others to work towards shared goals; and balance an appreciation of the Singapore spirit with multi-ethnic and multicultural sensitivities.

Discerning readers

who possess broad worldviews by staying well informed and self-directed in the use of information, and are able to distinguish fact from falsehood by processing and evaluating information, critically and with discernment according to purpose, audience, context and culture.

Creative inquirers

who explore and evaluate real-world issues and multiple perspectives as well as gather and synthesise information from diverse print, non-print and digital networked sources, so as to co-create knowledge and solutions in familiar or new contexts.



Speaking opportunities

Show and Tell

Poetry Recitation

Group Discussions











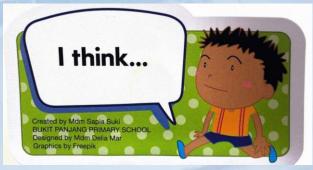
Speaking @ Yuhua

Using Talk Moves to build communication skills

Students use
CHAT sticks for
conversation
etiquette.

E.g. Turn taking, agreeing/disagreeing/respectfully etc.



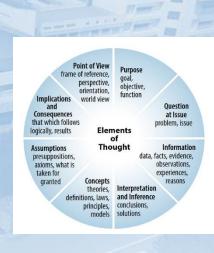




Read @ Yuhua READ period – Genre Based Curriculum

- new genre each month during the READ period
- Reader response activities each month









Read @ Yuhua

Reading activities by School Library





Using language games/activities to develop language skills

How can you support your child's learning at home?



Strategies/Activities to build up speaking skills

Conversational "Catch"

Role Play

Show and Tell [5W1H as prompts]



1. Conversational "Catch"

Player 1 (Parent): How was school today? [throws a ball while asking question]

Player 2 (Child): Great! Guess what I did in Art class? [Catches and answers the question. But before throwing the ball back, he/she must ask another related question.]

Your child gets to understand the back-and-forth nature of conversations and will feel comfortable starting and continuing conversations.



2. Role Play

You and your child can act out an interesting segment of a book/cartoon/movie.

Your child will learn effective communication skills and develop self-confidence, creative imagination and expression.



3. Show and Tell

Select an item and prompt your child to talk about the item using the 5W1H questions.

Your child will learn how to develop his/her

responses.





We hope you find these strategies and activities useful. Have a good time trying them out with your child. :)

THANK YOU

