

P1 EL Presentation to Parents

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STELLAR: Strategies for English Language Learning and Reading

English language learning is achieved through:

- 😊 **vocabulary learned in books**
- 😊 **expression of thoughts** in oral and written forms
- 😊 **discussions** with other children and the teacher
- 😊 informal **peer interaction**



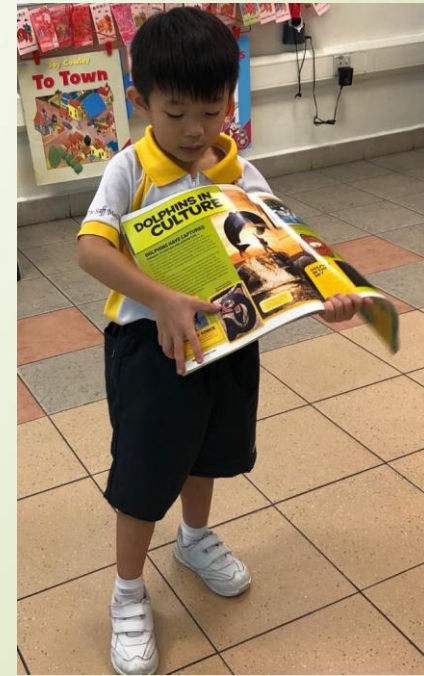
Each STELLAR Unit includes...

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➡ Focused Reading using Big Books

😊 reading for enjoyment

😊 reading for knowledge



Each STELLAR Unit includes...

Development of the four language skills

- 😊 listening
- 😊 speaking
- 😊 reading
- 😊 writing



Each STELLAR Unit includes...

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➡ Key Teaching Points

- ☺ **concepts about print:** (e.g. spacing between words, reading from left to right, punctuation)
- ☺ **vocabulary** (e.g. meaning of words, phrases)
- ☺ **word identification /word study activities** (i.e. spelling patterns, letter- sound relationships)
- ☺ **grammar** (e.g. present tense, past tense, singular/plural forms)
- ☺ **Oracy skills** (e.g. turn-taking in one-to-one conversations, whole class or group discussions)
- ☺ **Writing** (e.g. expressing personal preferences about a topic in the big book)

Each STELLAR Unit includes...

Development of social skills:

☺ oral interaction among peers in non-threatening situations

☺ working in partnership with other children

☺ turn taking & respect for others during class discussions



Each STELLAR Unit includes...

Independent learning

- ☺ individual reading
- ☺ individual writing
- ☺ differentiated focus lessons (DFL)

How you can help your child

- Go to the library together
- Have lots of books, magazines and newspapers in your home
- Give your child books about their special interests
- Allow your child to choose books to read and reread
- Read to and with your child (or, have your child read to you)
- Talk about the books and characters read

Books that interest children have...

- Clear print and colourful, attractive illustrations or photographs
- A strong storyline
- Interesting characters
- Are about everyday life
- Are repetitive and have rhyming words to help children remember words



Some language activities you can do with your child include...

- ▶ Playing language games like word scavenger hunt. (*Looking for a word in print materials.*)
- ▶ Reading aloud a book and asking your child to identify words beginning with the same sound, for example, 'p' – *pancake, pick, put, police, pat, etc.*

Some language activities you can do with your child include...

- Helping your child learn more interesting words by thinking of new words to replace known words, for example, 'big' – *huge, enormous, large, gigantic, etc.*
- Getting your child to retell a story to you in his or her own words
- Suggesting that your child give a different ending to the story read

Formative Assessment

As the focus of the assessment is on growth and mastery, we will be :

- Monitoring students' learning progress in class
- Gathering information from multiple tasks that meet the learning outcomes required
- Providing timely feedback on your child's progress