



English Language

What is STELLAR ?

Strategies for English Language Learning and Reading

- An English Language Curriculum for Primary Schools in Singapore



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STELLAR is different because...

- **Classroom environment is:**
 - ☺ focused on children's interaction rather than on teacher talk
 - ☺ enriched with children's written language
 - ☺ filled with various reading materials for children's use
- 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



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What is a **STELLAR** lesson like?

1. Shared Reading Experiences

Children and teacher read a story in class and engage in oral discussion

2. Shared Writing Experiences

The teacher models writing using children's language. Children proceed to engage in writing in groups and independently

3. Learning Centers

Children engage in varied activities to reinforce learning (Listening, Reading and Word Study Centers)



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Each **STELLAR** Unit includes...

Focused Reading using *Big Book*

- ☺ reading for enjoyment and knowledge
- ☺ reading to sharpen prediction skills

The STELLAR curriculum:

- * Integrates all **language** skills
- * Skills are enhanced through **daily practice**.
- * Key **language items** are explicitly taught to children.

Key Teaching Points

- ✓ concepts about print: (*i.e. spacing between words, reading from left to right, punctuation*)
- ✓ vocabulary (*i.e. meaning of words, phrases*)
- ✓ word identification activities (*i.e. spelling patterns, letter-sound relationships*)
- ✓ grammar (*i.e. present tense, past tense, singular/plural forms*)



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Required Materials:

- A storybook in the bag every day
- Broad-lined exercise book for Spelling (1 per semester)
- Jotter book for journal writing (To design a personalised cover for their journal)
- Red file for filing of Activity Sheets and writing pieces



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Parents play an important role in Language Learning

- Be role models
- Make learning fun
- Encourage and support your child in learning

Be involved in class to set up a cosy Reading Corner for your child and his/her classmates!

Things parents can do with the child:

- Read with the child daily. Talk about them (storybooks, newspapers, etc.)
- Read information from posters, advertisements and letters that are of interest to the child.
- Write notes/letters to your child and encourage them to reply.
- Develop lists like “Shopping Lists”, “Things to Do This Weekend” together.



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Hildan Avid Readers' Programme (HARP)

Objectives of the programme

- To arouse interest in reading among the pupils.
- Encourage pupils to become habitual readers.

Motivational Badges

- For every 1st, 5th, 15th, 25th, 50th, 65th, 75th, 85th and 100th book read, pupils will be awarded reading badges from parent volunteers.



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Procedure:

- Pupils to complete the review page for books read in HARP checklist booklet **before** reading the stories to the “Reading Mums/Dads”.

Appeal for help:

- We need parent volunteers during the P1-P2 recess (10.15am-10.45am). A letter of appeal will be given to every parent at a later date.



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