

# English Department 2022

## Primary One



*SAJS Library, a place to read, make, learn, and perform!*



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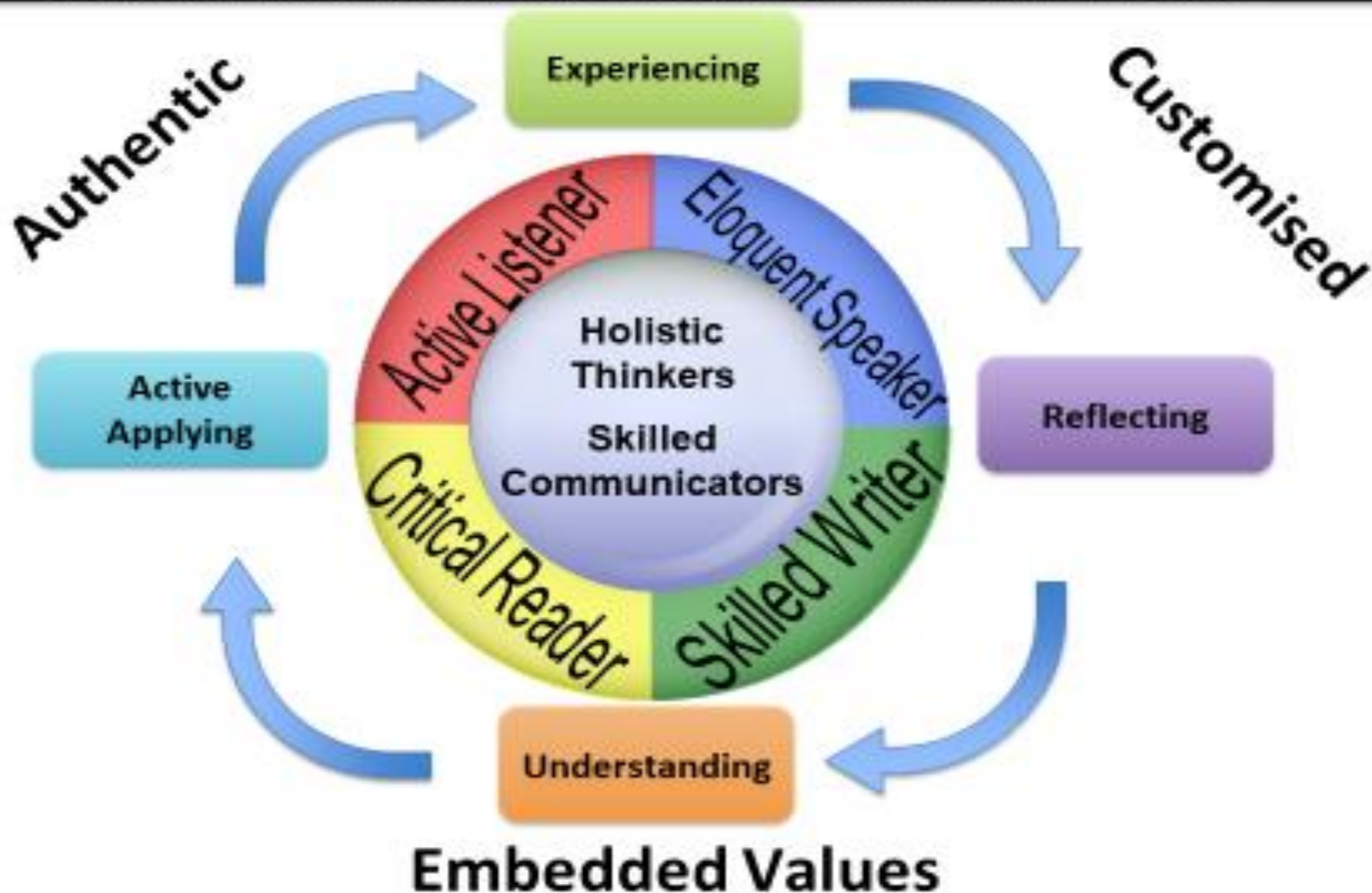
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# STELLAR 2.0

The English Department adopts the **STELLAR (STrategies for English Language Learning And Reading) 2.0** approach in the teaching and learning of English language.

STELLAR 2.0 aims to strengthen students' foundation in the English Language through

- explicit teaching of grammar
- explicit teaching of oracy skills
- ringfencing one period for Extensive Reading

Details can be found in the Parents' Overview that will be sent via Parent's Gateway at the beginning of each term.



# STELLAR 2.0

Each unit is structured across 2-3 weeks and taught in 3 stages:

- **Shared Book Approach (SBA) 1:** where children read a storybook (big book) with the teacher and engage in oral discussions with teacher and peers
- **SBA 2:** where students are taught explicitly grammar, oracy skills, critical and close reading skills, and engage in class writing and individual writing through the Modified Learning Experience Approach (MLEA)
- **Differentiated Focused Lessons (DFL):** which include word study lessons to strengthen word recognition skills, one reading period set aside each week to promote extensive reading and other extension activities





# P1 Key Checkpoints for EL

## Listening

- Listen attentively and follow simple instructions.

## Speaking

- Speak clearly to express their thoughts, feelings and ideas.
- Follow communication etiquette such as taking turns, and using appropriate eye contact and volume in conversations or discussions.



# P1 Key Checkpoints for EL

## Reading

- Demonstrate basic word recognition skills (e.g. know the letters of the alphabet; able to pronounce words accurately).
- Read aloud Primary 1 texts (e.g. STELLAR texts) with accuracy, fluency and expression.
- Understand Primary 1 texts (e.g. STELLAR texts) and are able to identify simple aspects of fiction (e.g. main characters and setting).

## 4. Writing

- Demonstrate writing readiness and handwriting skills such as letter formation, placement, sizing and spacing.
- Write a simple paragraph of at least 3 sentences to recount appropriately sequenced events.



# What fun activities are planned for our P1s in 2022?

- More opportunities for developing skilled communicators
  - Reading aloud tasks
  - Show and Tell
- More opportunities for developing the skilled writer in your boy
  - Writing cycles after each unit
  - Hearts and Voices: Volume 4





**HEARTS AND VOICES  
VOLUME 1**



**HEARTS AND VOICES  
VOLUME 2**



ST. ANDREW'S JUNIOR SCHOOL 2016

**HEARTS AND VOICES  
VOLUME 3**



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# Ways we hope to partner you

- **Active listener**
  - Role model good listening by paying attention to
    - What your boy is saying
    - How he is saying it
    - What he means (probe deeper when necessary)
  - Ask questions that begin with ‘What’, ‘How’ and ‘Why’ to encourage your boy to express himself beyond a simple ‘yes’ or ‘no’



# Concerns

- **Speaking and Listening**
  - Thinking more deeply so that they are able to support what they say or hear
  - Speaking with expression and confidence
  - Learning to disagree with others respectfully (and building on each other's ideas)
- **How you can help?**
  - Encourage them to support what they say by asking, "What makes you say that?"



# Ways we hope you can partner us

- Eloquent speaker
  - Role model good pronunciation
  - Emphasise the thinking process before speaking (Why do you say that? What was the reason?)
  - Watch and listen to examples of good speakers (newscasters, radio DJs, audio books)

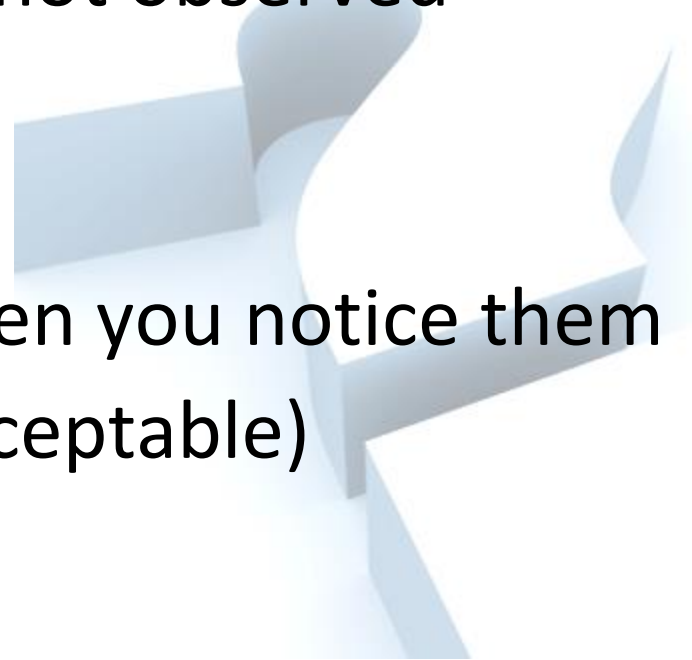


# Concerns

- Reading and Speaking
  - End consonants are not pronounced
  - Punctuation marks are not observed

How you can help:

- Correct their errors when you notice them (they might think it's acceptable)

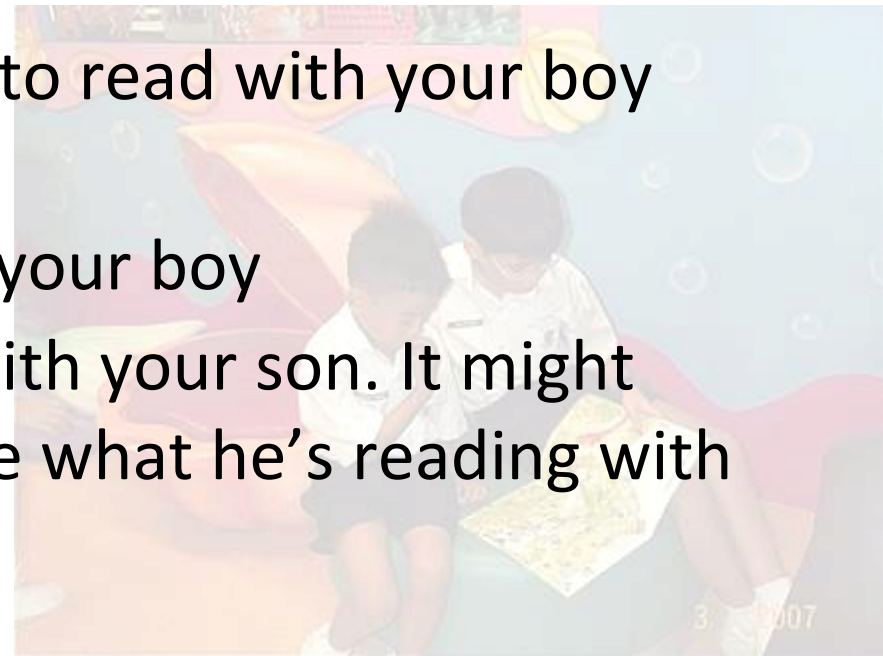




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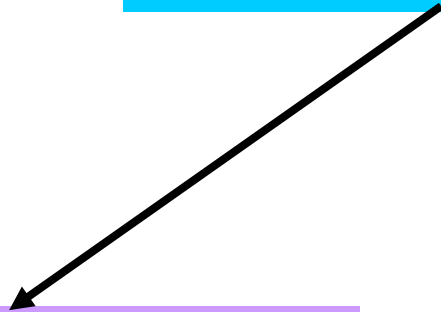
- **Critical reader**

- Role model reading for pleasure and for information
- Identify a quiet corner to read with your boy without distractions
- Read good books with your boy
- Share what you read with your son. It might encourage him to share what he's reading with you too 😊

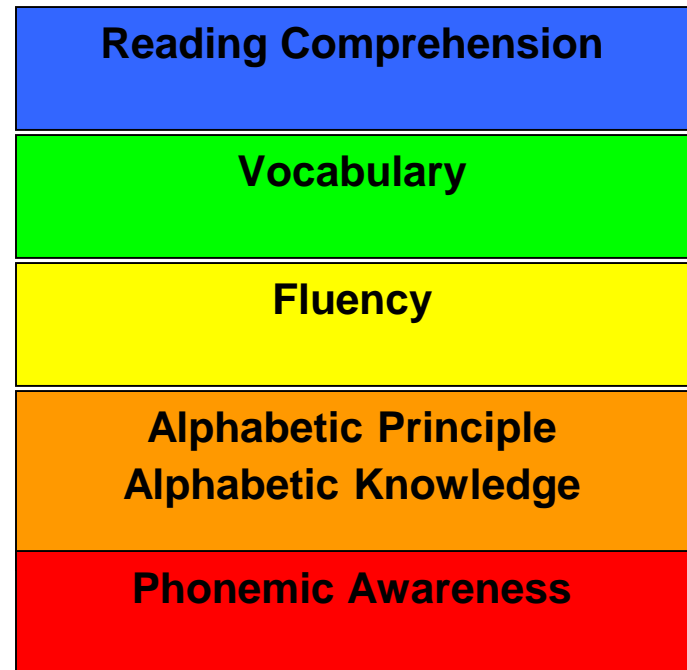


# Learning to Read

## Reading

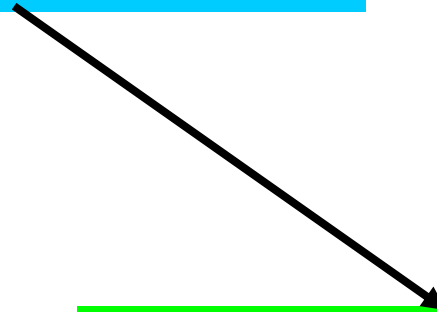


## Intensive Reading



# Reading to Learn

**Reading**



**Extensive  
Reading**



# Eight Major Genres

1. Poetry

2. Fairy Tales

3. Folk Tales

4. Fables

5. Myths & Legends

6. Fantasy

7. Realism / Realistic Fiction

8. Science Fiction



# Ways we hope you can partner us

- Skilled writer
  - Role model writing (This can be reflections, thank-you notes, recipes and even short stories)
  - Encourage your boy to write reflections of what he learnt in school
  - Practise, practise, practise





# Concerns

- Handwriting
  - Upper case and lower case letters especially for letters like 's', 'k', 'j', 'y', 'p' are not written correctly
  - Words do not sit on the line
  - No spacing between words
  - No full-stops at the end of sentences
  - Start a sentence with a capital letter

## How you can help:

- Emphasise the importance of writing correctly and neatly



# Celebrating our Strengths

- Oral Communication
  - Able to carry on a conversation with ease
  - Vocabulary used is beyond age level for some boys
  - Creative ideas 😊



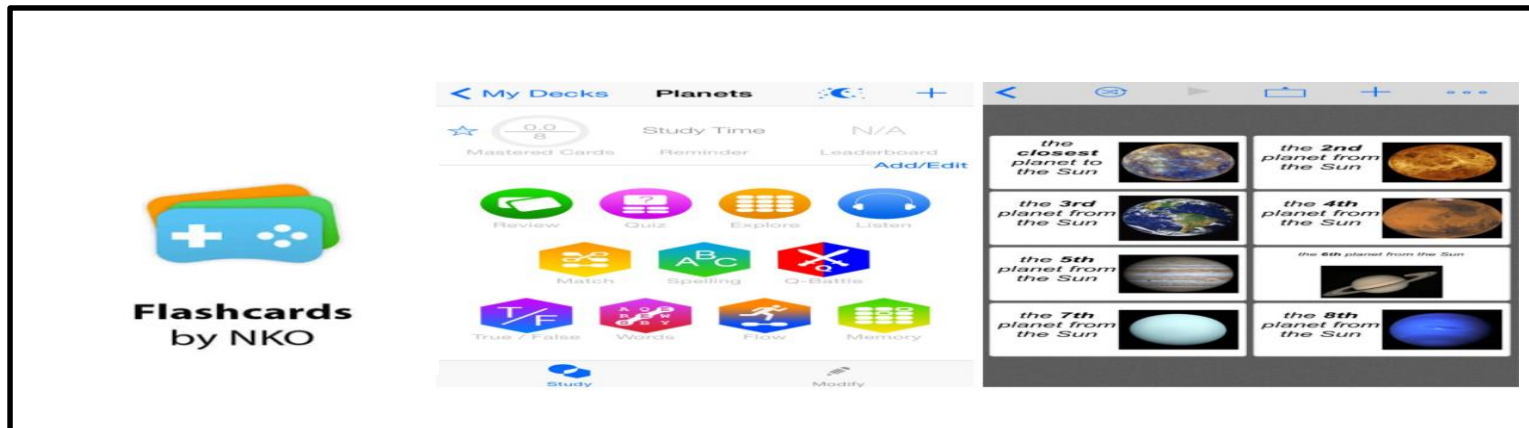
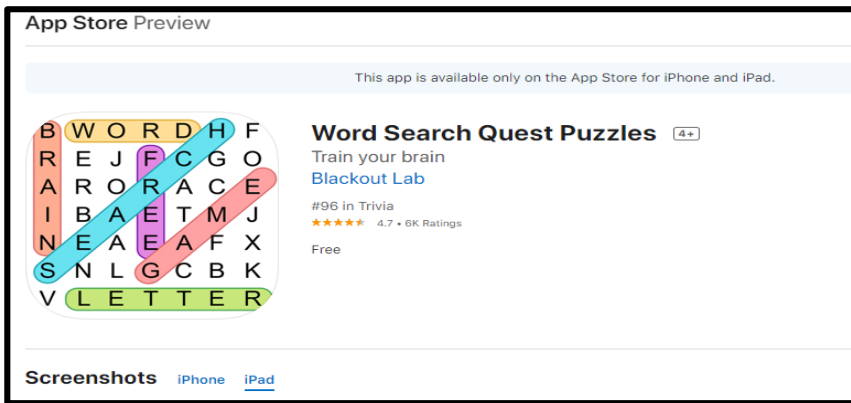
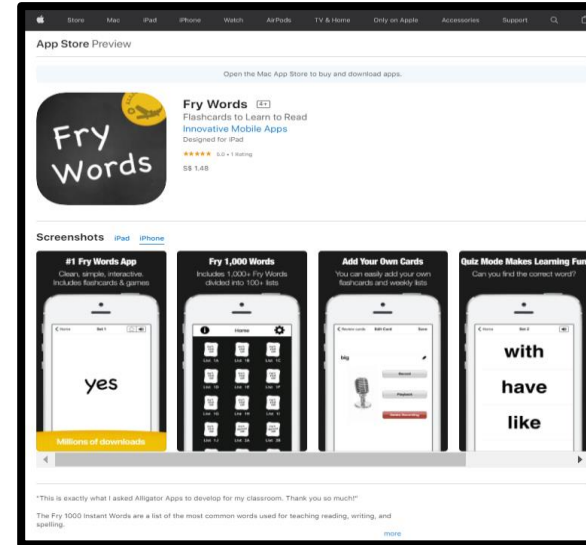
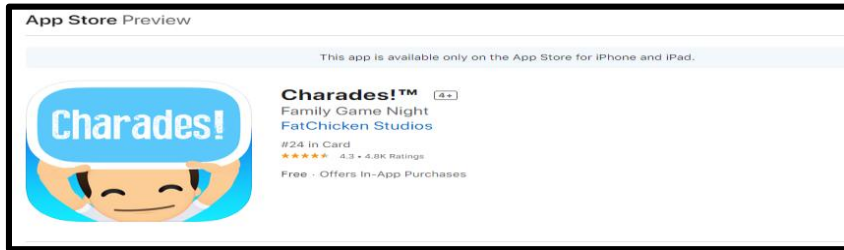
# Learning with Text

## (Recommendations for Parents)

Vocabulary Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Word Search</li><li>● Charades</li><li>● Flashcards</li><li>● Fry Words</li></ul>
Online Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● NLB e-resources</li></ul>



# Apps for learning



# NLB eResources

eresources.nlb.gov.sg/main/Pages/Primary

Secondary School Students  
Professionals  
Adults  
Seniors

By A-Z  
By Type  
By Subject  
For Teens  
For Children


Resources for Mobile Devices  
Ask a librarian

Singapore Resources

Rare Books & Documents  
Singapore e-Encyclopaedia  
Singapore History  
Singapore Music  
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Newspapers

## Recommended e-Books

MORE...



Recommended e-Books by DiscoverReads

- Primary 1
- Primary 2
- Primary 3
- Primary 4
- Primary 5
- Primary 6





Thank you parents!

*Lives are in the making here,  
Hearts are in the waking here,  
Mighty undertaking here,  
Up and On!*

