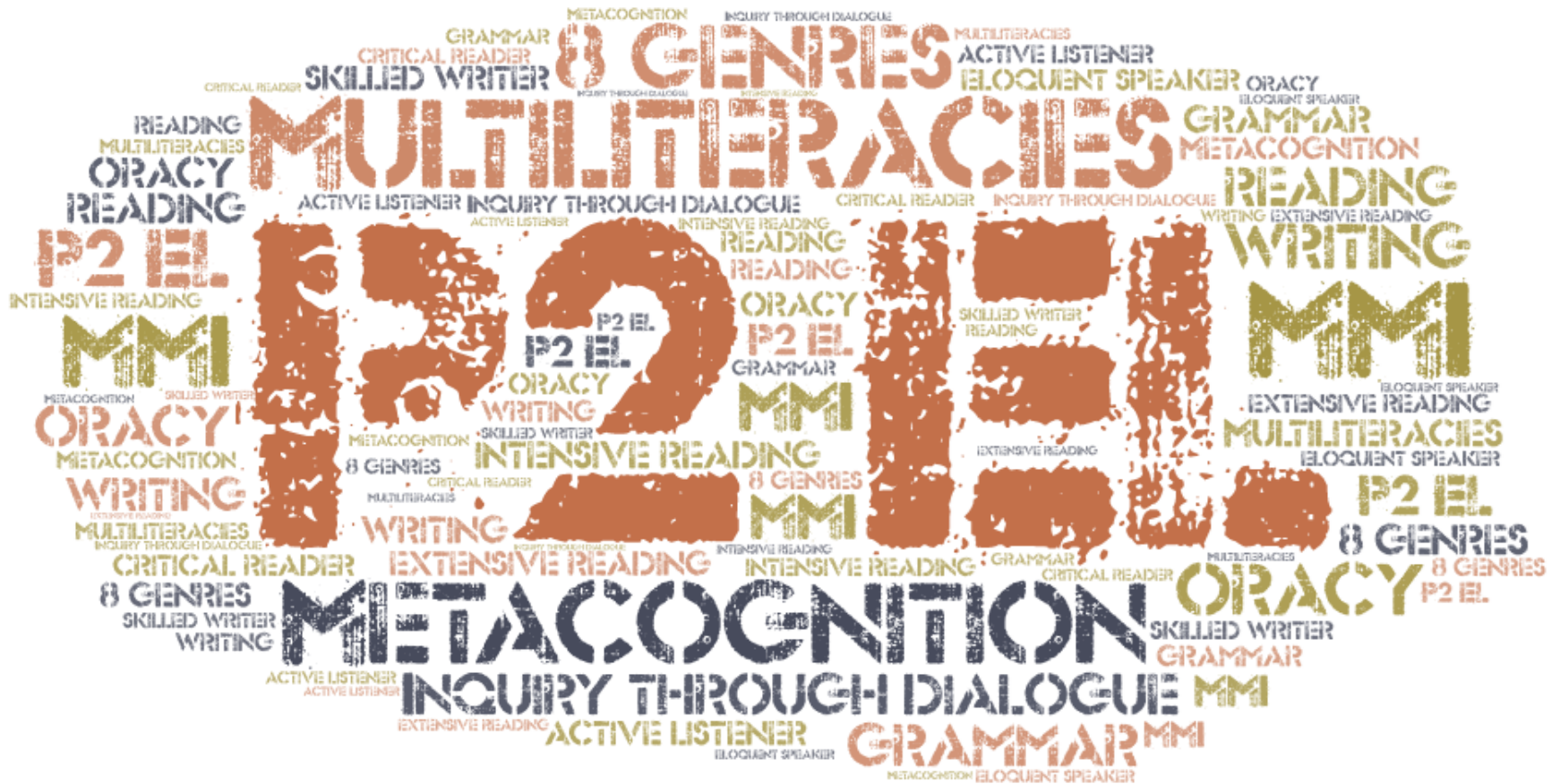


# English Department

## 2022



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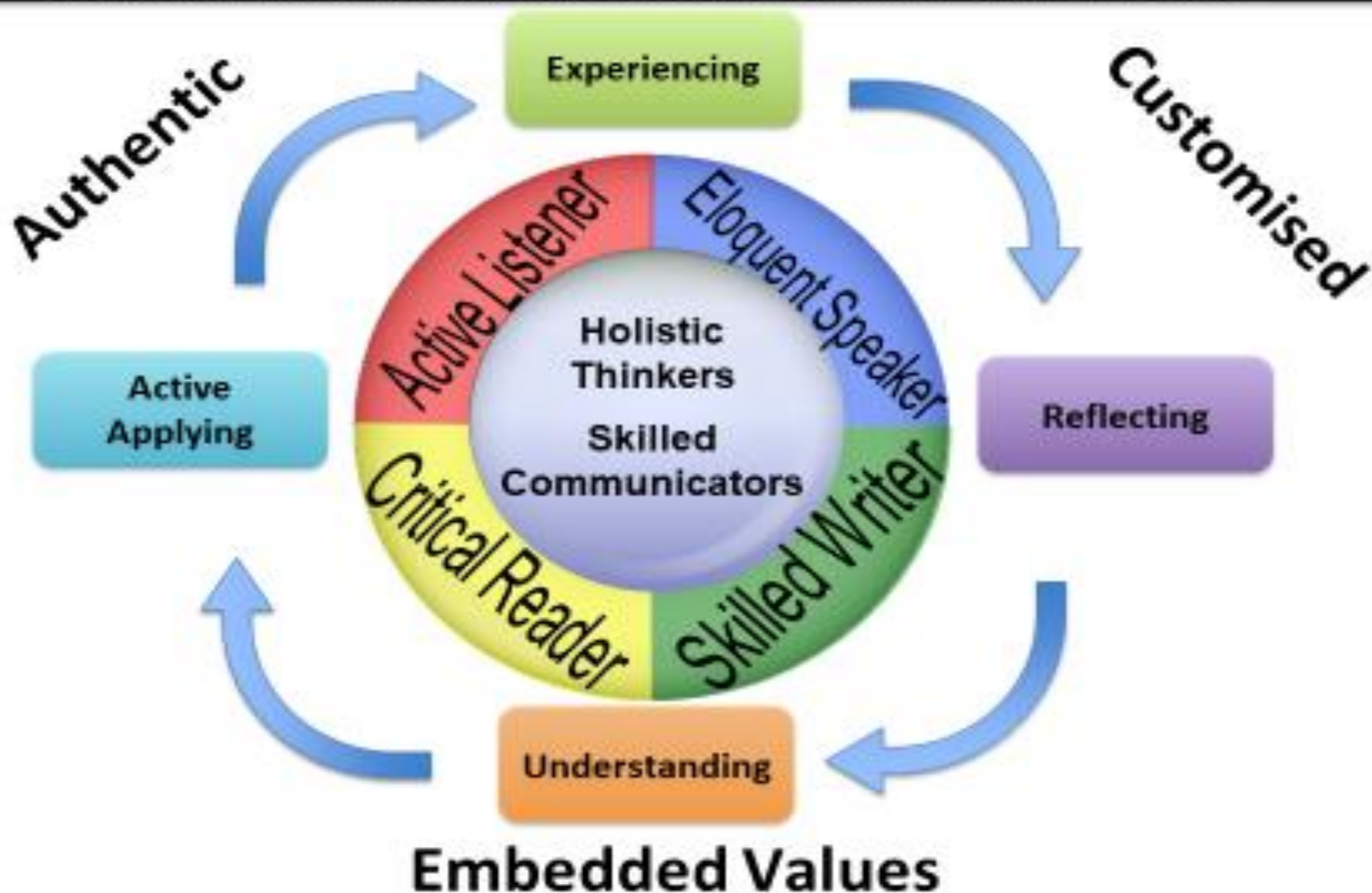
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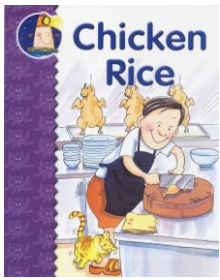


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# STELLAR 2.0

- English Language is taught via Big Books prescribed by MOE.
- Every term, we will read 3 to 4 Big Books.
- We will teach the following components based on the Big Book.
  - Shared Book Approach (SBA)
  - Vocabulary
  - Grammar
  - Listening
  - Oracy
  - Modified Learning Experience Approach (Class Writing, Individual Writing)
  - Word Study
  - One period each week for extensive reading

*Details can be found in the [Parents' Overview](#) that will be sent via Parents' Gateway at the beginning of each term.*



# P2 Key Checkpoints for EL

## Listening

- Listen attentively and identify relevant information.

## Speaking

- Speak clearly to express their thoughts, feelings and ideas.
- Build on others' ideas in the conversations or discussions respectfully.



# P2 Key Checkpoints for EL

## Reading

- Read multi-syllabic words accurately.
- Read aloud Primary 2 texts (e.g. STELLAR texts) with accuracy, fluency and expression.
- Understand Primary 2 texts (e.g. STELLAR texts) and are able to identify the big ideas in the texts and recall sequence of main events.

## Writing

- Apply basic spelling strategies using knowledge about phonic elements and spelling rules.
- Write short paragraphs to recount appropriately sequenced events, describe details, and use tenses and connectors accurately.



# What fun activities are planned for our P2s in 2021?

- More opportunities for developing skilled communicators
  - Choral Recitation
  - Pick and Tell
- More opportunities for developing the skilled writer in your boy
  - Writing narratives
  - Writing of poems
  - Hearts and Voices: Volume 4 (online publication)





**HEARTS AND VOICES  
VOLUME 1**



**HEARTS AND VOICES  
VOLUME 2**



ST. ANDREW'S JUNIOR SCHOOL 2016

**HEARTS AND VOICES  
VOLUME 3**



ST ANDREW'S JUNIOR SCHOOL 2018





# 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’
  - Making it fun!
    - Play simple listening games like ‘Simon Says’
    - I spy with my little eye...something that \_\_\_\_\_



# Concerns



- Speaking and Listening
  - Thinking and reflecting 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?**”
  - Encouraging them to share their thoughts even if it isn't the same as what everyone else says or thinks



# 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

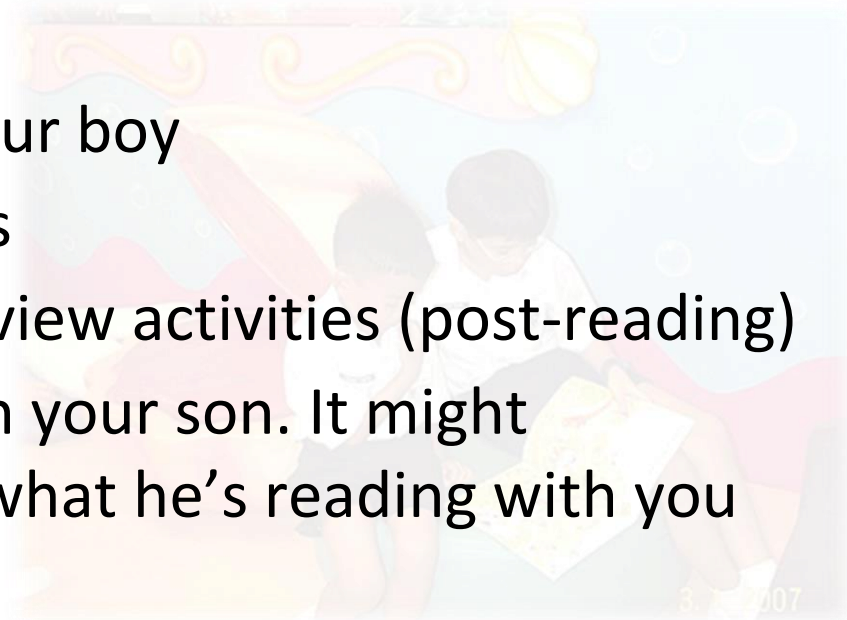
How you can help:

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



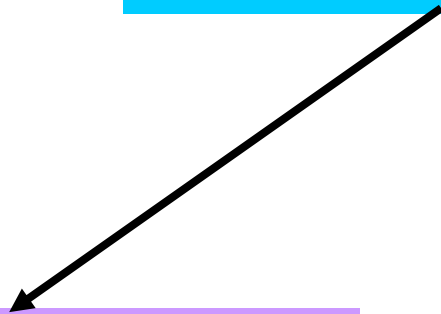
# Ways we hope you can partner us

- 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
  - Read a VARIETY of genres
  - Encourage to do book review activities (post-reading)
  - 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 Comprehension

Vocabulary

Fluency

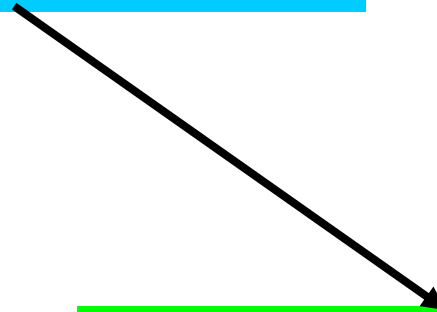
Alphabetic Principle  
Alphabetic Knowledge

Phonemic Awareness



# 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**
- Emphasise the importance of writing correctly and neatly
  - Aligned with Saints Protocol – ***Neat & organised***
  - Aligned with School Values – ***Excellence***



# Concerns

- Handwriting
  - Upper case and lower case letters especially for letters like 's', 'k', 'j', 'y' are not written correctly
  - Words do not sit on the line

## How you can help:

- Emphasise the importance of writing correctly and neatly



# Concerns

- Boys tend to be careless with their punctuation marks
- Boys should check their work to prevent careless spelling errors



# Learning with Text

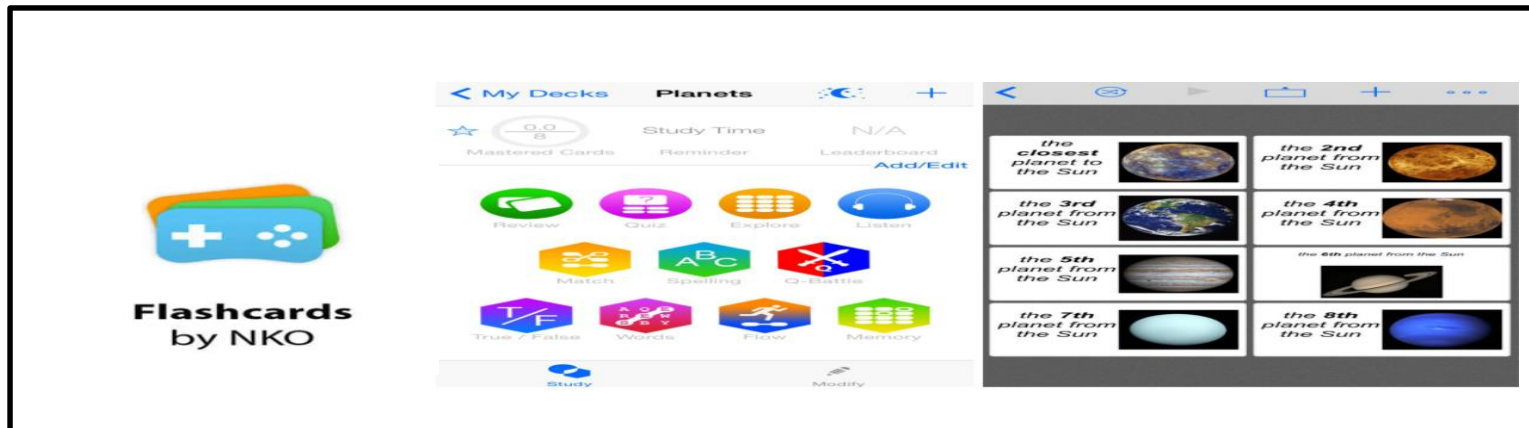
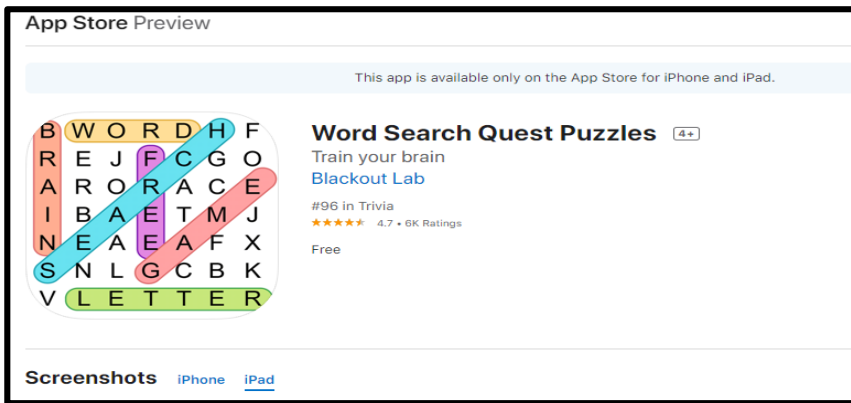
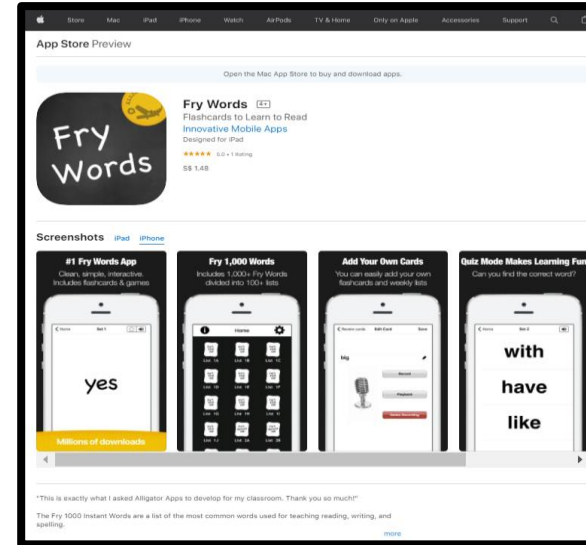
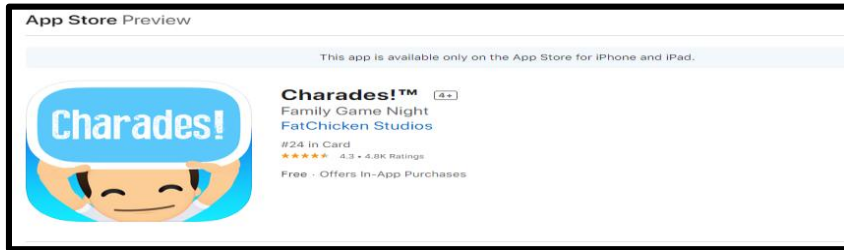
## (Recommendations for Parents)

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|---------------------|---|
| 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 website

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

Secondary School Students  
Professionals  
Adults  
Seniors

By A-Z  
By Type  
By Subject  
For Teens  
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Resources for Mobile Devices  
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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!*

