

# Our Roadmap to develop students' reading capacity:

From Learning to Read to Reading to Learn and Reading across the Curriculum



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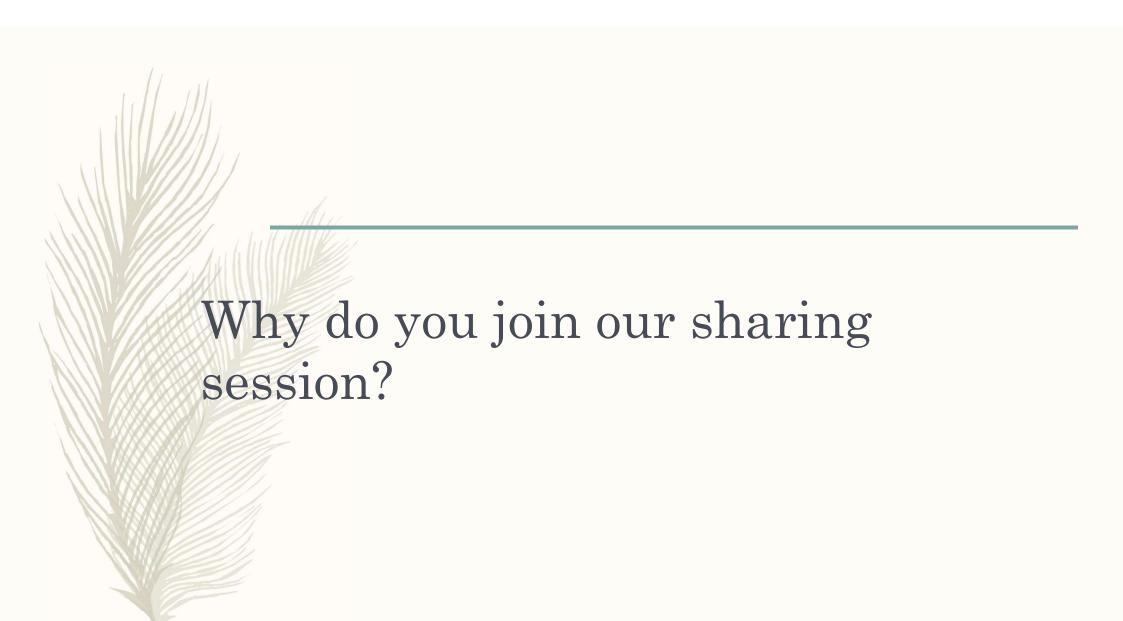
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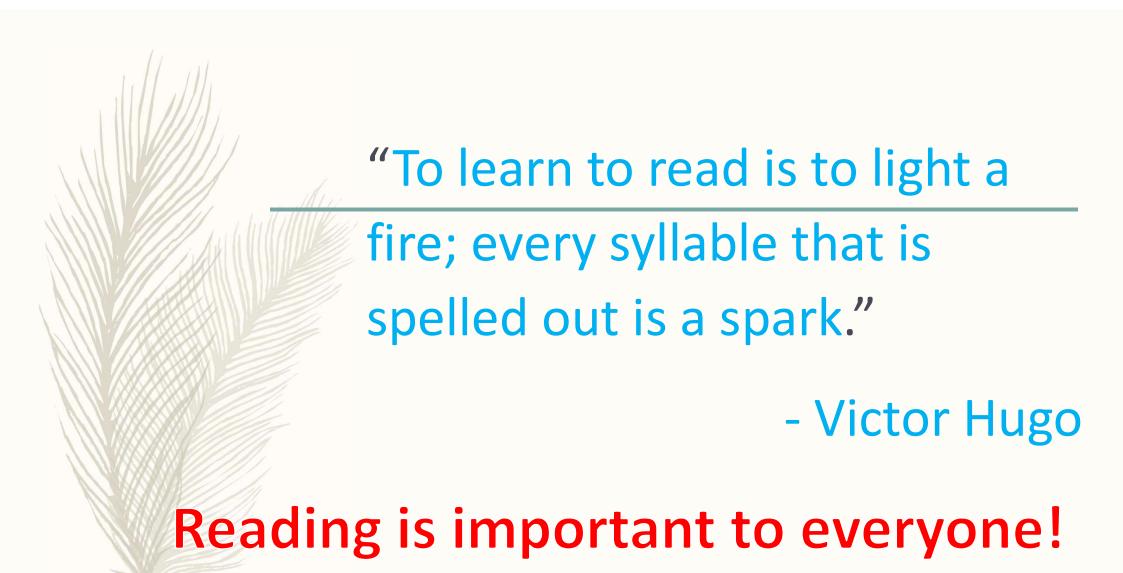
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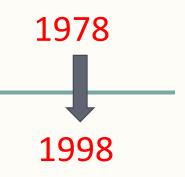
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As a veteran observer of elementary school classrooms, I was especially struck by the second assumption because frequent visits to schools have revealed almost no comprehension instruction .....

Practically no comprehension instruction was seen. Comprehension assessment, carried on for the most part through interrogation, was common. Whether children's answers were right or wrong was the big concern. (Durkin, 1978)



## We need to re-think our reading instruction!

... no revolution has occurred. For example, when my colleagues and I observed fourth- and fifth-grade classrooms in the late 1990s, we, too, saw little comprehension instruction but many teachers posing postreading comprehension questions (Pressley, Wharton-McDonald, Hampston, & Echevarria, 1998).

Learn to Read

# Make reference to the ELE Curriculum Guide

- Reading is important to students of diverse learning abilities at all key stages
  of schooling. It helps develop thinking skills, enriches knowledge, enhances
  language proficiency and broadens life experience.
  - Reading to Learn can be promoted through meaningful learning, teaching and assessment activities. Building on their existing strengths and experience in promoting reading, schools should continue to set Reading to Learn as a sustainable Key Task while due emphasis should be placed on reading across the curriculum (RaC) to help students establish links between concepts and ideas acquired in different KLAs and further enhance their interest in reading and ability to process reading texts in a more in-depth way.

Reading to Learn

Reading across the Curriculum (RaC)





# S.K.H. St. Joseph's Primary School



 Our school is a small school in Kam Tin where the English language environment is not especially rich.

Students lack the reading resources at home or in the community. There is no bookshop or community centre selling English storybooks or promoting reading English books.

Most parents need to work so family support is particularly low.

Students are predominantly weak in English reading and writing.

Students get confused when they learn more.



## Helping our students learn to read

 Integrating the teaching of reading skills in the GE programme and Reading Workshops

Reading skills	P4	P5	P6
Understand the information provided on the book cover, spine or blurb, index and glossary	✓		
Use known parts of words to work out the meaning of unknown words by using visual clues, context and knowledge of the world	✓		
Read written language in meaningful chunks	✓	✓	
Locate specific information	✓	✓	
Scan a text to locate specific information by using strategies such as looking at headings and repeated phrases	✓	✓	
Recognise the presentation of ideas through headings, paragraphing, spacing, italics, bold print and punctuation	✓	✓	
Skim a text to obtain a general impression and the gist or main ideas		✓	✓
Identify details that support the gist or main ideas		✓	✓
Understand intention, attitudes and feelings conveyed in a text by recognising features such as the choice and use of language and images		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Find the main ideas of a paragraph	✓	✓	✓
Recognise the format, visual elements and language features of a variety of text types (e.g. journals, menus, reports and etc.)	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Predict the likely development of a topic by recognising key words, using personal experiences, and making use of the context and knowledge of the world	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
Make inferences	✓	✓	✓



Primary Longman Elect 4A
Unit 3
Reading Text

In line 9, why did Tony look upset?

- A. Crunchy Chocolate was not yummy.
- B. He wanted the dinosaur in Yummy Chocolate.
- C. He did not have enough money.

Students learn the connection between ideas

Primary Longman Elect
5A
Unit 1
Reading Text

Pick the right heading for each paragraph.

Important body

Malaysian language

Impolite body

**Body language** 

Asian language

Teacher's
guidance: identify
key words and
pick a heading
that relates to the
key words

Group discussion

Students learn to grasp the main idea by identifying key words

#### Students learn to make inferences from news headlines

Primary Longman
Elect 6A
Unit 1
Reading Text
(the news
headlines)

News headlines tell a lot of information. Read them and decide if the following statements are true or not.

- 1. There are more than one firemen.
- 2. The family died in the fire.
- 3. The news report talks about policemen.

4. This is the first time Lang Lang comes to Hong Kong.



- 1. Students have become more willing to read.
- Students have built interest in reading stories and developed reading skills to make meaning from stories.
- 3. Students have limited exposure to genres other than fictions and have problems in making meaning from informational texts
- 4. Students need to be equipped with the skills and knowledge to cope with the demands on work and study in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.



## Reading across the Curriculum

2018-20

2017 ELECG

In implementing <u>RaC</u>, teachers of the English Language Education KLA are encouraged to:

- identify reading materials in both print and non-print forms with suitable entry points (e.g. themes, text types,
- language features and vocabulary) for connecting students' learning experiences in different KLAs;
  - help students develop the reading skills and strategies
     necessary for understanding and analyzing language use
- in English texts written **for general or academic purposes** (e.g. text structures, rhetorical functions and vocabulary);



## Reading across the Curriculum

2017 ELECG



- design reading activities that reinforce students' ability to integrate the knowledge, skills and learning experiences gained in different KLAs; and
- At the planning stage
- collaborate with teachers of other KLAs to develop learning activities that provide students with opportunities to consolidate the knowledge and skills acquired across KLAs, and develop the essential attributes that go beyond individual subjects or KLAs such as humanistic qualities and entrepreneurial spirit.

## Our work in initiating RaC in KS2

/- We used the fund from PEEGS to buy readers for students

### Intensive Readers: Teachers teach the reading skills intensively

Primary 4: 8 modules (8 titles x 66 copies) = 528 copies

Primary 5: 8 modules (10 titles x 66 copies) = 660 copies

Primary 6: 8 modules (10 titles x 66 copies) = 660 copies

\*4 lessons allocated for each reader

#### Home Readers: students read the readers based on their reading levels

Primary 4: 18 titles x 22 copies = 396 copies

Primary 5 : 24 titles x 22 copies = 528 copies

Primary 6: 24 titles x 22 copies = 528 copies

\*Readers are leveled for 3

different ability

groups

### Integrating the intensive readers and home readers with the learning modules

P4 Modules	IR	HR		Skills/Values/Knowledge	
Connecting With Other People: Making Friends	Play Sport	A Letter To Roberto	Kids Around The World	New Friend	Locate specific information
Food And Drinks: Choosing Food And Drinks	How Is It Made? Chocolate	It's Good Enough To Eat	Too Many Treats	Sushi	Locate specific information Skim for general ideas
Changes: Now And Then	Snorkeling With Nana	Children's Games	Getting Ready For School	Leisure In The Past	Locate specific information Find the meaning of unfamiliar words
Happy Days: Entertainment And Leisure	Going To The Movies				Get more information
We Love HK: Travelling Around	A School Map	Famous Landmarks	Places Around The World	This Is Tower That Frank Built	Locate specific information Find the meaning from the known words
Food And Drinks: Healthy Eating	What's For Lunch?	Dragons Don't Eat Meat	Staying Healthy	Healthy Foods	Understand the information provided on the book cover, spine or blurb, index and glossary
Changes: Making Improvements	How Much Screen Time?	Rhino's Bad Manners	Spend Now Or Spend Later?	Rapunzel	Read written language in meaningful chunks
People And Places Around The World: Wonderful People And Things	Big Cities				Find the main ideas

### Integrating the intensive readers and home readers with the learning modules

P5 Modules	IR	HR		Skills/Values/Knowledge	
Caring for Others: Be Considerate	Helping Others	Mai's Bus Ride	Duck Feet	Samantha's Brother	Find the main ideas Be considerate
Language Arts: Fun with Plays	Costumes On Shows	The Gingerbread Man	The Frog Prince	The Elves And The Shoemaker	Understand the information provided on the book cover, spine or blurb, index and glossary Enjoy different language arts
Happy Days: Entertainment and Leisure	Markets Around The World	Introducing Australia	Our Day In The Big City	Let's Go Camping	Locate for specific information Respect the differences in the world
People and Places Around the World: Wonderful People	Martin Luther Great Inventors	People Who Made A Difference	Who Was Steve Jobs?	Who Was Mother Teresa?	Find the main ideas and the supporting details Successful paths of a person
Happy Days: Fun with Making Things	Making A Clown Pinata	A Home For Tiny Turtle	Making A Mobile	Race Through Space	Locate specific information Be creative
We Love HK: Travelling Around	Our Trip To The City Looking At Maps	Travelling Around The City	The World Of Transportation	Journeys: Land, Air, Sea	Find the main ideas Get more information about the world
Caring For Others: News and Events	Reading The Newspaper	An Exciting Outing	Carla Crocodile's Adventure	Legends(crimebuster)	Recognize the key concepts of different textual features
Connecting with Other People: Visiting the Doctor	Out And About At The Hospital	Mr Bean(toothache)	Smile! A Trip To The Dentist	Health Online	Know more about the hospitals Be respectful

Non-fiction books

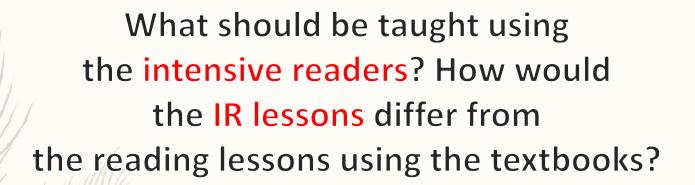


### Integrating the intensive readers and home readers with the learning modules

P6 Modules	IR	HR			Skills/Values/Knowledge
Changes: Growing Up	Wildlife Scientist	Legend-chaz Superchef	Players Around The World	Young Artists	Skim the text, locate for specific information, read graph and tables to get more information Extend knowledge on jobs
Problems around the world	Storms	Escape From Pacaya	<b>Earthquakes</b>	School Around The World	Find the meaning of unfamiliar words; know more about natural phenomenon
Language Arts: Fun with stories	Characters With Courage Famous Writers	Legends-kim's Film Flops	Creating A Cartoon	Special Effects	Predict the likely development Identify details that support main gists Enjoy different language arts
People and places around the world: Festivals	Let's Celebrate!	Looking For Blu	Holidays Around The World	The New Year	Find the main ideas Respect different cultures
Language Arts: Fun with writing stories	Cao Chong And The Elephant Androcles And The Lion	The Wind And The Sun	The Ant And The Grasshopper	The Peacock & The Crane	Find the main ideas Predict the likely development of the story Learn a moral story and develop the sense of self- reflection Understand the intention and attitude
Caring for others: Taking care of the Earth	Global Warming	The Rubbish Monster	Recycling Plastic	At Risk	Find the main ideas Develop citizenship and love the world
Changes: Growing up	Sprints :Diary Of A Stinky Kid	Diary Of A Dog	A Birthday Present For Mum	Minh's New Life	Understand the intention, feelings and attitude by the choice of words.  Treasure what we have got
Connecting with other people: sending a message	Soo Yun's Book The Giving Tree	Camp Buddies	Cooper's Big Speech	Ms McMahon	Predict the likely development Treasure what we have got

Non-fiction books





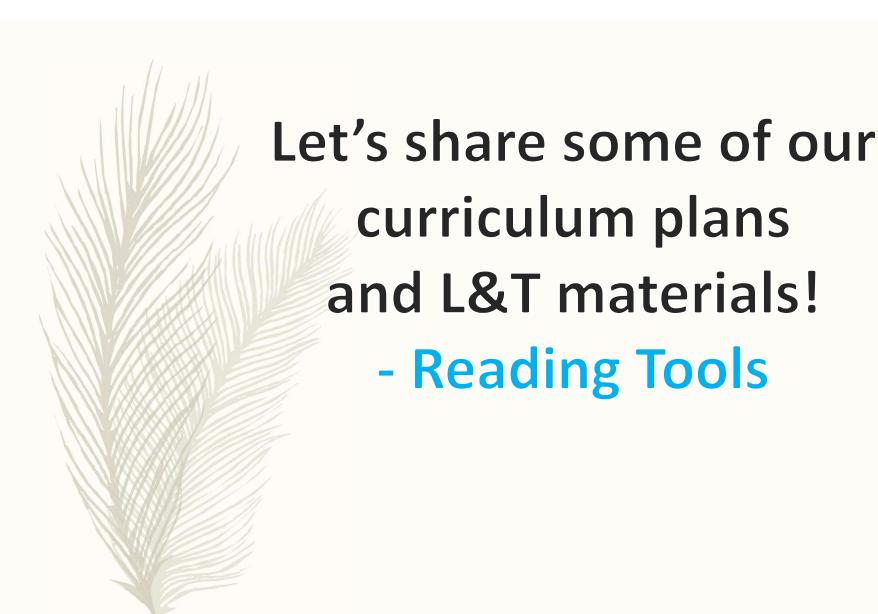
The intensive readers include many nonfiction / informational texts

Broaden students'
views to see the world
and to learn new
knowledge

Enable students to notice the features of informational texts

Enable students to notice the textual grammar used in informational texts

Enable students to employ reading skills to decode meaning of difficult words, grasp the main ideas ...



# Reading tools

Read

· Read the title. It tells you what the ar

Read

 Read the introduction and the headings main ideas.

Remember

When you are reading, remember the v
 They are the key vocabulary of the top

Study

 Study the photographs or the diagrams ideas in the book.

Like a tool kit to help students 'open up' the informational texts Reminds students of using the reading tools when a book is

introduced

## Reading tools

**Global Warming** 

by Shelly Buchanan

Book cover

- Title
- Author
- Predict what students will read

**Content page** 

Get more information about the book

**Back cover** 

Message from the writer

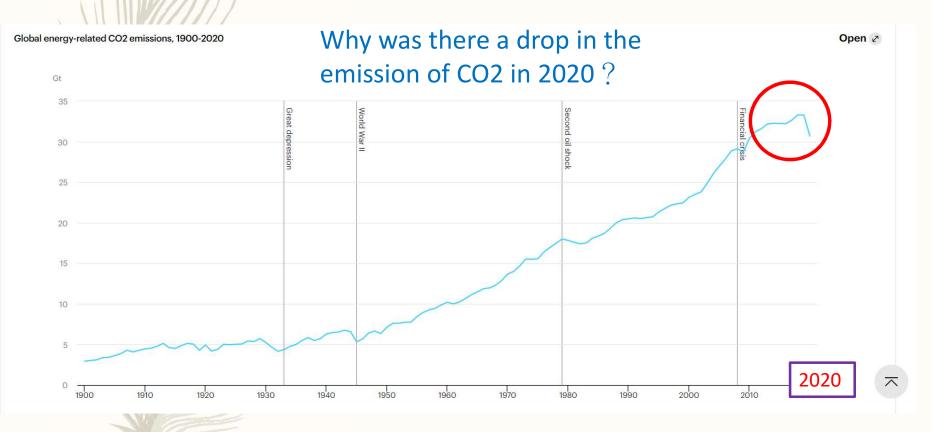
Headings and topic sentence

Clues about the main idea

**Graphs & figures** 

Provide quantitative data to facilitate interpretation and encourage further learning

# Enable learning beyond the text - encourage students to find out more on the Internet!



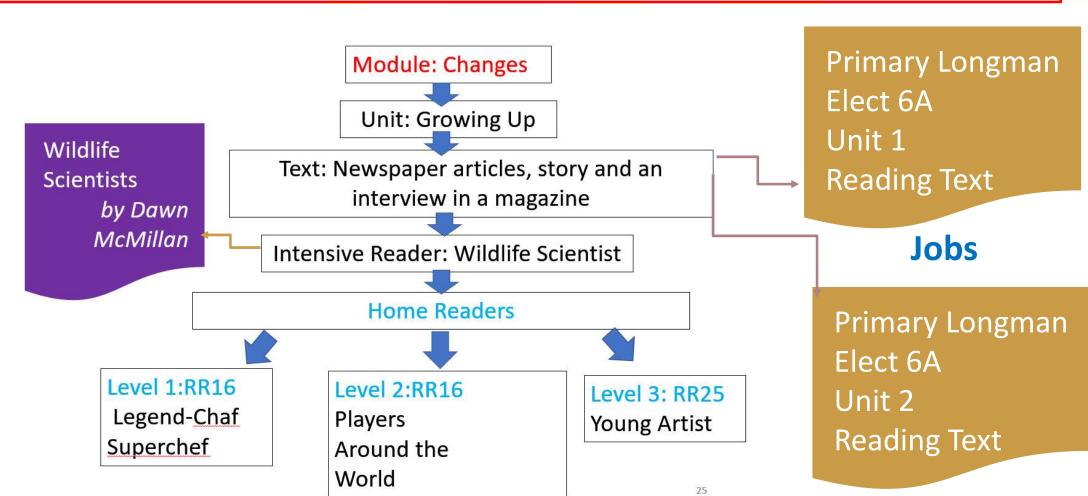
https://www.iea.org/reports/global-energy-review-2020/global-energy-and-co2-emissions-in-2020

Let's share some of our curriculum plans and L&T materials!

Reading Tools

How do we organize our lessons in dealing with intensive readers

P6 Modules	Text	IR	HR			Skills/Values/Knowledge
Changes: Growing Up	Stories, newspaper, Interview	Wildlife Scientist	Legend-chaz Superchef	Players Around The World	Young Artists	Skim the text, locate specific information, read graph and tables to get more information Extend knowledge on jobs



### How much do you know about wildlife scientists?

Wildlife Scientists

> by Dawn McMillan

- How do wildlife scientists work out the number of polar bears born each year?
  Dr. Stirling puts a collar on the bears. He counts the number of bears without the collars to check the number of bears born each year.
- Do you know how fast a polar bear can run in chasing after his/her prey?40kph
- Ochimpanzees are said to be like human beings. Do you know in what ways they act like human beings? From Dr. Goodall's observation, chimpanzees think, have feelings, hug and play with each other and are able to make tools.

# Learning objectives:

Wildlife Scientists

> by Dawn McMillan

- 1. Skim through the chapters to get the gist
- 2. Scan the relevant chapters to locate specific information
- 3. Interpret graphs and tables to obtain more information
- 4. Build a repertoire on endangered species

#### The lessons:

- 1. Warm up and lead in (KWL)
- 2. Grasp a general understanding of the work of wildlife scientists
- 3. Learn about the two wildlife scientists and the two endangered species
- 4. Build vocab about endangered species

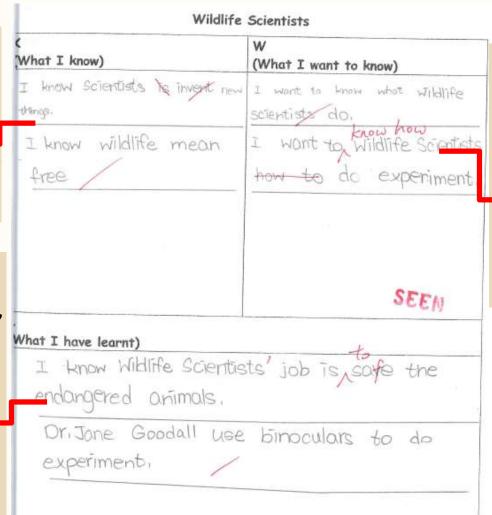
#### Lesson 1 – Warm up & Lead in

## K

- I know scientists invent new things
- I know wildlife mean free

#### L

- I know wildlife scientists' job is to save the endangered animals
- Dr. Jane Goodall use binoculars to do experiments.



#### W

- I want to know what wildlife scientists do.
- I want to know how wildlife scientists do experiments.

#### Lesson 2 - Grasp a general understanding of the work of wildlife scientists

Read the following passage and choose the best answers by blackening the circles.

- ① Do you love animals and being outdoors? You might like to be a wildlife scientist Wildlife scientists learn about animals and plants. They often s 1. As intro
- Wildlife scientists help us learn about endangered anima how to make sure they do not disappear from the world.
- 3 Dr. Ian Stirling has studied polar bears in Hudson Bay, C has also learned about climate change in the Arctic.
- A The Arctic climate is getting warmer. Sea ice is melting.
- to hunt seals. Dr. Stirling predicts that polar bears may disappear from Hudson Bay if there is not enough sea ice.
- Between 20,000 and 27,000 polar bears live in the wild. Some scientists predict that 10 all polar bears could disappear from Earth within 100 years. The polar bears are dying out because of climate change.
- 1. Read line 2. What does 'them' refer to?
  - O A. Wildlife scientists.
  - OB. Animals.
  - Oc. Plants
- Pronoun reference skills
- D. Animals and plants.

1. As introduction to the work of wildlife scientists

2. Develop reading skills

2. Read line 2. What does 'study' mean? Dictionary skills

study n

1. A room used or designed for reading, writing, or academic work.

'The room was used as a study.'

2. A piece of work, especially a drawing, done for practice or as an experiment.

"Her drawings are charcoal studies based on the posed model.'

study v

3. Analyse or examine something very carefully

"He has studied butterflies for many years.'

4. Look at closely in order to observe or read.

"She bent her head to study the plans.'

#### Differentiate false information

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3. Which of the following is NOT true?

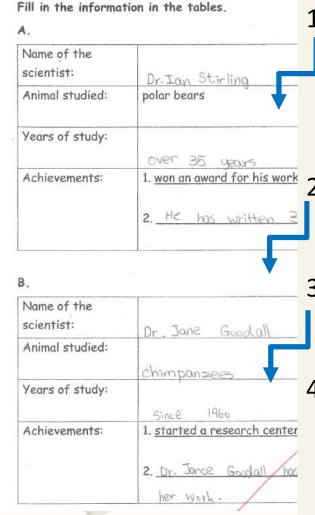
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- O A. Dr. Ian Stirling is a wildlife scientist.
- O B. Dr. Ian Stirling has studied polar bears for a long time.
- © c. We do not need to worry about the number of polar bears.
- OD. We may not see any more polar bear after 100 years.
- 4. What is the main idea of this passage?
  - A. Wildlife scientist is an important job.
  - B. Polar bears are in danger.
  - O c. Hudson Bay is getting warmer.

#### Getting the main idea

O D. Dr. Ian Stirling has been a wildlife scientist for a long time.

### Lesson 3 - Learn about the two wildlife scientists and the two endangered species

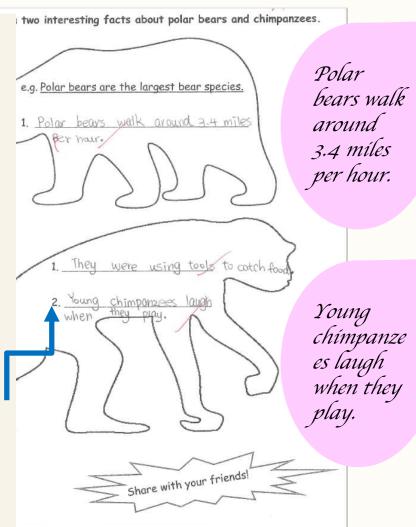


Learn new knowledge
 about the 2 famous
 wildlife scientists and the
 2 endangered species
 they studied

Develop reading skills – locate specific information

3. Learn the skill of organizing information into a table

4. Allow students to have choice to pick 2 interesting facts about the endangered species



#### Lesson 4 - Build an initial repertoire on endangered species

There are many interesting words in the book. Le

#### endangered (adjective)

1. (of a species) seriously at risk of extinction.



#### research (noun/verb) 研算

#### Noun

- The systematic investigation into and study of mate establish facts and reach new conclusions. Verb
- 1. Investigate systematically.

#### environment (noun)自然環境

- 1. The surroundings or conditions in which a person, anima
- 2. The natural world

#### survive (verb)

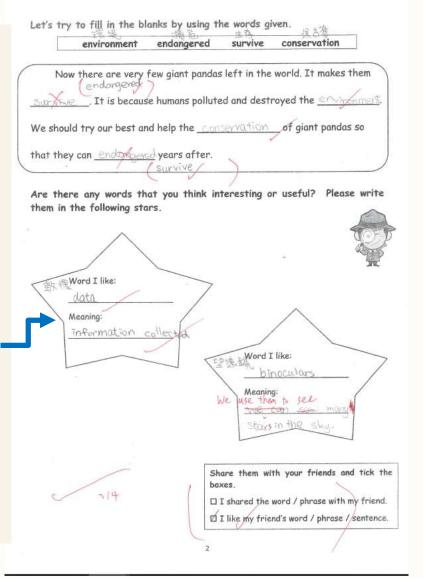
1. Continue to live or exist, especially in spite of danger o

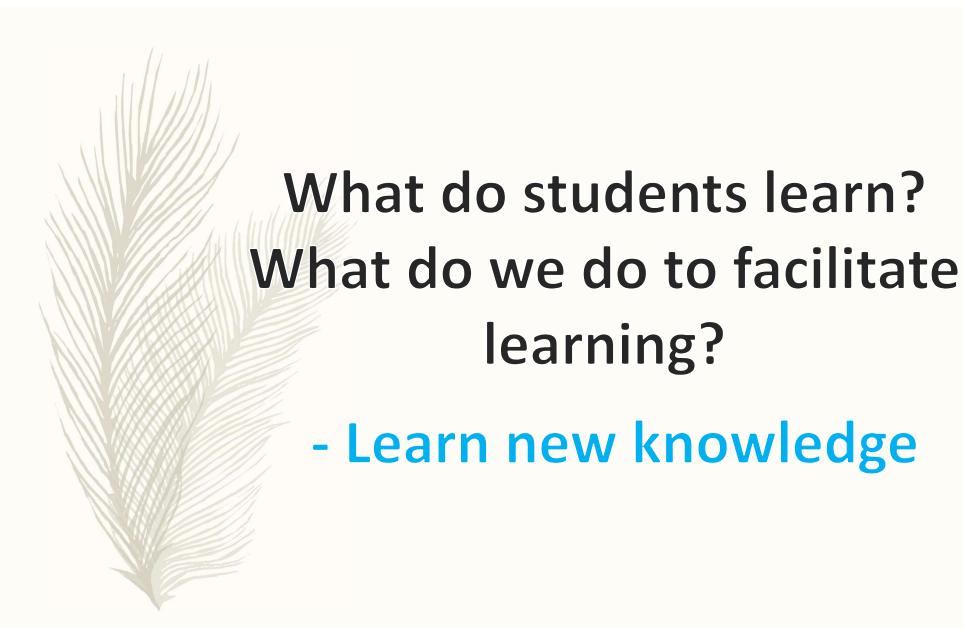
#### conservation (noun)

- 1. Prevention of wasteful use of a resource.
- 2. Preservation, protection, or restoration of the natural
- Preservation and repair of archaeological, historical, an artefacts.

Enable students to learn vocab they often find in texts about endangered species

- Allow students freedom to pick own words to learn and encourage sharing of these vocab with friends

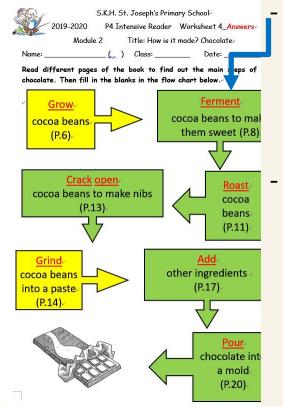




P4 Modules	Text	IR	HR			Skills/Values/Knowledge
Connecting With Other People: Making Friends		Play Sport	<mark>A Letter To</mark> Roberto	<mark>Kids Around The</mark> World	New Friend	Locate specific information
Food And Drinks: Choosing Food And Drinks		How Is It Made? Chocolate	It's Good Enough To Eat	Too Many Treats	Sushi	Locate specific information Skim for general ideas

How is it made? Chocolate

by Pogo



Learn how chocolate is made from the plant to the finished product Build a repertoire of adjectives and verbs to describe chocolate and the process of the making of chocolate

in P.4 and P.18-19 of the book and find out some adjectives that colate is: Adjectives Is it about taste / texture / appearance ☑ Taste sweet. ☐ Texture □ Appearance. ☐ Taste smooth Appearance
 ☐ Taste ☑ Texture □ Appearance. ✓ Taste ☐ Texture ☐ Appearance ✓ Taste □ Texture □ Appearance. □ Taste ☐ Texture ☑ Appearance □ Taste ☑ Texture (This is not an adjective!) ☐ Appearance

## How Much Screen Time?

by Cara Torrance

	() Class: cs below. Then watch one of t electronic devices.	
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Video 2 - Dodgeball	Video 2 - Korean≠	Video 2 - Polymer clay
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	28 Y	
	■ (26.3%)	
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1. What is this video o	bout?	
This video is about		
		-
Do you like this video?	Why or why not?	
* PC	video because	

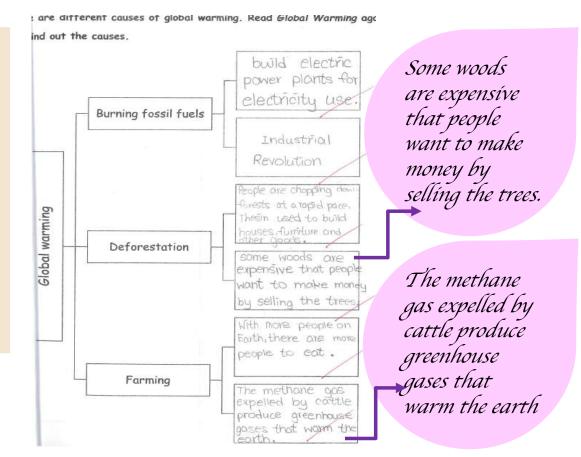
Message from the book - a world of possibilities

- Enable students to enrich their learning through screen time
- Allow students freedom to choose what they want to learn and give feedback to the video clips

					glossary
Changes: Making Improvements	How Much Screen Time?	Rhino's Bad Manners	Spend Now Or Spend Later?	Rapunzel	Read written language in meaningful chunks
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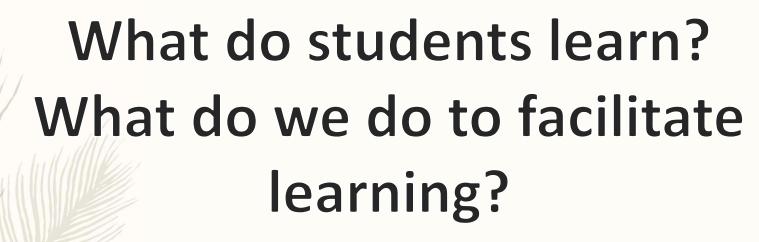
#### **Global Warming**

by Shelly Buchanan



- Enable students to learn what global warming means and the causes for global warming

Caring for others: Taking care of the Earth	Global Warming	The Rubbish Monster	Recycling Plastic	At Risk	Find the main ideas Develop citizenship and love the world
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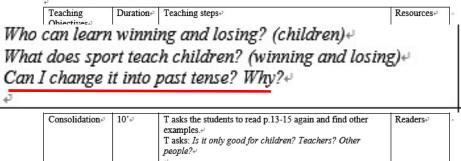
- Learn new knowledge

- Learn the textual features / grammar of informational texts

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Connecting With Other People: Making Friends		Play Sport	A Letter To Roberto	Kids Around The World	New Friend	Locate specific information
Food And Drinks: Choosing Food And Drinks		How Is It Made?	It's Good Fnough	Lesson 3: Explore the langu	age feature∉	, January 1

**Play Sport!** 

by Julie Haydon



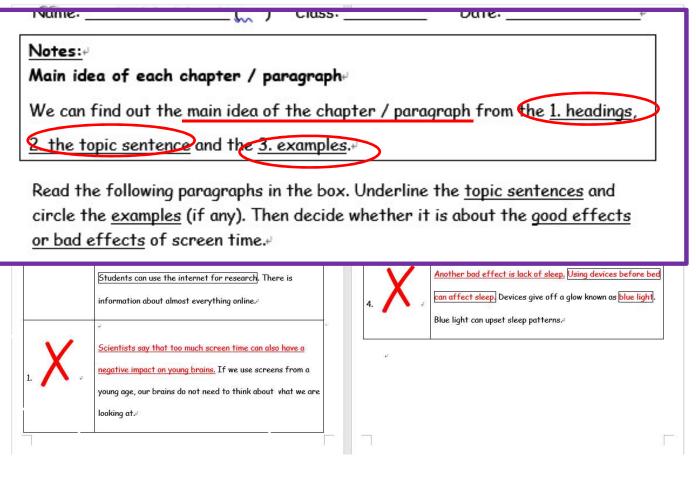
T asks: Is it only good for children? Teachers? Other people?

T asks: Ss to use the target language to make sentences.

Informational texts are usually written in Simple Present Tense

### How Much Screen Time?

by Cara Torrance





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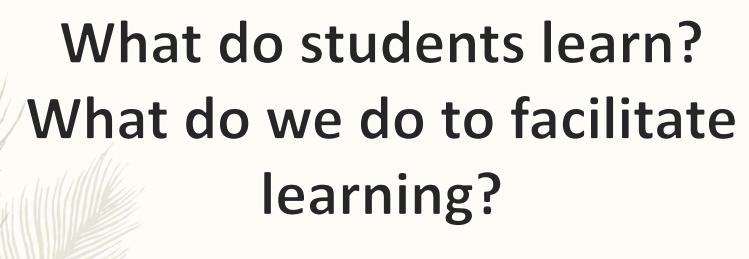
C) Scan the book and match the paragraphs with the correct m making chocolate.

'At the Grower', 'At the Maker', 'Final Steps'

At the 1 Words Final Steps. At the Grower The final step is pouring | Cocoa trees are small | The roasted cocoa beans | the melted chocolate trees. They grow in are cracked open. The into a mold. Once it has tropical areas around the shell is removed. Small cooled, it is removed. world. Cocoa beans are pieces of bean remain. Then it is wrapped up. It the seeds of the tree's They are called nibs. is shipped to stores and fruit. When the fruit is At this point, other sold. When you buy the ripe, the pods are cut ingredients are added to chocolate, the most open. The pulp is scooped the chocolate. They important step can take out. Inside are 20 to 60 include sugar, milk, cocoa place. You can eat it! Yum! cocoa beans. butter, and flavorings.

main idea by searching key

Learn to get the

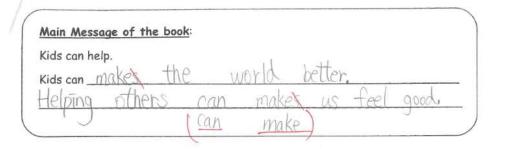


- Learn new knowledge
- -Learn the textual features / grammar of informational texts
  - Nurture virtues and values

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#### **Helping Others**

by Elizabeth Anderson Lopez



Take Actions: What's your action? Let's plan and write your ideas below.



Students initiate

plans to help the

needy



# • Give them blood. • Give them toys to play • Give them books to read. • Draw cards for them

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Language Arts, Fun with Dlave		Costumos On Chaus	The Cincerbrood	The Free Drings	The Flyes And The	Understand the information

#### **Helping Others**

Main Message of the book:

Kids can help.

Kids can do a little work but change a part of the world.

Take Actions: What's your action? Let's plan and write your ideas below.

by Elizabet Anderson Lope



• teach them homework

• talk to them when they are solt

• play with them

• listen to them

Main Message of the book:

Kids can help.

Kids can help to make the world a better place,

Take Actions: What's your action? Let's plan and write your ideas below.



What can I do?

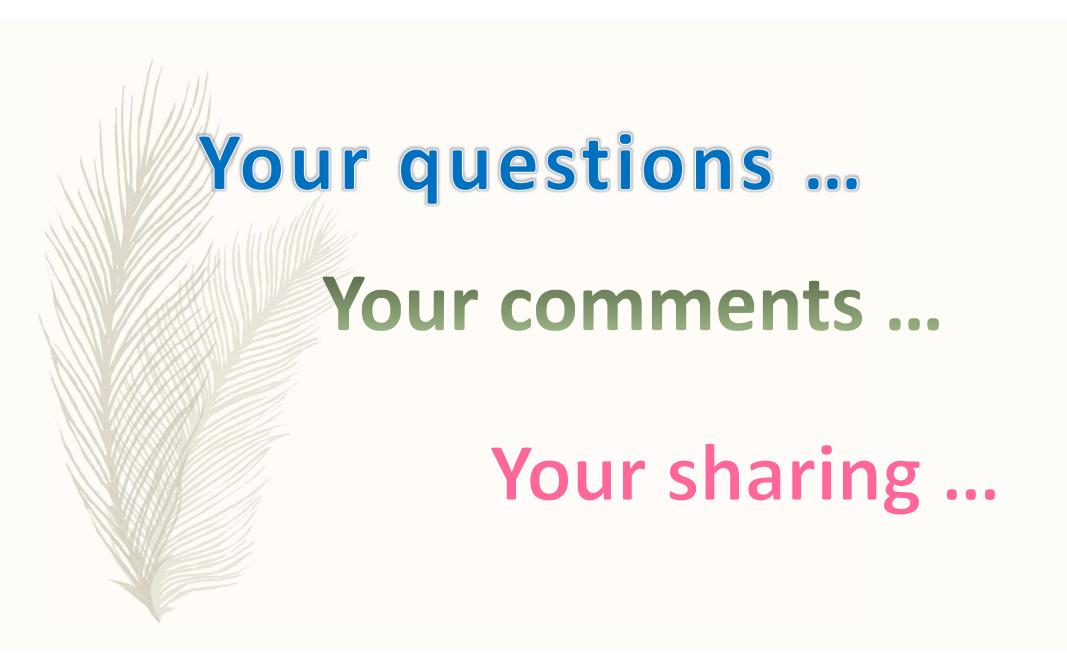
- . donate some old clother
- · donate money.
- · give them some sleeping bac
- · provide lunchbox

\* EXCELLENT

SEXCELLENT

udents initiate ans to help the edy





## Thank you!

For professional sharing and exchange, please contact

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