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Unleashing the Potential of Reading-to-Writing Cycles: A Journey of Curriculum Renewal at the Interface of KS1 and KS2

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Ongoing Renewal of the ELE Curriculum



ELE KLA CG (P1-S6) (2017)

...adapt textbooks and other language learning resources, and supplement them with interesting authentic materials and e-resources to suit students' needs and foster the development of a broader range of literacy skills...'

"...formulate an assessment and homework policy that promotes "assessment for learning" (AfL) and "assessment as learning" (AaL)...

"...strengthening values education through the use of a wide array of learning and teaching resources which provide contexts for students to explore a wealth of value-laden issues and stimuli for critical and imaginative responses..."

"...assigning quality homework to provide language practice in meaningful contexts, instead of meaningless mechanical drills..."

Ongoing Renewal of the ELE Curriculum

"...all primary schools will continue to **build on their progress and strengths accomplished over the years**, deepen the outcomes of good practices, focus on the major directions and major renewed emphases, and sustain the momentum of "Learning to Learn 2+" in light of students' learning progress..."

'...providing students with diversified, appropriate and meaningful learning experiences...'



organic integration

mutual coordination

learning within and beyond the classroom

natural connection

diversified strategies

whole-school participation



PECG (Pilot Version) (2022)

School background

- Sung Tak Wong Kin Sheung Memorial School
- Located in Tai Po
- School Mission:
 - Emphasise a holistic education
 - Focus on the integral formation of the whole person

Start our children on the pathway of ELE and unleash their full potential within the school and in the wider community



Optimising Reading-to-Writing Cycles

Making more coherent connections between reading (as input) and writing (as output) through selecting, integrating, and adapting various types of resources, such that students are provided with

(i) diversified, age-appropriate and meaningful learning experiences and (ii) opportunities to be exposed to, and use, English purposefully.



Key Optimising Principles

(to guide and sustain curriculum renewal)

Promoting text
grammar and
blended learning

Adopting ageappropriate pedagogies (e.g. songs and games) Fostering learning with incremental scaffolding

Connecting language learning and teaching to **real life**

Infusing values
education in the
ELE curriculum



Facilitating peer appreciation and learning

Creating opportunities for "assessment as learning"

Extending students' learning experiences through cross-curricular and experiential learning

Catering for learner diversity through differentiation

Highlights from Primary 3

General sequence:

"from reading to writing" to complement textbook learning

Textbook: Longman Leap

Module: Caring and sharing Chapter 3: When I was little

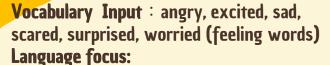
Chapter 4: Happy weekend

Reading and Writing Booklet et classroom-based activities



Writing Task

Textbook



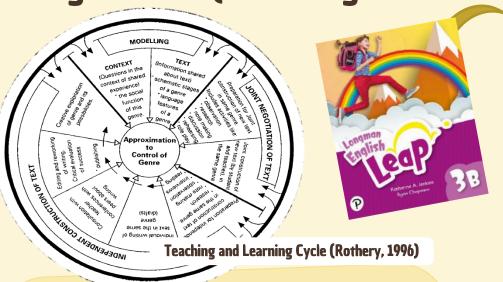
I swam in the sea. (use of past tense)

Text type: Diary

Writing Task: My Mother's Day

the timeline to thin	k of some ideas.	
rite a diary entry for	your Mother's Day w	with the help of the time

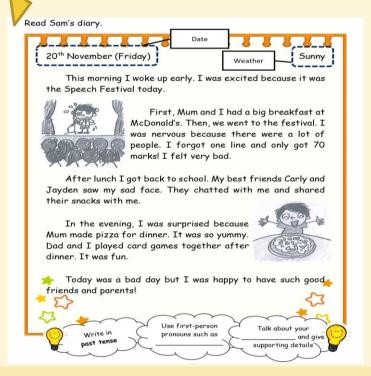
Text grammar (Modelling text & deconstruction)



Modelling text and text exploration

"...understand the features associated with a particular text type [i.e. Reading] and apply the knowledge acquired in writing and creating relevant texts [i.e. Writing]..."

(ELE KLA CG, 2017)



Rothery, J. 1996. 'Making changes developing an educational linguistics' in R. Hasan and G. Williams (eds.). *Literacy in Society*. London: Longman.

Adopting age-appropriate pedagogies

'...provide opportunities for children to learn the language through multisensory exploration and expose them to pleasurable and ageappropriate English activities (e.g. games, songs) rather than teach it formally...' (ELE KLA CG, 2017)







Use of games and songs

WORD LEVEL

- Word cards were made. They helped less able students to recognise words.
- Songs were used to familiarise students with key vocabulary items and language structures.



SENTENCE LEVEL

 Word dices were made. Students made simple sentences by throwing the dices. They liked this game very much.



Past Tense Song

(a collaborative activity)

listen, listened; stay, stayed; jump, jumped; play, played; talk, talked; look, looked. Please add 'e-d'.

chat, cha<u>tted;</u> clap, cla<u>pped;</u> skip, ski<u>pped;</u> hop, ho<u>pped;</u> pat, pa<u>tted;</u> stop, stopped. Add 't' or 'p' and 'e-d'.

tidy, tidied; dry, dried; try, tried; fry, fried; study, studied; cry, cried.

Change 'y' to 'i-e-d'.

give, gave; sing, sang; drink, drank; swim, swam; draw, drew; ride, rode. You need to change the vowel.



Source: Longman Leap, 3B Tune: Skip to my lou '...appreciate the beauty of the language through enjoying singing English songs and reading simple rhymes...'

(ELE KLA CG, 2017)



Students from the four classes sang the past tense song together with simple gestures. This enables them to deepen their learning of the simple past tense form in a fun and pleasurable way!

Fostering learning with incremental scaffolding

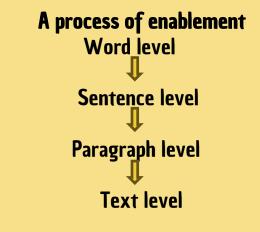
'...teachers need to conduct appropriate pre-task, while-task and post-task activities to engage students in constructing knowledge actively and progressively, as well as to provide appropriate support and scaffolding to facilitate students' successful completion of the tasks...'

(ELE KLA CG, 2017)

Incorporating enabling tasks

- Practise target vocabulary
- Activate the students' prior knowledge, generate ideas and organise their thoughts.



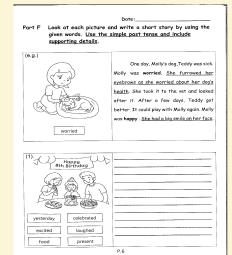


Fostering learning with incremental scaffolding

Language Focus: Feeing words and supporting details



	Date:
P	Part E
F	Read the story. Circle the feeling words in the writing
b	pelow. Then add supporting details after the feelings.
	Once upon a time, there was a man called Bill. He had no friends. He never smiled. He was sad. He just stayed home all the time and never wanted to see anyone. His neighbour Peter was poor but happy.
	Bill thought, 'Why is Peter so happy? I'll find out the answer tomorrow.'
	The next morning, Bill followed Peter to town. First, Peter et an old man. A thief stole his waller, he lost all his money, he was shocked. He did not know what to do next. Peter gave him some money and took him to the police station. After that, Peter saw a hungry girl. He gave her some bread. The girl was happy.
	Next, Peter helped a little boy. He was crying because he hurt hi leg. He couldn't walk. He was worried.
	That evening, Bill asked Peter, 'Why are you always happy? I followed you the whole day but I couldn't find the answer.' Peter asked, 'What did id to today' Bill replied, 'You only helped others.' Peter smiled and said, 'You're right. Do as I do and you will be happy.' Bill was excited.
ļ	Finally, he knew the answer.





Word level

Sentence level

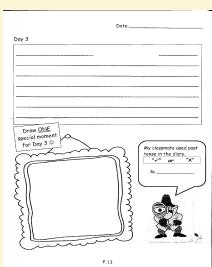
Paragraph level

Fostering learning with incremental scaffolding

Mini-writing activities & cumulative learning

timeline to help you	My timeline for Day 1
+ water up early ®	
had a king breakfast	
work to the Special Festival 谷	
forgot one live, got 10 marks (gi	
Lordy & Jayder chatted with mc & shore	á trock)
them made pizze (2) played card games (3)	
Day 1	

Remember to write in simple past tense ©	Date:
Day 2	
April 10 to	
Grammar item I used simple past tense	Examples
correctly in this diary.	- Four verbs in past tense:





Day 1 (use of timeline)

Day 2 (self-evaluation)

Day 3 (peer evaluation)

Connecting language learning and teaching to real life

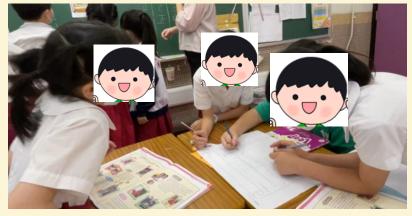
Group Writing Task: What happened last Thursday?



What happened last Thursday?

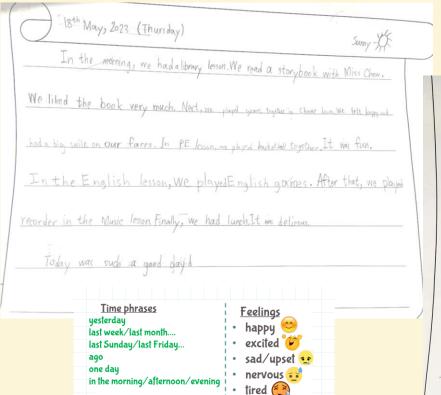
Promotion of pupil participation and peer learning through group activities (i.e. writing circles and group presentations)





Use of the simple past form is now meaningfully relevant to their everyday lives ©

What happened last Thursday?



Weather

sunny/rainy/cloudy



In the morning, we had a library lesson. We played train game. Miss Chow rend a story book. Then, we had PEllesson. We played barrethal we were excited. In English lesson, we played English games. In Music lesson, We played the recorder and sang songs. In the afternoon, we had yummy lunch. We were happy.

EVIDENCE OF STUDENT LEARNING

Content

quantity of output & willingness to communicate

A Bad Day

This a sumy day, Toby goes to tool ball pitch. Toby plays foot ball with his friends. They kick the ball. They are-so excited.

The weather changes subdenly. It is a cloudy. They do not know.

It is a rain heavily. They do not have unb relias. They all get wet. Toby soys, oh not let's rung to the tree.

In the end, Toby runto supermarket. Toby shopping

After a white, back home, Toby so hangy.

1st term Writing 2

A New School Event Book Week is on the thirteenth of Ortober. It is for everyone Students and teacher. I love Book Week became I want everyone their to read more book in tient tree time. Ouring that week Stories On that day a we can read book and tollstoics to everyone. We share brooks withour students in the school. We feel excited. Book Week is great because I like realing books.

Writing Task—My Mother's Day

ine to think of some ideas.

entry for your Mother's Day with the help of the timeline.

14th MAY 2023 (Sunday)
I gotsup before Mumberangelt was Mother's Day. I wanted to
givenium a surprised, Mumand I went to KFC. Mum and I ate
breakfast. We had First, eggs , orange paice and Sandwiches
Mum was happy because shad a big smile on your face.
In the afternoon, Hon We want shopping in Happy Shop, there
was big. I bought a purse and a tour for Muma. Mum was
happy because she like a red purse. I have here
I went to home buddenly Mum gave me abig hugged *1"
and kissed. We ate a yammy dinner. The modlostasted really
good! I gave her a card. Finally, We were happy.
That was happy because I liked my stother's Day so
mucha

Content

Richness of expression & supporting details

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E.g.
Writing-Tips
                                    --had-a-big-smile-on-one's-face
1. past tense
                                                               Feelings + actions
                             · · · · · · --jumped-up-and-down
2. feeling adjectives | | | | |
                             excited ---- jumped-with-joy
3. supporting details.
                                   -laughed-happily.
 -- reason (because ....)
                             surprised -- opened one's mouth wide
· · -actions ·
                                                                                Mother's Day today. I woke upearly
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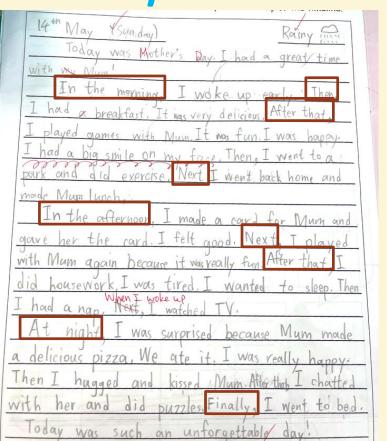
Language & Organisation

uptake of the target vocabulary and structures

Supporting details for feelings

Consistent use of simple past form

Use of time phrases (to promote textual cohesion)



Language & Organisation Accuracy & Fluency

Supporting details for feelings (from another piece of writing)

Amy's birthday Amy had a birthday party at home. It was on 2nd May. She invited her friends to join the party. There was a lot of degorations in the house First, Amy and her friends played oard games! Amy always wen Next, they watched a corto about a cute cat. Then, they chatted with each other They daughed happily Aft Mum. Was taking out the birth day cake, They were excited. They jumped up and down They all saing in birthday song to Amy and clapped their hands While everyone was happy and excited? the dog in the living roam suddenly. barked. Mum was scared as o, she dropped the Gake. Mymasandai, There isousho caken Bheryone was sade They cried for a long time. Suddenly, Amy had applicanshe said, Let's order a Pizza instead! Right after that, Mum ordered a pizza, Everyone ate that

Language & Organisation uptake of the target vocabulary and structures

Supporting details for feelings

Consistent use of the simple past form

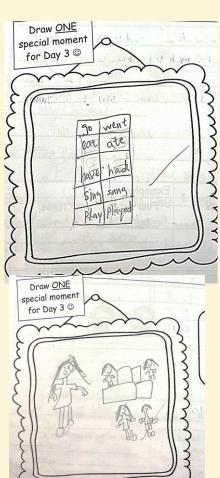
Use of time phrases (to promote textual cohesion)

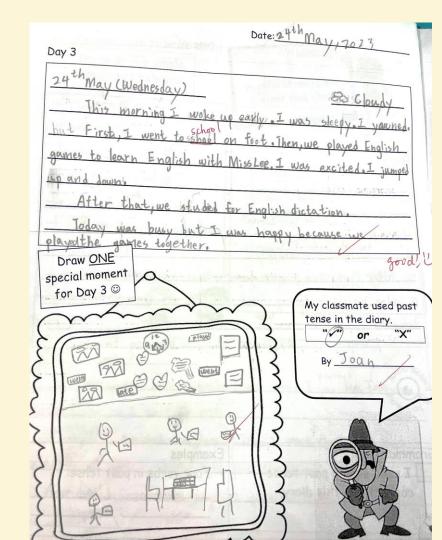
Last Saturday was Jason's birthday. He asked his friends to
come to his home Jason was happy because his best friend Jack came.
Zoe and C. TI
LI DAVIS COME TOO.
Mas trun line land and trun
In the afternoon they sang a birthday song to Jason and
clapped there hands Muss took out to 1-111 To
clapped thier hands. Mum took out the birthdoycoke. They were
excited. Suddenly, Jason's dog jumped on the cake. Everyone were
snocked. Mum said, Oh dear! Jason was sail te cried and cried the
Friends said, Dan't be said, Joson, we can order a pizza. Joson stopped
crying and said OK
In the evening they are the pizza. Then Zoe gave him
a card and a towel . Sammy gave him a toy car. It looked roof . Jack
gave him a watch. Jason was over the moon He said, Thank you,
my friends! It was a great day.
WILL TIPPINSS: # I WOS A CHEAT HAM.

Attitude towards learning English









Highlights from Primary 4

General sequence:

"from reading to writing" to complement textbook learning

Textbook: Longman Leap

Module: Changes

Chapter 3: Growing Up

Chapter 4: In the Old Days

Differentiated Reading and Writing Booklets & learning activities



Class: P.4 (C/D)

Writing Task

Textbook

Vocabulary Input: Places, electrical appliances

Language focus: Past tense, infinite pronouns, Use of 'When'

Text type: A Time Travel Journal

Writing Task: My Time Travel Journal

Enriching students' reading experiences – time travel journal

Passage in the textbook



Supplemented with CoSpaces
(a virtual reality, multimodal experience)

Promoting text grammar and facilitating text exploration



Supplemented with CoSpaces

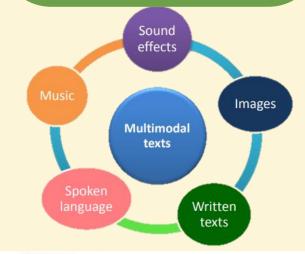
"...teachers can integrate e-learning in the design of learning, teaching and assessment activities to **complement the traditional mode of learning**, enhance learning and teaching effectiveness, and accommodate the diverse needs of students...."

(ELE KLA CG, 2017)



'...students read/view printed and multimodal texts to locate relevant information and main ideas and present them through different media....'

(ELE KLA CG, 2017)









Supplemented with CoSpaces









Life-wide and cross-curricular learning (with the subject of GS)



Through this, students could learn more about the study hall and education system in old Hong Kong.



Teaching of the modelling text – time travel journal

Deconstruction of the modelling text



Opening

Main body

Captions

Ending

Mission: Were there any supermarkets in Central 60 years ago?



Today the time machine took me to Central in 1958. I was surprised because there weren't any supermarkets.

I went to a wet market on the street It was dirty and there were many stalls. I could smell meat and fish everywhere. Nobody used shopping bags. Everybody used bamboo baskets. I saw a lot of children in the market. Many of them weren't with their parents. In those days, children could take care of themselves!



Everybody used bamboo baskets to carry their food.



An old woman used a piece of straw to carry a fish.



This girl was only seven but she could take care of her baby brother!

It was interesting to see what Central was like 60 years ago. I felt happy because I enjoyed talking with the children in the market. They were amazing!



What did Peter see?
What did people do? 1. People
2. Children
Pictures and captions
How many pictures did the writer share?
Any captions? Yes / No
Para Ending

Teaching of the modelling text – time travel journal

Deconstruction of the modelling text



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Ending

Mission: Were there any supermarkets 60 years ago?

Today the time machine took me to Central in 1958. I was surprised because there weren't any supermarkets. Could you believe that?

I went to a wet market on the street. When I entered it, I saw many stalls. It was quite dirty. I could smell meat and fish everywhere. Nobody used shopping bags. Everybody used bamboo baskets. Also, I saw a lot of children in the market. They walked around and many of them weren't with their parents. In those days, children could take care of themselves!







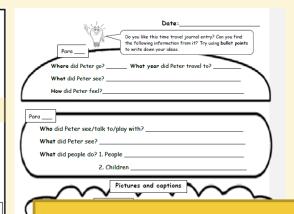
An old woman used a piece of straw to carry a fish. How interesting!



This girl was only 7 years old but she could take care of her brother.

It was interesting to see what Central was like 60 years ago. Life was not easy in the past but people kept working hard. They never gave up! I felt happy because I enjoyed talking with the children in the market. They were amazing and friendly!

By Peter Lee 4C



It should be noted that the modelling texts were strategically adapted to cater for learner diversity, as well as to build upon previous student learning.

Can you see a sentence with 'when' in the journal entry? Write it here:
When
Can you write the sentence in another way? Give it a try:
when

Infusing values education into ELE

Chapter 3: Growing Up (Gratitude)

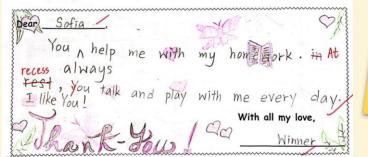
Expressions of gratitude:

- use set phrases
 - e.g. Thank you (very much) / (so much).
 - e.g. Thanks / Many thanks.
 - e.g. Thank you (very much / so much) for being so kind to me
- use 'grateful' and 'thankful'
 - e.g. I am grateful to you for taking care of me.
 - e.g. I am thankful to you for looking after me.
- use 'so', 'beyond' and 'very' to describe adjectives
 - grateful.

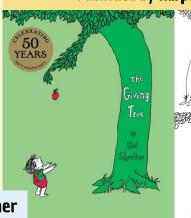
Thank-you note

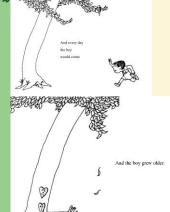
Reading Corner

Now, writing a thank-you note to a person (e.g. a family member or a friend) who helped you before. You can (i) tell him/her one special memory in the past and (ii) express your gratitude for his/her help. You may draw if you want to.



Written & illustrated by Shel Silverstein; Published by HarperCollins





Strengthening values education

Infusing values education into ELE

Chapter 4: In the Old Days (Perseverance)

People in the past worked very hard for their lives. We should always keep working hard even when we face difficulties. This is called perseverance. We should never give up!

In our daily lives, many people are kind to us and they help us all the time. We should thank them and feel grateful. This is called **gratitude**.

Perseverance (n) - You keep working hard even when you face difficulties.

Gratitude(n) - show your thankfulness to the people who help you.

Study the following quotes. Fill in the boxes with 'P'(Perseverance) or 'G'(Gratitude).



Infuse the values of not giving up in hard times

Explanation

Introduce quotes and books

	Read the following book. Jot do learnt from the book, and rate i The Thankful Book New/Useful Words	wn three new and useful words that you have t!
1	2	3
My rat	ing: 🖒 🖒 🖒 🖒 🏠	Recommendation to friends: Yes / No

Infusing values education into ELE

Chapter 4: In the Old Days (Perseverance)



Set a mission based on students' personal interests (while promoting learner autonomy)

Final product:
A Travel Journal

Connecting students' reading and writing experiences

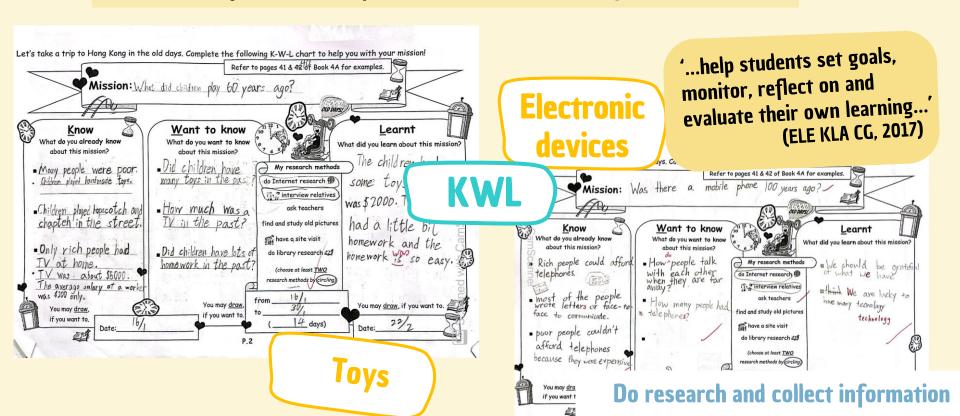
Part I	Date:
Fill in the hamburger organiser.	Refer to your KWL chart (on p.2) to help you with your planning.
Remember to set your writing goals for this piece of writing!	Try using bullet points to come
- Paul	up with ideas for the writing.
Para	ground
	What year did you travel to?
How did you reel?	
Para	
	Body th?
1	
What did you see?	
What did people do?	
\	
	es and captions
Picture	es and captions
1)	es and captions
Para Picture	es and captions
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Para	Ending
1)	Ending
Para	Ending

Students became more adept at organising and outlining ideas in the writing process.

Gradual release of responsibility [©]

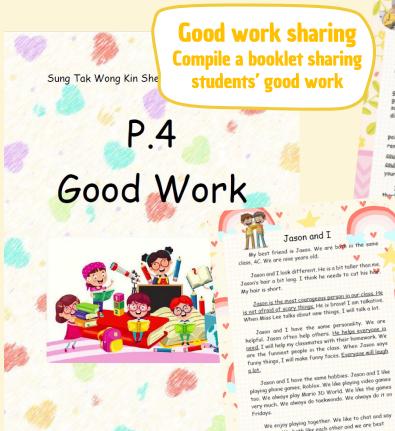
Creating opportunities to practise assessment as learning

Set missions for the travel journal based on students' personal interests



Facilitating peer appreciation and learning

fun things. We both like each other and we are best



'I love you, Grandpa!'

John's grandpa lived in an old people's home. John's family visited him every Saturday. Jehn's grandpa was in a wheelshair so Mum and Dad took care of him carefully. They fed congee to Grandpa. But John didn't like his grandpa very much. He frowned every time.

One Saturday, 'I don't want to visit my grandpa every Saturdayl I'm so bored. I want to go cycling; shouted John. His parents were surprised because they didn't know that John disliked visiting Grandpa.

After that, Mum opened a photo album. She pointed to a picture and said, "John, do you remember the time when you were small? You couldn't get dressed when you were little. You couldn't comb your hair by yourself either. But your grandpa helped youl You should respect him."

In the end, John felt sorry. He wrote a thank-you note to Grandpa. He learnt that he d respect old people

"If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it."

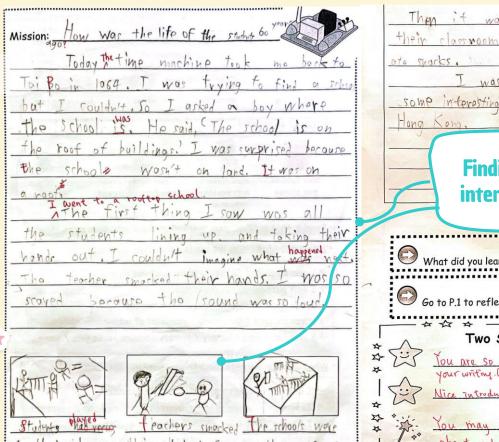
Margaret Fuller

Rewrite the ending with reflection (post-writing activity)

> Were you grateful? Were you surprised by their perseverance? Base on your writing and re-write the ending with a reflection.

EVIDENCE OF STUDENT LEARNING

Evidence of learning



their classmoom, Some students bacod, Some I was happy because I found out some interesting things about schools in old

> **Findings from having** interviewed a teacher

- What did you learn? Go to P.2 to finish the chart.
- Go to P.1 to reflect on your writing goals.

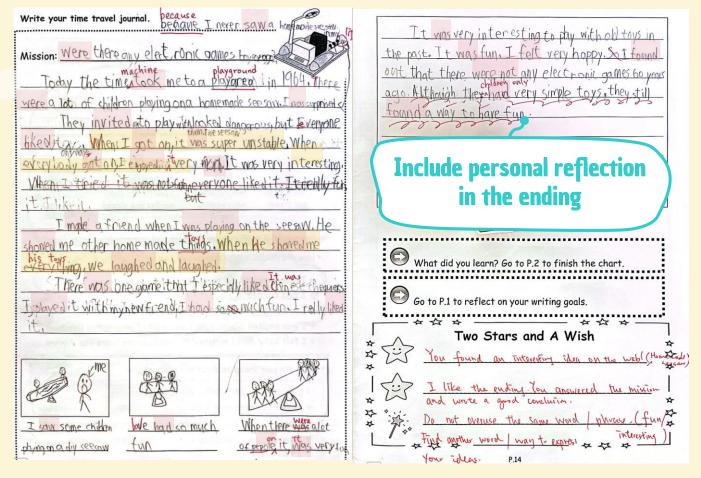
Two Stars and A Wish

Tou are so smart to use what I told you in your writing . (and paragraph) You made it interesting -

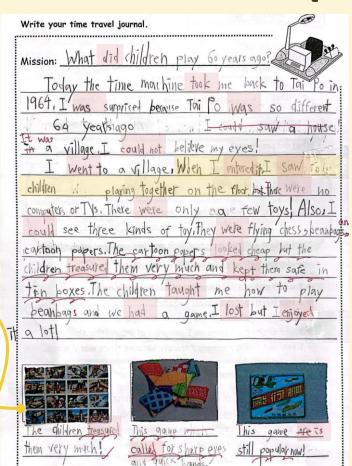
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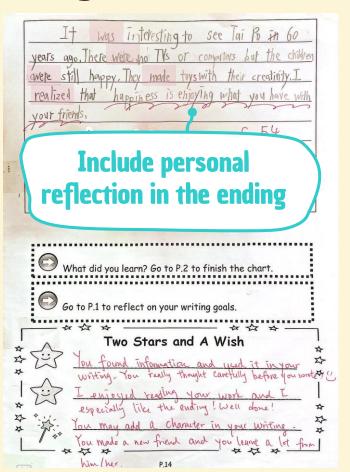
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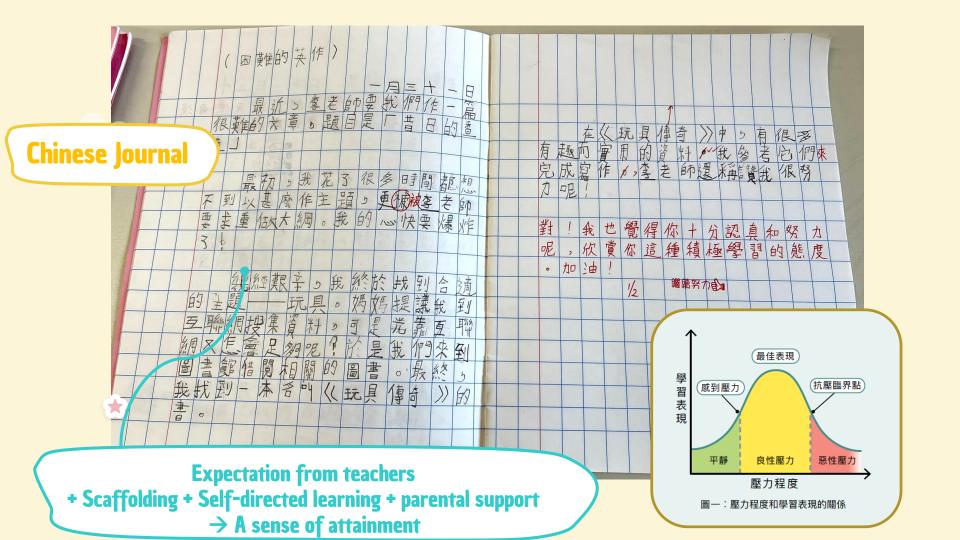


Evidence of learning





Photos from the Internet for writing captions



Concluding thoughts

Textbook resources

Electronic resources

School-based resources

Community resources

Other resources



Illustration taken from PECG (Pilot Version) (2022)

Authentic and integrative language use

Improved language learning outcomes (across CLO domains)

> **Improved language learning motivation** and attitudes

As a guiding principle, making more coherent connections between reading (as input) and writing (as output) enables students to actively engage with and apply knowledge, skills, and values in ELE.

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