### School-based Curriculum Development (Primary) Section Learning in Action Seminar 2024

# Enriching, Deepening and Widening Student Learning through Reading across the Curriculum

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# Aims of Reading across the Curriculum (RaC)

**English Language** 

Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide (Primary 1 – Secondary 6)

RaC aims to provide opportunities for students to broaden their knowledge base, as well as applying and consolidating reading skills and strategies developed in language lessons. Nonlanguage KLAs provide authentic contexts for the promotion of RaC.

# **Curriculum Planning**

Identify the direction for school curriculum development and set clear focuses (e.g. **strengthening reading across the curriculum (RaC), development of** <u>new literacy skills</u>) for a specific year level and across year levels to **ensure horizontal and vertical alignment in curriculum planning**.

# **Choice of reading resources**

To promote reading to learn, teachers should not confine their choices of reading resources to stories, plays and rhymes. They should ensure that the selection covers a wide range of text types, including information texts appropriate to the level of the students. Teachers can choose reading materials on different themes relevant to the interests and daily experiences of their students.

English Language Education KLA Curriculum Guide (2017)

# What is the role of English Language teachers in promoting RaC?

Language is never divorced from meaning in English learning. RaC provides different contexts and interesting content for the development of reading strategies and thinking skills. English Language teachers can work on their own by integrating RaC into the Reading Workshops. They can choose reading materials on various topics related to different KLAs and design meaningful tasks to develop such skills. English Language teachers can also work with teachers of other KLAs and synergise their efforts in further enhancing students' reading skills and understanding of the chosen topic/theme.

English Language teachers work with teachers of other KLAs in further enhancing students' reading skills and understanding of chosen topics

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English Language teachers work on their own by integrating RaC into the Reading Workshops

# Planning for the Promotion of Reading across the Curriculum

### Why and Who?

Consider the needs of students, school's major concerns and decide on who to involve. English panel members ? teachers from other departments ? (PE, Art and Music)

#### What ?

Find an entry point (e.g. theme/topic, text type) and books. The chosen books contain the content/target features that align with the learning objectives.

### How to start?

Make a plan with objectives, roles of teachers/different departments, timeline and learning outcomes.

#### How to enrich, deepen and widen learning?

Design learning materials and activities that help develop students' understanding of the selected topic, rhetorical function or text type.

#### How to evaluate and sustain practice?

Evaluate the effectiveness of the promotion of RaC. Make suggestions for further work in the future. Reading has been one of the school's major concerns (2023-2025)

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reading.						reading experiences in various modes
						(including written reports, oral sharing,
(推动閱讀文化)						video sharing, etc.).
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(Promote reading						Cultivate students' reading habit
culture)						through home-school cooperation
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						implement cross-curricular reading in a
						systematic way to enhance students'
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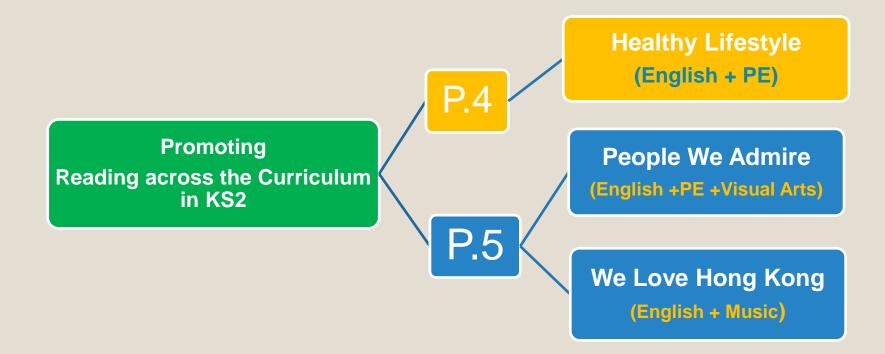
I am an English Language teacher and a PE teacher. I know the PE curriculum well.

I'm the PSMCD and I am a music teacher too.

## The Goals of Promoting RaC in SKH St. Clement's Primary School

Widening and deepening students' knowledge and experience	<ul> <li>Support students to read a wide variety of fictional, non-fictional books as well as new literacy (web materials and videos).</li> <li>Explicit teaching of reading skills</li> <li>Incorporate interesting reading tasks and collaborate with different KLAs/subjects to widen students' personal interest as well as enrich their knowledge and experience</li> </ul>
Developing students to be self-directed learners	<ul> <li>Further develop the Reading Enhancement Scheme through helping students to set goals</li> <li>Let students reflect on their reading progress</li> </ul>
Nurturing students' positive values and attitudes	<ul> <li>Infuse positive values (e.g. being grateful, appreciate Chinese culture and have perseverance) into the reading and learning experience</li> <li>Let students demonstrate positive values through reflection and actions</li> </ul>

# Some RaC topics tried out in SKH St. Clement's Primary School



# Promoting Reading across the Curriculum in P.4 Module 'Healthy Lifestyle'

## **Textbook**

**Story:** Gulliver and the tiny people in Lilliput

#### Language focus:

• Vocabulary about good habits e.g. brush teeth

 Expressions of frequency: twice a week, three times a month

### **Promotion of RaC**

Widening and enriching knowledge of 'Healthy Lifestyle':

From 'Good habits' to 'Eye Yoga', 'Exercise (Yoga) ' and 'Rest'

Widening and enriching knowledge of language:

**Text type:** From narratives to information texts

### Reading skills:

From 'Story map' to 'Noticing verbs used in procedural text'

### **Core Multi-modal Text**

Eye yoga for kids video Simple yoga for kids video

### **Less-able Students**

A book about 'yoga' and another book about 'rest'

### More-able Students

A more challenging book about 'yoga' and another book about 'sleep'

# **Practise 'Eye Yoga' as part of 'Healthy Lifestyle'**

### Activity 1: Take good care of your eyes and control your screen time

Part A: How much screen time do you have every day? Your eye-sight will be affected if you have too much screen time. You should limit it to less than 2 hours every day. Make a record of your screen

time	be	low.	

Date			
Screen Time (minutes)			

#### Part B: Eve Yoga

You may have eve strain if you have too much screen time. Go to the website by scanning the QR code below to learn 5 ways to relax your eyes. Then match the pictures with the 5 ways. ■約ぶ日

https://www.lenstore.co.uk/research/eye-yoga/

C. Blinking E. Shifting eyes A. Palming B. Zooming D. Figure of 8

Part D: Learn the language of giving instructions. Read the instruction for eve voga carefully.

- 1. Rub your hands together for 10 seconds to create heat between the palms.
- Place your palms gently over your eyes and close your eyes.
   Feel the warmth that slowly soothes and melts away any tension in the back of your eyes.
- 4. Allow your hands to rest there until the warmth slowly disappears.
- Write down the first word for every sentence:
- All the first words are noun/ adjectives/ verbs. (choose one)
- Write down words ending with -ly. They are called adverbs. We use them to talk about how we do

some actions.

Write down two rules for writing yoga instructions:

Rule A: Yoga instructions begin with . Rule B: Yoga instructions have

Reflected on amount of screen time

Watched an authentic video on eye yoga and used note-taking skills to record the main actions mentioned e.g. palming, zooming

Practised eye yoga at home following the video and made a record of the eye yoga exercises

Learning grammar in context: All instructions begin with a verb and there are adverbs to talk about actions e.g. rub hands slowly, place your palms gently over your eyes

# **Practise 'Yoga' as part of 'Healthy Lifestyle'**

### Part C: Practise Yoga

How often do you practise the yoga ? How do you feel? (calm/relaxed/happy/peaceful)

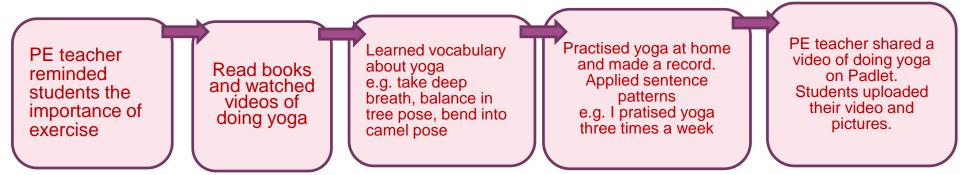
### 1<sup>st</sup> week

Once/twice/three times/four/five/six times a week
I practised yoga \_\_\_\_\_\_. I feel \_\_\_\_\_\_.

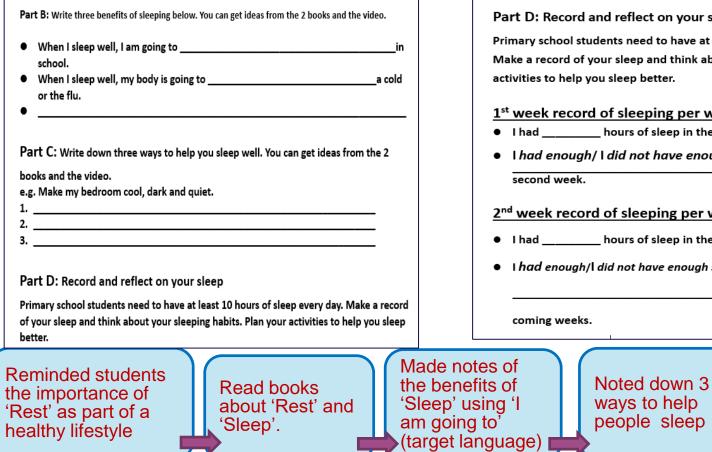
2nd week Once/twice/three times/four/five/six times a week

I practised yoga

. I feel



# 'Taking good rest' as part of 'Healthy Lifestyle'



Part D: Record and reflect on your sleep

Primary school students need to have at least 10 hours of sleep every day. Make a record of your sleep and think about your sleeping habits. Plan your activities to help you sleep better.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> week record of sleeping per week

- I had \_\_\_\_\_ hours of sleep in the first week.
- I had enough / I did not have enough sleep so I am going to in the

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> week record of sleeping per week

- I had \_\_\_\_\_\_ hours of sleep in the second week.
- I had enough / I did not have enough sleep SO I am going to

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Used past

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sleeping in a

tense to record

# **Cater for learner diversity in reading lessons**



Students bring ear phones



Allow silent reading time



Get help from group mates in more-able groups



Use built-in dictionary



Use pronunciation support



Get help from teachers in lessable groups

# Promoting Reading across the Curriculum in P.5 Module 'People we admire'

## **Textbook**

Biography : Our Hero: So Wa-wai

Language focus: Use of past tense

# Reading skill for understand a biography:

- Time-line of a person's life
- Profession, achievement and challenges

### Promotion of RaC

Widening and deepening knowledge through introducing biographies of athletes and artists and reading skills :

<u>Athletes</u> -Usain Bolt -Michael Phelps

<u>Artists</u> -Van Gogh -Edvard Munch

### Reading skills

- -Locate information of time
- -Make text-to-world connection

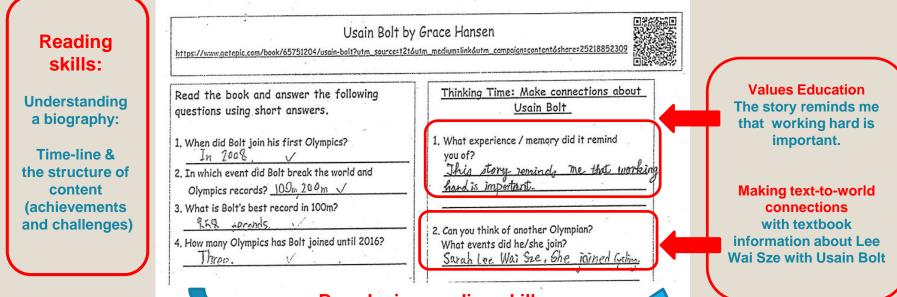
**Help students** establish crosscurricular linkage in learning **Physical Education Visual Arts** 

A text about Paralympics winner in running: So Wa-wai



A book about an Olympic winner in running: Usain Bolt

### Deepening Learning From Paralympics runner to Olympics runner



Broadening reading skills: Make text-to-world connection and locate information A text about Paralympics winner in running: So Wa-wai



A book about Olympic winner in swimming: Michael Phelps

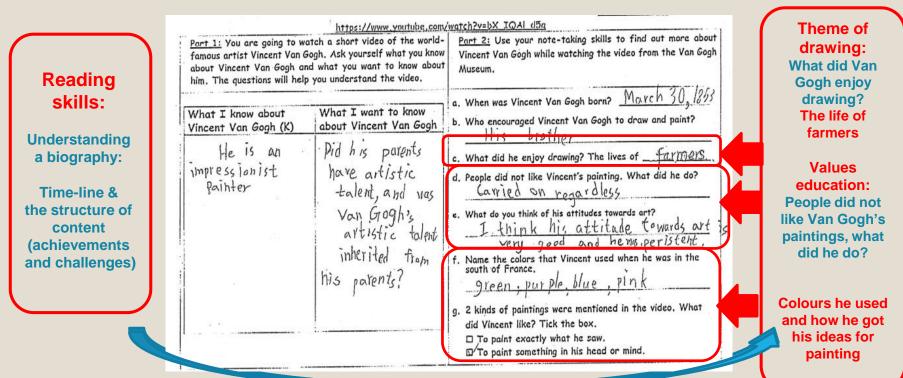
### Widening Learning: From running to swimming

Reading skills: Understanding a biography: Time-line & the structure of content (achievements and challenges)	Below is a timeline showing Michael Phelps' life Year Born in 1985 Maryland 2000 Competed in his <u>fint Clympics</u> . 2001 Broke <u>Re 200- meter hatterfy</u> record 2004 Swam in <u>400 - meter medeley in record time</u> . H won <u>8 medals in <u>Athens</u> Greece. 2008 In Beijing Olympics, He won <u>eight</u> golden medals 2012 He got <u>six</u> medals. He now had <u>22</u> Olympi medals. That was a <u>yerond</u>. Rio was his <u>last Olympics</u> He's ready to <u>yerita</u>. No you think Phelps is the greatest Olympian? Why? k (refer to p.20 and p.22) Phelps is the greatest Olympian because he campeted in five Olympic games.</u>	more about Michael Phelps       Thinking time and reading         1. My question:       Here is a statistical of the min?         2. What I already know:       Here is a statistical of the min?         3. Information I found:       Here is a statistical of the min?			
1	Broadening reading skills: Asking yourself questions before reading books				

#### A text about Paralympics winner in running: So Wa-wai

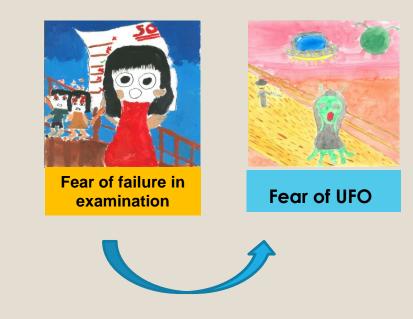
### Enriching and Widening Learning: Ec From books to videos & From sport to arts

Books and videos about the famous artists Van Gogh and Edvard Munch



# Physical Education (PE) and Visual Arts

In PE lessons, students had focused lessons on understanding the sports that So Wa Wai participates in. They practised skills of running including **arm swinging** and **starting position**. A coherence linkage between English KLA and PE was created. Applied learning from Edvard Munch's biography and pictures to **express fear in pictures in art lessons** 



Students' presentation scripts show their enhanced motivation to know more about people they admire. They read biographies of people from different fields, including scientists and singers.

Charles Kao became a scientist in 1957. He was a famous scientist. Charles Kao worked in the Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Today, I'm going to talk about a person ]

- Charles Kao, I ad mire Charles Kao

People I Admire

Charles Kao created various methods to combine glass fibers in 1966, Then, Charles Kao received the Nobel Prize in Sweden in 2009.

From Charles, Kao, I have learnt that we should work hard.

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People I Admire

4 athlete for 10 years. She is a good athlete. She is hard-working because she practices every day. She won bronze medals in Tokyo Olympic Games. She is also one of the most popular athlete in Hong Kong.

Lee Wai Sze is optimistic and strong. She got hurt by accident but she kept training every day. She never gives up even when she is ill. She wrote a book last year. It's called 'Every Scar On My Body'.

From Lee Wai Sze, I have learned that we should work hard and be strong.

She (Anita Mui) sang many popular songs in her life. She won many Hong Kong film awards too.

People I Admire

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She was very brave and hardworking. She is a very famous singer and actress. She never let difficulties stop her. When she was a kid, she had to sing with her sister in a theme park. She had to get some money for her family.

From Anita, I have learnt that we should work hard and never give up.

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# Promoting Reading across the Curriculum in P.5 Module 'We love Hong Kong'

# **Textbook**

**Story:** A fun day out to a country park

### Language focus:

How long..... How far..... Express units of measurement (e.g. 18 kilometres) Use of past tense to write a fun day out

# Reading skill for understand a story:

Locate specific information about time

## **Promotion of RaC**

Widening and deepening the knowledge of Hong Kong culture through the lifewide learning to the Hong Kong Heritage Museum.

### **Reading materials:**

Museum's website
 Museum's boards on Hong Kong music
 Lyric of songs

Reading skills 1. Locate information 2. Make connection

Broadening knowledge of Hong Kong and use of various reading skills



# Enriching learning experience

Help students establish cross-curricular linkage in learning music



### **RaC + Life-wide Learning**

### **Objective:** To understand that eastern and western cultures co-exist in Hong Kong

#### <u>Pre-trip:</u> <u>Reading</u>: Browse website and lyrics of songs <u>Reading skill:</u> Reading between lines

#### Language focus:

e.g.

- How long does it take to go to the Museum?
- How far is the Museum from our school?
- Express units of measurement (e.g. 18 kilometres, 3.6 kilograms)

### **During the trip:**

*Reading text:* boards displayed in the Museum about music in Hong Kong

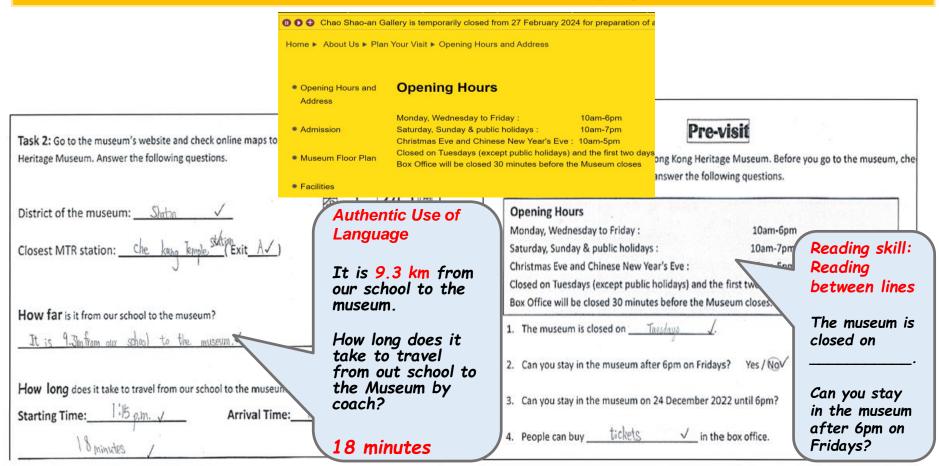
*Reading skill:* Locate information about time

*Language focus:* Use of past tense in history

### Post-trip:

Write a newsletter about the trip using past tense, language learned and expressing feelings about Hong Kong culture

### **Pre-trip student learning evidence:** Browse authentic website and applied language learned



# Pre-trip learning: Understand the development of Hong Kong music in English lessons



Read newspaper article 'WILD WELCOME AT KAI TAK FOR THE BEATLES'.



•In 1980s Hong Kong Cantonese pop songs began to take off. More local singers appeared in Hong Kong, Paula Tsul, Anita Mul, Roman Tam

Understand how local bands, (e.g. The Lotus) emerged because of the impact of western bands in 1960s and 1970s.

Understand the development of Hong Kong music in 1980s.

# Pre-trip learning: Understand and appreciate creative use of language in songs (Language Arts)

### A song from the UK Band 'The Beatles': Let me hold your hand ... Oh, yeah, I'll tell you somethin' Repetition I think you'll understand When I say that somethin' I want to hold your hand I want to hold your hand I want to hold your hand can't hide Contraction I can't hide I can't hide ···· Yeah, you got that somethin' I think you'll understand When I say that somethin' Rhyming words ··· And when I touch you I feel happy inside It's such a feelin' that my love

Language arts materials (e.g. short stories, poems, lyrics, films) which deal with universal issues such as human relationships, nature, love and growing up can be used.

ELE Curriculum Guide 2017

# The Trip: Hong Kong Music and the World

### Westernisation and the Rise of Local Bands



### **Cantonese Pop Songs**





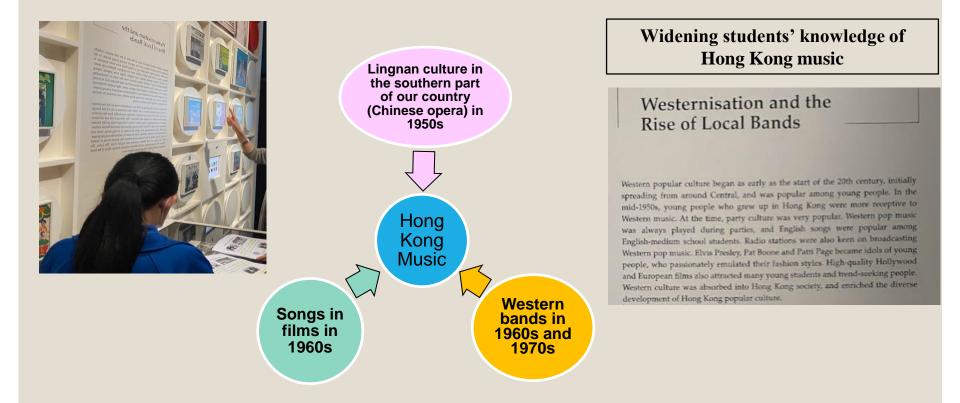
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In the Museum, students read about the influence of the British band 'The Beatles' in Hong Kong in 1960s.



In the Museum, students listened to songs, e.g. 'Just a little', played by Hong Kong bands in the 1970s.

# The Trip: Hong Kong Music and the World



## Post-trip: Writing a School Newsletter for the Trip the Hong Kong Heritage Museum

### A Wonderful Visit to the Hong Kong Heritage Museum

It was a sunny day on 10th March 2023. All P.5 students and I visited the Hong Kong Heritage Museum in Shatin. We went there by coach. It's not far. It took **eighteen minutes** to travel from school to the museum.

### Hong Kong Music Development

First, we went to the music section to see exhibitions about Hong Kong music history and heard some music there. In the 1950s, people listened to Cantonese opera songs from the Mainland. The 'tea dancing' music popular and the opera songs changed into 'Cantonese opera songs'. From the 1970s to 1980s, many singers used Cantonese slang to write songs. People liked their lyrics because they are about their life. They really touched their heart. In the 1990s, the market of the Mainland and Taiwan opened up. Some Hong Kong's popular music were broadcasted to the Mainland and overseas. Nowadays, Korean pop music is popular in Hong Kong and the world. Target language: It took eighteen minutes to travel...

Widened students' knowledge Hong of Kong music:

The development of Hong Kong music from 1950s to the present.

(Student Work)

# Post-trip: Writing a School Newsletter for the Trip the Hong Kong Heritage Museum

### **Hong Kong Music**

In the 1950s, people listened to Cantonese opera songs. Hong Kong music was also affected by western culture such as the famous British band 'The Beatles'. In the 1990s, more Hong Kong singers hosted concerts at home and abroad, taking Hong Kong popular music to mainland China and overseas.

#### Summary

**I am proud of music and films from Hong Kong.** I hope more people from all over the world can know more about our culture through our films and music.

(Student Work)

Target Language: Use of past tense to talk about history of Hong Kong music and how Hong Kong music has affected people in Mainland China and overseas

Module Theme: We love Hong Kong

# Linkage with Music: In music lessons, students learned that western and Chinese music co-exist in Hong Kong







### English lessons:

 Read about development of Hong Kong music, including how it has been affected by western culture, in English lessons and during the visit to the Hong Kong Heritage Museum.

### **Music lessons:**

- Learned about different musical instruments in a band, such as 'The Beatles'.
- Listened to old Hong Kong songs which were affected by western culture.

# Using kalimba《拇指琴》to play The Beatles' songs and sang local Hong Kong songs by Sam Hui

#### **English lessons:**

Appreciated the language arts of English lyrics



Music lessons: Sang and played the songs



### Develop students' reading interests and habits through Reading Enhancement Scheme

 Reading Enhancement Scheme (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

 Reading Group: Yellow/ Orange/ Red/Blue

 My goal:

 I desire to set my goals for the reading scheme as follows.

 1. I will read 20 or more books during my spare time.

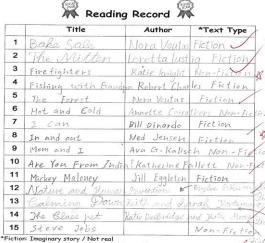
 2. I will write 5 reflection and 5 book reports.

Pupil's Signature: Kaylie Leung



Students set reading goals

Parents understand their roles to support their children to read



e.g. narrative story, poem, tale, folk tale, myth, etc.

Non-Fiction: Facts

e.g. explanation, biography, factual recount, historical, informati diary and book report, etc.



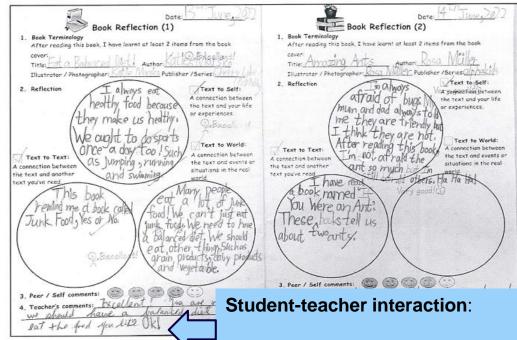
# Reading records of different text types

# **Reading Enhancement Scheme (Book Reflection)** Meaningful reflection on reading to replace reading comprehension questions

# Text to the world

After reading a book called **'Eat a Balanced Diet'**, the student wrote:

Text to world Many people eat a lot of junk food! We can't just eat junk food. We need to have a balanced diet, we should eat other things such as grain products, dairy products and vegetable.



We should have a balanced diet. Don't just eat the food you like! **Text to Self**After reading a book

called 'Amazing Ants', the student wrote: Text to Self I am always afraid of bugs. My mom and dad always told me they are friendly but I think they are not. After reading this book, I am not afraid of the ant so much but I am still afraid of others.

Ha…ha…ha…

# Conclusion

- Reading across the Curriculum deepens and widens students' knowledge and skills and nurtures in them positive attitudes and values.
- Incorporate different kinds of pre/while/post reading activities to replace and extend reading comprehension questions.
- Select appropriate materials and adopt different pedagogies and activities to cater for students' needs, abilities and interests.
- All teachers should take part in supporting students to enjoy reading and to be independent readers.



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