

DTS





Development of Text Sets

A Collaborative Research and Development (“Seed”) Project (2014 – 2017)

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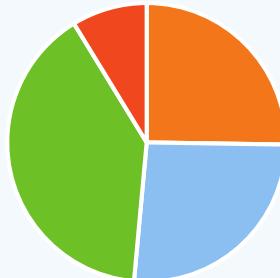
for Enriching the School-based English Language Curriculum at the Primary Level



How did DTS enrich the school-based English Language curriculum?

Teachers' Perspectives

It helps students focus their thinking on the topic we want to talk about



I agree that learning should relate to the real-life experience.

We enrich students' learning, from a broader perspective (big idea).

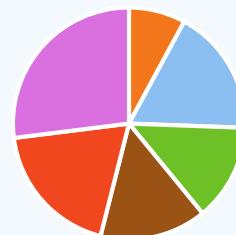
- Choosing an interesting theme
- Developing a concept and focus question for a theme
- Using quality multimodal and multigenre texts
- Integrating the textbook

To what extent have teachers changed their practice using the text sets approach?

Teachers' Perspective

I learned how to identify quality texts and design assessment tasks.

The unit included more student-student interaction through group work/buddy reading, etc.

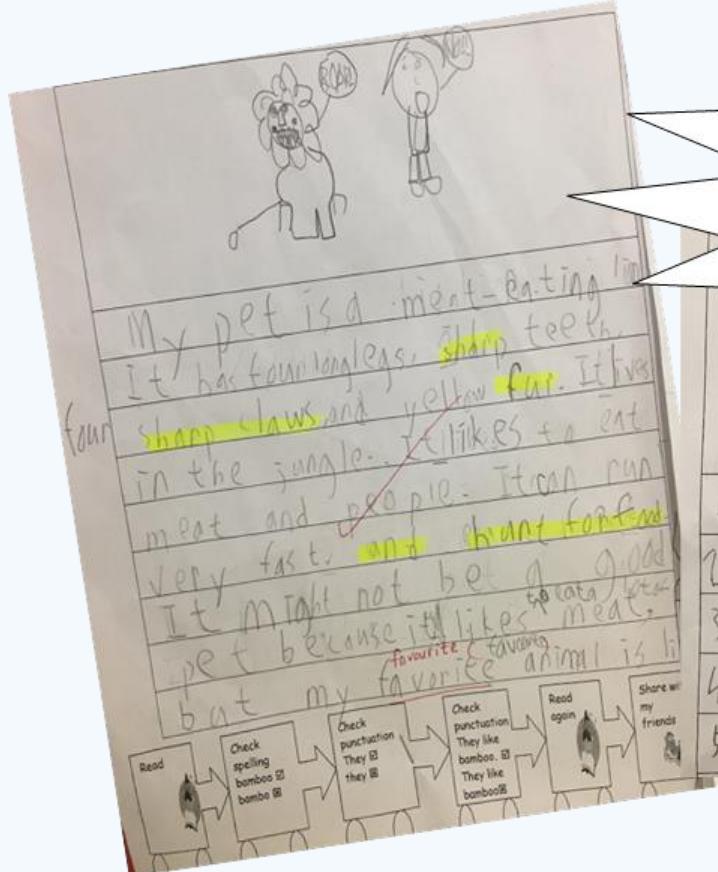


I learned to use various reading resources to enhance the school-based curriculum.

I saw the power of buddy reading and the related activities. Pupils really learned and most importantly, they learned by themselves.

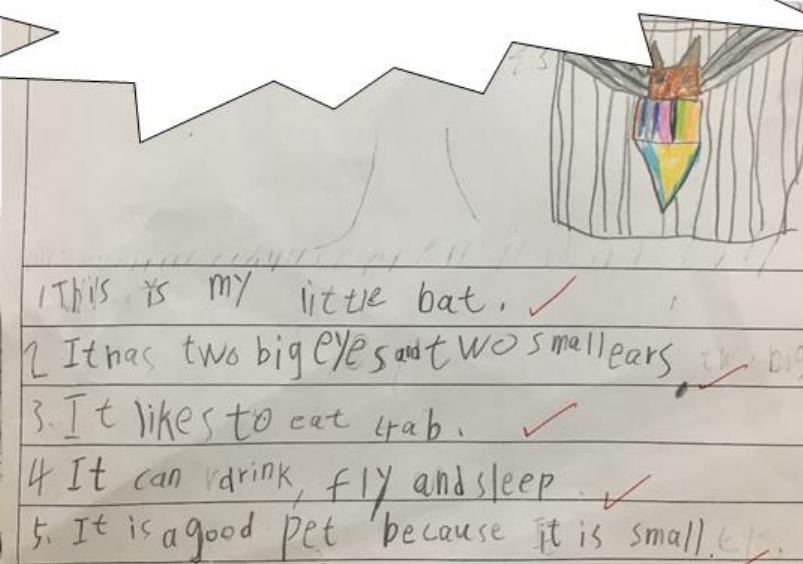
- Adopting cooperative learning strategies
- Designing critical questions
- Using student-centred approach

Does the students' literacy development reflect any teaching improvement?

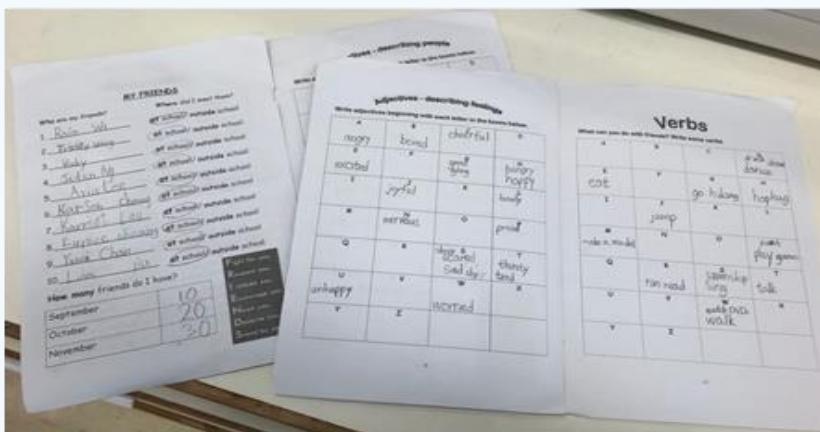
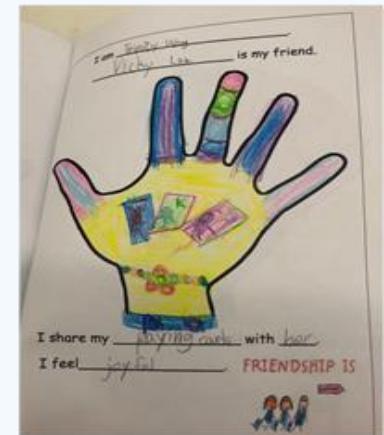
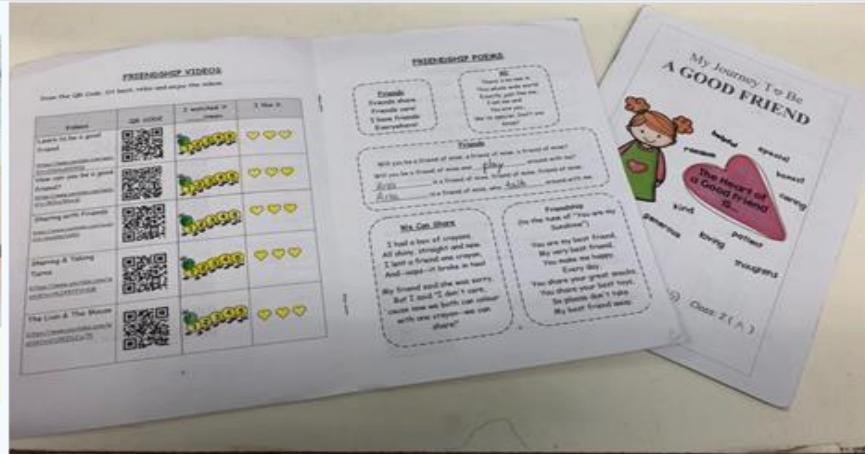


P1 students have opinions on

WHAT ANIMALS MAKE GOOD PETS



P2 students' learning journey: understanding the concept –
"To Have A Good Friend, You Have To Be A Good Friend"





Name of food: mangoes

Characteristics:

- It is bright yellow
- It's shape like an oval



Hint: Use "Science Kids" to find out more useful information about the topic!

Click: <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/>

What to Know (Facts):

- The mango is one of most cultivated fruits in tropical areas of world.
- Mango fruit can come in various shapes, size and colour, the
- Mangoes contains many nutrients. When a mango is green and still growing there is a high vitamin C content.
- More fresh mangoes are eaten around the world every day than other fruits.
- Common mango varieties in countries such as the US and UK include: Tommy Atkins, Haden, Kent, Keitt, Ataulfo and Francis.



Fun Facts:

- A basket of mangoes is considered a gesture of friendship in India.
- Mangoes were first grown in India 4000 years ago.
- A mango tree can grow as tall as 100 feet.

My personal opinions:

- It is smooth and tasty.
- I think it is more yummy than other fruits.
- I think it is the most delicious fruit in the world of



Research & Report



IT'S APRIL and organic green food are more popular than ever in Hong Kong. Here are a few facts about strawberries that might help you to be a healthy eater (but smart!)



FOOD: Strawberry

REGION WITH FRESH SELECTION: Australia, Japan

CHARACTERISTICS: Strawberries are 2-3 cm long, red colored and heart-shaped. Normally, each single strawberry is covered by a lot of seeds, a green stem and a ~~leaf~~ (stems calyx are left on when they are harvested).

LABELLING:



WHAT TO KNOW:

Strawberries contain a lot of vitamin C. Vitamin C is important because it helps your blood vessels to relax and good for your heart. Strawberries are also a good source of folate, one of the vitamin B. And 30g (of strawberries) provide a whole day's supply for humans!



JOKE:

What straw would you like? The water straw.
Hm... I would like a 'straw' berry!!!
FUN FACT:

Strawberries are not really a berry, but a number of the red fruiting (the real fruits are actually the tiny yellow seeds on the outside!!!)

TOP STRAWBERRY EXPORTS/IMPORTS:

Top strawberry export countries: USA, Australia, Chile, Argentina, New Zealand. These three countries are perfect for you! For a shiny today don't worry, no fresh strawberries and chocolate are best, and 100% for a simple dessert, with some dark chocolate, then, you're best of all, but don't chocolate into chocolate. Then eat it - it's the best of all time! (yay!)

Strawberries are fresh, but can be

Name of food: watermelon

Characteristics:

- It is heavy.
- It is round.



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What to Know (Facts):

- By weight, a watermelon contains about 6% sugar and 92% water.
- The watermelon can be classed as both a fruit and a vegetable.
- It is a fruit because it grows from a seed, has a sweet, refreshing flavor.
- The Guinness World Record for heaviest watermelon is for one grown by USA (They taste sweet and juicy).



Fun Facts:

- Wild watermelons originated in southern Africa.
- It is actually a type of berry called pepo.
- They can clean our face such as masks.



My personal opinions:

- They contain high levels of vitamin B6.
- They contain vitamin A which is good for eye sight.
- They also contain potassium which is keeping the heart healthy.

Green food is good for you!
by Alayna

It's April 22 now, and the weather becomes ~~bad~~ here is a fruit that I suggest you because it help you to cool down! ~~and~~ Watermelon

Distinguishing characteristics:
Watermelon grow on the soil

What to know:
The kind of watermelon is dark green — it is healthy but there is a lot of sugar. Watermelon is originally from South Africa. They usually grow in Summer. There is 9% WATER in watermelon. There are seeds in watermelon, sometimes they are black but sometimes they are white.

Fun facts:
Watermelon is a vegetable or a fruit? Watermelon can be classified as both a fruit or a vegetable. All parts of a watermelon can be eaten! even the rind. In China, many people cook pork or beef with the rind. It's very yummy that you will eat the rind.

My opinion:
Watermelon is sweet and juicy. I eat it in Summer for the weather, just like watermelon salad. But not the seeds. Why? I eat it not the seeds because I don't like the seeds. ~~and~~ I like the watermelon seeds.



Do you know what part of watermelon is good for you?
Add the watermelon seeds just because they are good for you.

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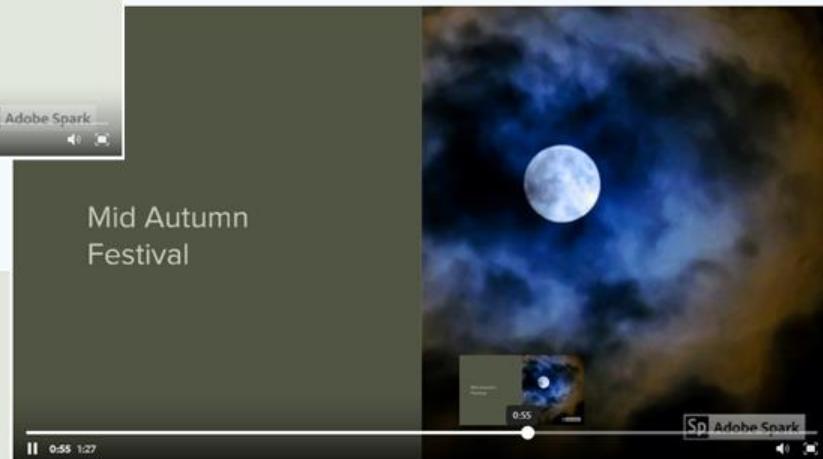
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I Love Hong Kong



Grandma likes egg tarts.

Mid Autumn Festival



Students present their work using media.

4. How did they feel?

gorillas feel enjoyable but Willy feel sad, disappointed and unhappy.

Suburban gorillas were enjoyment (enjoying themselves) willy was be discouraged.

5. If you were their friend, how could you help?

I will stand out to say to the people who are rude to her classmates “Can you stop the things that you are doing to your classmates, you are so rude.”

3. What problems did they have?

gorillas always bullying Willy. Willy do not want to be wimp.

willy was bullied, he always say sorry but he want to strong and didn't want to bullied and didn't want people to change his name.

Willy always say sorry to who was bullying him people then all the people called him 'Willy the Wimp' but Willy didn't like it.

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The people who were bullying Willy felt happy but Willy felt sad.

they are feel very unhappy.

5. If you were their friend, how could you help?

will call their parents, protect Willy and attack the gorillas.

I will ask him to eat buffet to help him relieve depression.

I could told him how to fight when he was being bully, he can fight back.

If I am strong, I will shout at the bad gorilla then they will.

P5 students were engaged in a whole-class discussion after they read a book or watched a video.

2. Where were they?

They were in school.

3. What problems did they have?

Some girl bully some girl.

They have to be nice to one another.

Someone laugh at, they be rude, to be mean to and play tricks on her classmates.

the people say she is bad thing.

4. How did they feel?

They feel helpless.

unhappy.

They feel very sad, unfair, scared, and lonely. She is very poor. By Molly

they are feel happy.

The bullies thought it was fun, but the girl was sad. By Tracy

5. If you were their friend, how could you help?

If I were their friend, I could told the teacher to help them.

If I were their friend, I could stand out to say to the people who are rude to her classmates “Can you stop the things that you are doing to your classmates, you are so rude.”