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VICE-PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Starting Small To Make Big Changes

In 2014, I chanced upon a memorable graduation speech given by retired U.S. Navy SEAL Admiral William H. McRaven at the University of Texas. His message was simple yet deeply meaningful: to change the world, start by making your bed. It's not a secret military tactic - just a humble bed-making habit!

You might be wondering, "How can making the bed change the world?"

The task of bed-making is not simply about adjusting pillows or smoothing out sheets. This routine, simple as it may seem, emphasises personal responsibility, discipline, and dedication to small tasks. Collectively, these small tasks lead to significant achievements - values we endeavour to instil in our students.

Admiral McRaven's message suggests that initiating the day by making your bed can kickstart a positive momentum that lasts throughout the day. By completing this initial task, we not only gain a sense of pride but also foster a mindset that values small actions. This mindset has the potential to steer us towards a more productive and fulfilling day.

The seemingly ordinary act of making our bed fosters discipline and consistency. Despite its routine nature, it calls on us to take ownership of our immediate environment. The discipline it cultivates can be applied to various aspects of our children's lives, whether it's studying for a test, finishing homework, working on a school project, or respectfully interacting with peers.

In our school environment, we strive to inspire each student to appreciate the importance of small tasks, consistency, and personal responsibility. These traits are crucial not only for academic achievement but also for character development.

Bear in mind, every completed assignment, every extra book read, and every act of kindness, no matter how small, contributes to our broader mission of personal growth and fostering a positive impact in our community. If we can transform our lives and positively influence those around us through small, consistent actions, we are, indeed, changing the world.



VICE-PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

As we guide our children and students through their educational journey, let's continually remind them of the importance of small daily tasks, like making their beds. Every small task they complete, every new concept they grasp, brings them one step closer to making the world a better place. If they can handle small daily tasks with discipline and care, they will be better prepared to address larger challenges. Let's motivate them to manage their personal responsibilities and to continue on their path of learning and growing, one task - and one lesson - at a time.

Shared by

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HOW TO LEARN CHINESE WITH AI

如何利用人工智能学习汉语

In November 2022, the launch of ChatGPT brought AI into the mainstream and elevated the application of AI to unprecedented levels of popularity and recognition. Learning Chinese is a challenge for foreign students due to its complexity and unfamiliarity with the language. However, with the help of AI technology, Chinese learning can become easier and more accessible.

2022年11月，ChatGPT的推出使人工智能变得家喻户晓，也将人工智能的应用推向一个全新的高度。对于外国中学生来说，由于汉语的复杂性和语言的陌生性，学习汉语是一项挑战。然而，借助于AI技术，汉语学习可以变得更容易、更便利。

Using Online Language Learning Platforms

使用在线语言学习平台

Use the online language learning platform such as Duolingo to access Chinese language courses and practice. Those platforms are often equipped with AI technology to help students better understand the Chinese language and conduct oral training. For example, Duolingo uses AI to personalise the learning experience for each student and provide instant feedback on pronunciation and grammar.

使用在线语言学习平台（如Duolingo）提供的汉语学习课程和练习。这些平台往往配备了人工智能技术，以帮助学生更好地理解汉语和进行口语训练。例如，Duolingo使用AI技术来个性化每位学生的学习体验，并即时反馈发音和语法。

Using Intelligent Voice Assistants

使用智能语音助手

Some Chinese language learners, due to reasons such as introversion or lack of self-confidence, may not have had the opportunity to practice speaking during their learning process. Intelligent voice assistants, such as Siri, Smart speakers and Google Assistant can help students practice Chinese pronunciation and tone. Students can issue commands or ask questions to these assistants and listen to their answers, which can help improve their Chinese speaking skills. For example, Google Assistant has a feature called Interpreter Mode that can translate between Chinese and other languages in real-time, which can help students improve their language comprehension and communication skills.

一些汉语学习者因为性格内向、自信心不足等原因，在学习过程中没有得到练习口语的机会。这时，智能语音助手，如Siri、智能音箱、Google助手等，它们可以帮助学生练习汉语发音和语调。学生可以向这些助手发出指令或提出问题，并听取它们的回答，这可以帮助提高他们的汉语口语能力。例如，Google助手有一个名为“翻译模式”的功能，可以实时翻译汉语和其他语言之间的内容，这可以帮助学生提高语言理解和沟通能力。

Using Language Exchange Apps

使用语言交流应用程序

Language exchange apps, such as HelloTalk and Tandem, provide a platform for students to practice speaking Chinese with native speakers. These apps often have AI-powered language recognition technology that can provide feedback on pronunciation and grammar mistakes.



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Additionally, students can also learn about Chinese culture and customs through conversations with native speakers, which can enhance their overall language learning experience.

语言交流应用程序，如HelloTalk和Tandem，提供了一个可以让学生与母语为中文的人练习口语的平台。

这些应用程序通常具有基于AI技术的语言识别技术，可以提供发音和语法错误的反馈。

此外，学生还可以通过与母语为中文的人交流了解中国文化和习俗，这可以增强学生整体的语言学习体验。

It's important to note that while AI technology can provide helpful resources for language learning, it cannot serve as a substitute for a Chinese language teacher. Language learning involves not only mastering vocabulary and grammar but also understanding culture and customs. Therefore, students should seek opportunities to practice speaking with native speakers and engage in cultural activities.

需要注意的是，虽然AI技术可以为语言学习提供有用的资源，但它不能作为汉语老师的替代品。语言学习不仅涉及掌握词汇和语法，还涉及理解文化和风俗习惯。因此，学生应该积极寻求与母语为中文的人练习口语和参与文化活动的机会。

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SOWING SEEDS OF EXPERIENCE: YEAR 1s ON THE FARM

On May 19, 2023, the students in Year 1 visited Scientia Square Park in Tangerang to deepen their understanding and appreciation of farming while nurturing their sense of responsibility for animal wellness and fostering adaptability and teamwork.

As the group arrived at the park, enthusiastic guides greeted them and gave a quick orientation to set the stage for their exciting day. Eager to capture the memories, the children posed for snapshots by the park's entrance.

Their first stop was Rabbit Tales, where the students had the opportunity to feed, pet, and play with adorable rabbits. With these gentle creatures, the children experienced firsthand the importance of caring for animals.

Next, they ventured to the Teepee Buddies area, where they encountered alpacas, horses, and deer, allowing the students to deepen their connection with the natural world.

The journey continued with feeding koi fish and unleashing their creativity by painting their own farmer's hats. The children showcased their artistic side, adding a touch of personal flair to their farmer personas.

The students' encounter with David the Buffalo at the field followed. This meet-and-greet fostered a sense of respect for the animals that contribute to the farming process.

The students then eagerly participated in rice threshing and worked hand in hand with farmers to separate the paddy grains from the rest of the crop.

Then, to honour and express gratitude towards the hardworking farmers, the children shed their shoes, stepped into the muddy field, and planted rice saplings with their hands. They embraced the experience, gaining an appreciation for the laborious process involved in farming.

Afterwards, the students created their bento meals, a testament to the importance of nourishment and sustainable farming practices. They built camaraderie while enjoying lunch together.

Throughout the trip, the children had the opportunity to interact with different animals, celebrate the vital role of farming, take risks, and experience getting dirty. The memories created on this day would serve as a reminder of the beauty and significance of agriculture in our lives.



SOWING SEEDS OF EXPERIENCE: YEAR 1s ON THE FARM

Gallery





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YEAR 7: RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



The Confirmation is an important Sacrament in the life of a young Catholic student. It is a sacrament through which they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, strengthening their faith and empowering them to live as followers or disciples of Christ.

The NHJS community is very grateful because last May 13, 2023, 9 of our year 7 Catholic students, and students from other schools, received the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Theresa Parish. It was led by the apostolic nuncio, Archbishop Piero Pioppo.

In his homily, the Archbishop emphasised the challenges of young Catholics to be more active participative in some Catholic activities in order to practice the spirit of discipleship that they have received during the Sacrament of Confirmation. He said that in the process, students prepare for the sacrament alongside their peers, forming bonds and supporting one another in their faith. Through this process, they learn about the importance of community and the Church as a family. And the Holy Spirit that they receive on that day.

Confirmation is not the end but the beginning of a new life in their faith journey. It empowers our students to go out into the world as witnesses of the love of Christ. They are called to live out their faith in practical ways, such as showing kindness, serving others, helping each other and being peacemakers wherever they will be.

Congratulations students!

Shared by

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““ ANNOUNCEMENT

New Staff

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Reynani Fiskalita Kurnia Sari, who joins us as our new Marketing Manager. Her vast expertise and fresh perspectives will make significant contributions to our team.



Public Holiday & Cuti Bersama

On 1 June 2023 is Pancasila Day and on 2 June 2023 is Cuti Bersama for Waisak Day. The school will be closed on both days.



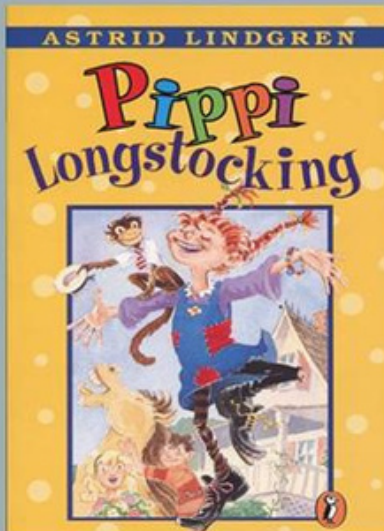
HIGHLIGHT

Reading Recommendations



Title : No Such Thing
Publisher : Astra Young Readers
ISBN : 9781563974908

There is no such thing as a monster, and certainly no such thing as a monster under the bed. That's what Howard's mother tells him. There is no such thing as a boy, and certainly no such thing as a boy on top of a bed. That's what Monster's mother tells him. But no matter what their mothers say, Howard and Monster remain afraid of the dark. Then one spooky night Howard and Monster come face-to-face with each other. Jackie French Koller and Betsy Lewin have created a "monster-under-the-bed" story that offers the perfect cure for fear of the dark.



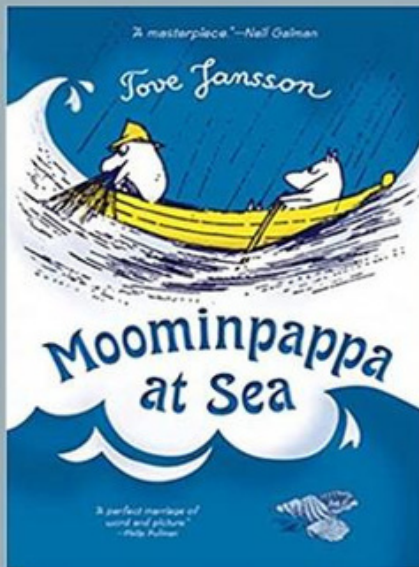
Title : Pippi Longstocking
Publisher : Puffin Books
ISBN : 0590016555

Tommy and his sister Annika have a new neighbor, and her name is Pippi Longstocking. She has crazy red pigtails, no parents to tell her what to do, a horse that lives on her porch, and a pet monkey named Mr. Nilsson. Whether Pippi's scrubbing her floors, doing arithmetic, or stirring things up at a fancy tea party, her flair for the outrageous always seems to lead to another adventure.



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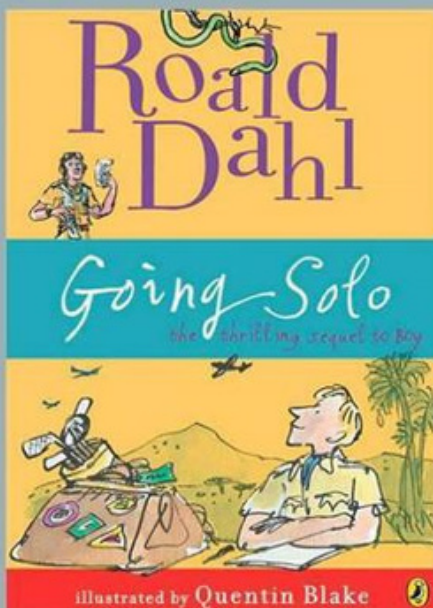


Title : Moominpappa at Sea

Publisher : Square Fish

ISBN : 9780312608927

Leave Moominvalley? Is it possible? Yes, even the Moomin family need a change of scenery sometimes, so they're off to live in a lighthouse on a tiny island. Here they find space to grow, and to do things they couldn't in their comfortable, cluttered valley home. As they discover their new home, the family also discover surprising, and wonderfully funny, new things about themselves



Title : Roald Dahl Going Solo

Publisher : Viking Books for Young Readers

Going solo tells of how , when he grew up, Roald Dahl left England for Africa and a series of daring and dangerous adventures began. From tales of plane crashes to surviving snake bites

UPCOMING EVENTS

- CAIE IGSCE/AS/A LEVEL
24 APRIL - 9 JUNE 2023
- EYR Marking & Make-up Exam Day
26 MAY 2023
- Pancasila Day
1 JUNE 2023
- Cuti Bersama for Waisak Day
2 JUNE 2023
- Indonesian Culture Day
Awards Day (Non-Academic)
Class Party
6 JUNE 2023
- Parent-Teacher Meeting
Years 1&2 Student-Led Conference
7-9 JUNE 2023