

Tips to Support Children's Science Learning



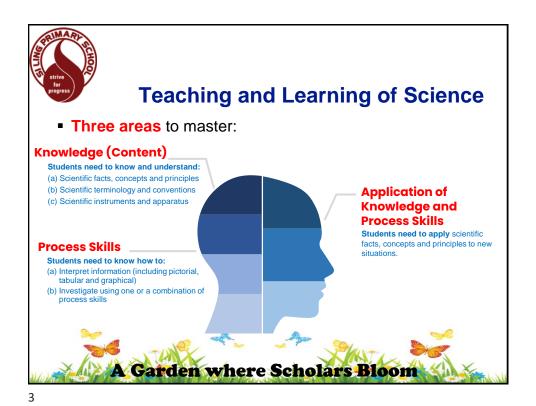
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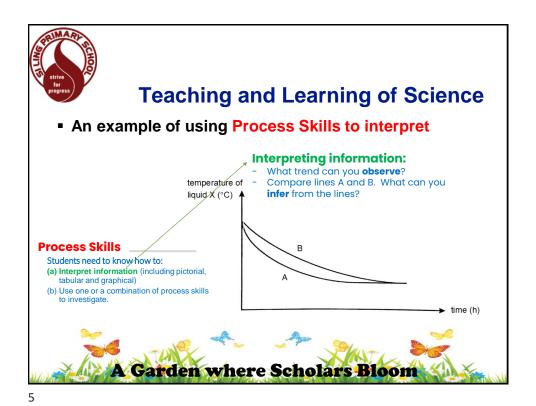
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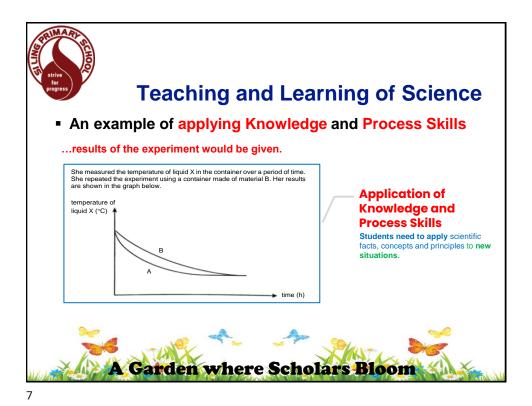




Teaching and Learning of Science ■ An example of Knowledge (Content)
One of the facts/concepts **Knowledge (Content)** about Heat: What is a good conductor of Students need to know and understand: (a) Scientific facts, concepts and principles heat? What is a poor conductor of (b) Scientific terminology and conventions (c) Scientific instruments and apparatus Metals allow heat to flow through them easily They are called good conductors of heat. Materials like air, plastic, rubber and wood do Conductors of Hear not allow heat to flow through them easily. They are called poor conductors of heat. The plastic handle is a poor The metal body is conductor of a good conductor of heat. heat. Garden where Scholars Bloom



Teaching and Learning of Science An example of applying Knowledge and Process Skills An application question would include an experimental set-up... Janice conducted an experiment using the set-up below. Application of container made of liquid X at 80°C **Knowledge and** material A **Process Skills** Students need to apply scientific facts, concepts and principles to new water at 30°C situations. She measured the temperature of liquid X in the container over a period of time. She repeated the experiment using a container made of material B. Her results are shown in the graph below. A Garden where Scholars Bloom



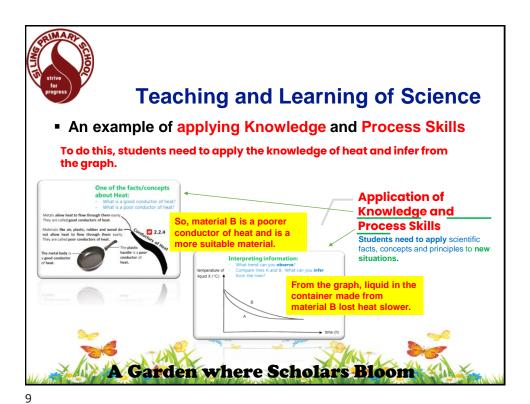
Teaching and Learning of Science

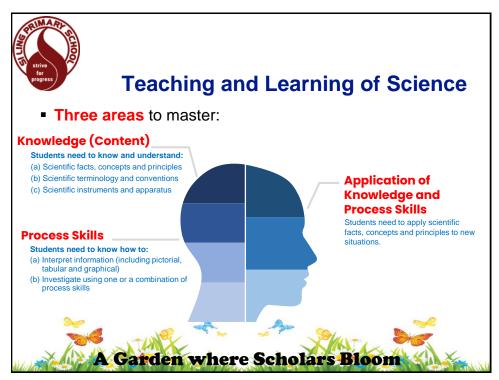
* An example of applying Knowledge and Process Skills

Janice wanted to bring hot food and cold drinks for a school trip. She wanted to keep the food hot and the drinks cold. Which material(s) would be more suitable for the containers?

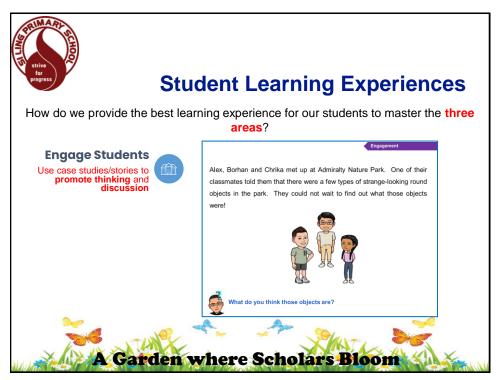
Application of Knowledge and Process Skills

Students need to apply scientific facts, concepts and principles to new situations.











Student Learning Experiences

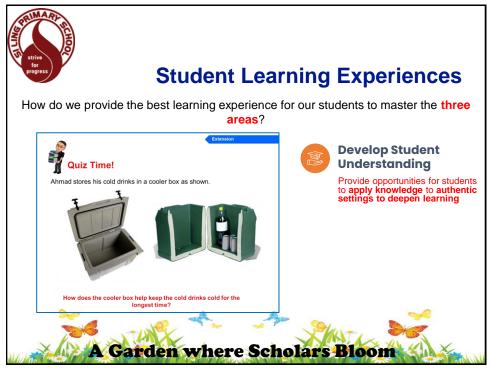
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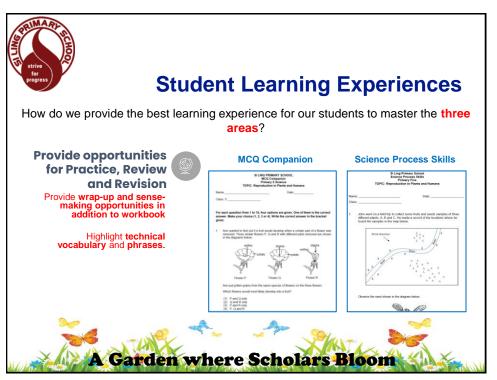
Develop Student Understanding
Carry out hands-on investigations to explore concepts

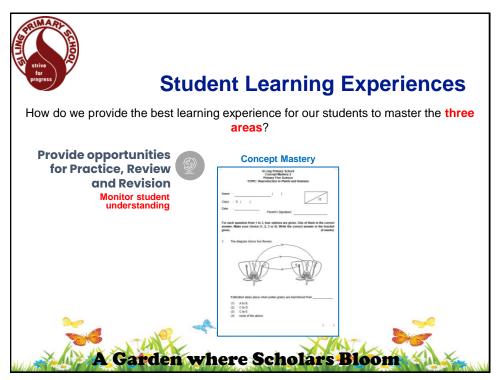
Use questions to deepen learning

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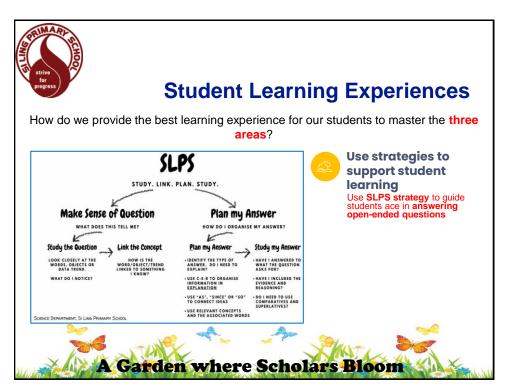
Provide opportunities for Practice, Review and Revision

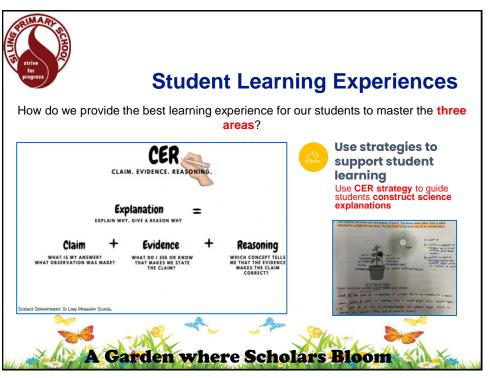
Provide **extra support** for identified students.

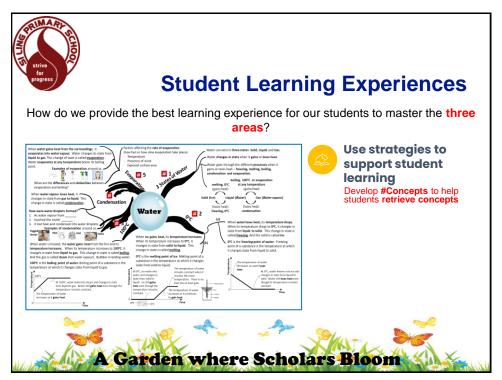
 Supplementary and Additional Support classes – to revise and practise or to bridge identified learning gaps



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Why do you get yourself involved in your child's learning in Science?

- Help child strengthen science concepts
- Reinforce and extend what child is learning in school
- Motivate child to feel confident about himself or herself as learners

How do you support your child in learning Science?

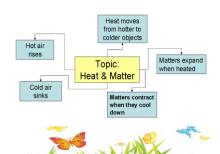


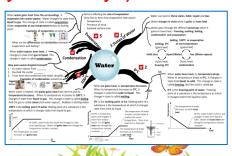
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Supporting Children's Learning

- Guide your child to master the science concept
 - Encourage child to read frequently, know the facts
 - Ensure child is very familiar with the concepts in #Concepts (from Primary 3 to Primary 6)





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- Guide your child to master the science concept
 - Every topic is important. Primary 3 and 4 topics can also be challenging. Make sure your child is familiar with them too.



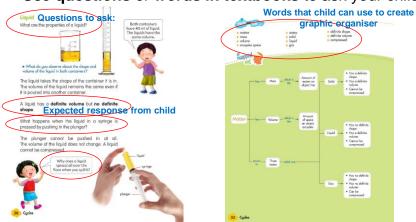
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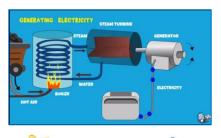
Guide your child to master the science concept

- Use questions or words in textbooks to ask your child





- Guide your child to master the science concept
 - Use role-play or watch animations to understand abstract topics (e.g. Youtube, SLS).







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Supporting Children's Learning

 Guide your child to apply what he/she has learnt to different situations



For example:

You can ask how the handdryer removes water from his hands.

Your child needs to recall the concept of rate of evaporation to tell you how.

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- Guide your child during revision
 - Go through the corrected responses in assignments with child
 - Remind them to use **relevant science concepts** in their responses
 - Ask child to interpret information in diagrams, graphs, tables
 - Remind child to use the strategies (SLPS and CER) they have learnt in answering Multiple-Choice Questions and Open-ended Questions



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Supporting Children's Learning

- Guide your child during revision
 - Use Practice Papers to conduct timed-practice with child to practise time management

Format of Paper (Standard)								
Booklet	Duration	Item Type	No. of questions	Marks per question	Marks			
A	1h 45mins	Multiple-choice	28	2	56			
В		Open-ended	12 – 13	2-5	44			





- Guide your child during revision
 - Use Practice Papers to conduct timed-practice with child to practise time management

Format of Paper (Foundation)								
Booklet	Duration	Item Type	No. of questions	Marks per question	Marks			
A	1h 15mins	Multiple-choice	18	2	36			
В		Structured	6 – 7	2 – 3	14			
		Open-ended	5 – 6	2 – 4	20			



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Supporting Children's Learning

- Guide your child during revision
 - Focus on:
 - (i) Knowing the science concepts very well for easy retrieval
 - (ii) Processing information and evaluating the distractors in MCQ
 - (iii) Constructing science explanations for Booklet B





- Guide your child during revision
 - Find out from teachers the type of questions your child need to work on to attain the appropriate Achievement Level (i.e. AL1 to AL4, or AL5/AL6)



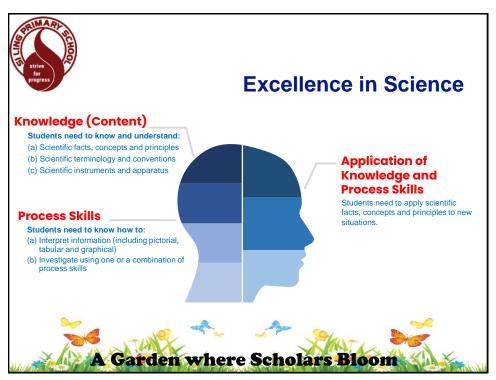
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Supporting Children's Learning

- Ensure your child is prepared for examinations
 - Refer to the dates closely and plan timely revision
 - Ensure they sit for all examinations (e.g. Preliminary and PSLE) unless there is a valid reason
 - Ensure they report to school punctually
 - Check their belongings before they leave home. Make sure they have everything they will need (stationery)
 - Encourage them to eat healthily to avoid falling sick during the examinations period.







Supporting Children's Learning

Summary:

- Guide your child to master the science concept
- Guide your child to apply what he/she has learnt to different situations
- Guide your child during revision



