Character and Citizenship Education

Primary 5 & 6

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Focus of Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) *at* West Spring

To develop students who

- are grounded in school values
- take ownership in character development
- are rooted to Singapore
- are wise in making responsible decisions

We aim to develop the following in our students:

Good Character

Resilience and Social-Emotional Well-Being

Future Readiness

Active Citizenship

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CCE Lessons on value and social emotional competencies

The explicit teaching of values and social emotional competencies is conducted through the following lessons:

- Form Teacher Guidance Period (FTGP)
- CCE Mother Tongue Languages - CCE(MTL)

Social Emotional Competencies explicitly nurtured through FTGP (Non-exhaustive)

- Recognise the factors that influence one's self-perception and identity.
- Recognise that actions can be taken to develop one's best self
- Develop different strategies to regulate emotions for positive outcomes.
- Value and express gratitude towards family, friends and others. Develop the skills of respectful communication to build relationships.
- Pursue interests and explore how one's life can be purposeful and fulfilling.
- Seek to understand the views of others by thinking and feeling from their perspectives when making decisions or forming opinions.
- Develop habits that demonstrate being one's best self. Apply strategies to demonstrate self control.
- Recognise the power of peer influence. Build self-confidence to resist peer pressure.
- Develop strategies to work harmoniously and resolve conflicts.
- Be aware of social stereotyping and prejudice, and its impact on people.
- Consider the consequences of one's decisions and actions on oneself and others. Recognise the importance of making values-based decisions in handling dilemmas
- Respond positively in the face of challenges.

Values explicitly taught through CCE (MTL)

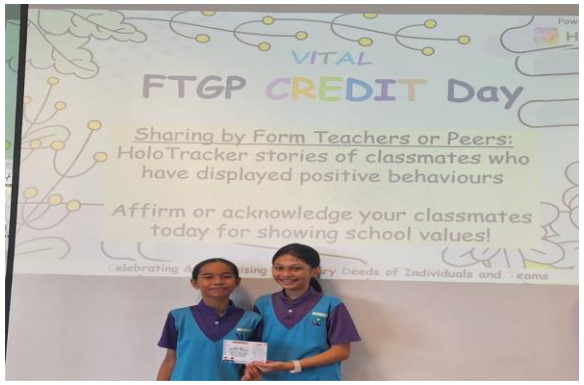
Responsibility

I know my duty and carry it to the best of my ability

Respect

I will be respectful and considerate to others

Integrity



I am honest and will stand up for what is right

Care

I show care and concern for others

Harmony

I work and interact well with others

Resilience

I will never give up easily

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Citizenship Dispositions

- Citizenship Education is explicitly taught through Social Studies and Values in Action (VIA) progamme.

- Through these, we hope to nurture the following citizenship dispositions in our students:
  - Sense of Belonging
  - Sense of Identity
  - Sense of Reality
  - Will to act

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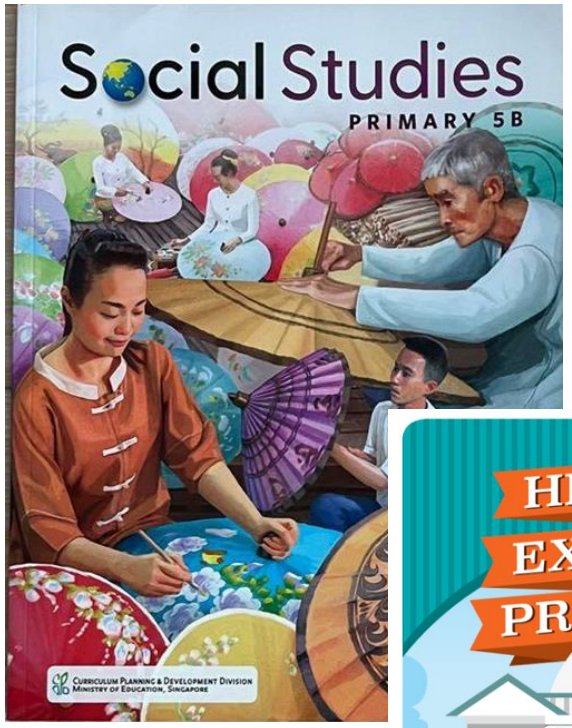

Focus of Social Studies

<u>Level of Study</u>

Part 1 – Understanding Singapore's Development as a Nation (P5)
Part 2 – Understanding Southeast Asia's Diversity and Interconnectedness (P5)

Understanding Features and Legacies of Civilizations (P6)

<u>Inquiry Focus</u>

Part 1: How has Singapore developed as a nation since her independence? (P5)
Part 2: What makes up Southeast Asia and how are the countries interconnected? (P5)

How are the legacies of the civilizations seen in our lives today? (P6)

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Values in Action (VIA)

- Values in Action (VIA) provides the platform for students to serve the needs of the community in a variety of ways.
- Through VIA, students will have the opportunities to learn and care about Singapore, demonstrate active citizenship, learn skills and values related to working in groups and interacting with others in the public sphere.

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Values In Action (VIA)

We can Contribute Beyond
(Volunteerism)

Volunteerism (Student-Initiated Projects)

Selected students may even volunteer and initiate VIA projects through our partnerships with external agencies to contribute further to the community.

We can Contribute
(Level VIA)

Level VIA (Student-Initiated Activities)

For level VIA, lesson time is allocated for students to brainstorm and plan projects that contribute to family, school and community.

I can Contribute
(Personal)

Everyday Responsibilities

At the personal level, students develop a sense of responsibility and care for their own shared spaces and adopting sustainable practices in school and at home

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Every school experience is a CCE lesson

- CCE is also **implicitly** taught through all other school subjects and programmes.

- Students are given opportunities to be guided to learn, apply and demonstrate values, character, social-emotional competencies, and citizenship dispositions.

Process-orientated approach in CCE Assessment

- Students' character growth and development are aspects of learning that are not easily measured.
- A process-oriented approach is adopted in the assessment of CCE that aims to encourage students' character growth and development. It is a continuous process that occurs through a variety of experiences.
- Teachers encourage students to work towards developing their best selves by giving them timely and meaningful feedback on their behaviour, actions, and choices.
- Students will have an understanding of where they are in their learning and what to do next to progress further.

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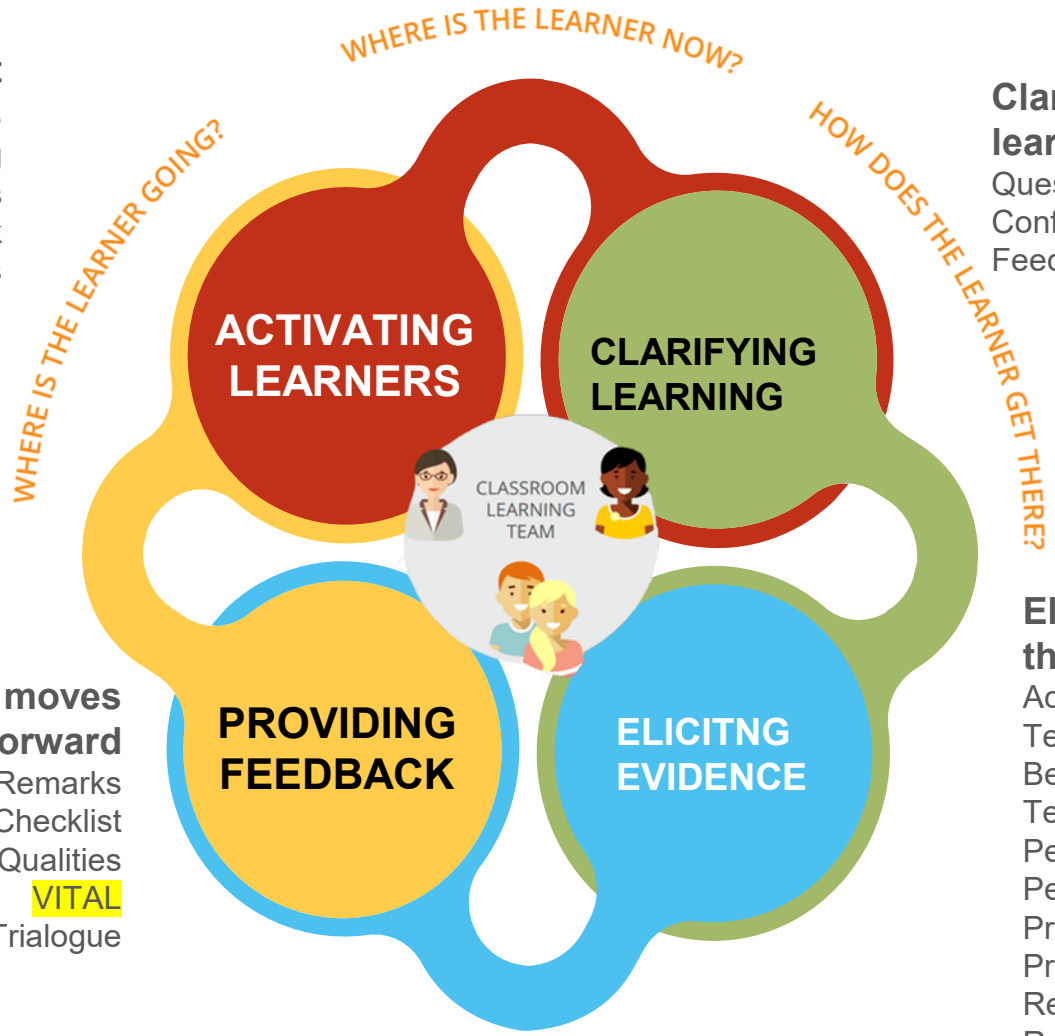
CCE Assessment in West Spring Primary School

Activating learners to support themselves and their peers
Questioning
Discussions
Group work
Teachable Moments

Providing feedback that moves learners forward
Comments/ HDP Remarks
Rubrics/ Checklist
Personal Qualities
VITAL
Trialogue



Clarifying learning with and for learners
Questioning
Conferencing
Feedback/ Comments

Eliciting evidence of learning through a variety of methods
Activity Book
Teacher Observations
Behavioural Indicators
Teacher Observations
Peer Observations
Performance Tasks
Presentations
Projects
Reflections
Rubrics

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Harmony

Resilience

Integrity

Respect

Responsibility

Care

Show Care to Self & others

Harness Communication & Connection

Ignite Creative & Critical Thinking

Nurture Passion

Empower Confidence

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Values Identified Through the Actions of Learners

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1. Evolving character development to look at students ***holistically***.

2. Supporting students' character growth and social-emotional development through ***observation, affirmation, feedback and reflection***.

3. Analysing students' character growth over time with data collected using ***HoloTracker AI technology***.

4. ***Partnering parents*** to create a nurturing family environment that contributes positively to students' character and social development.

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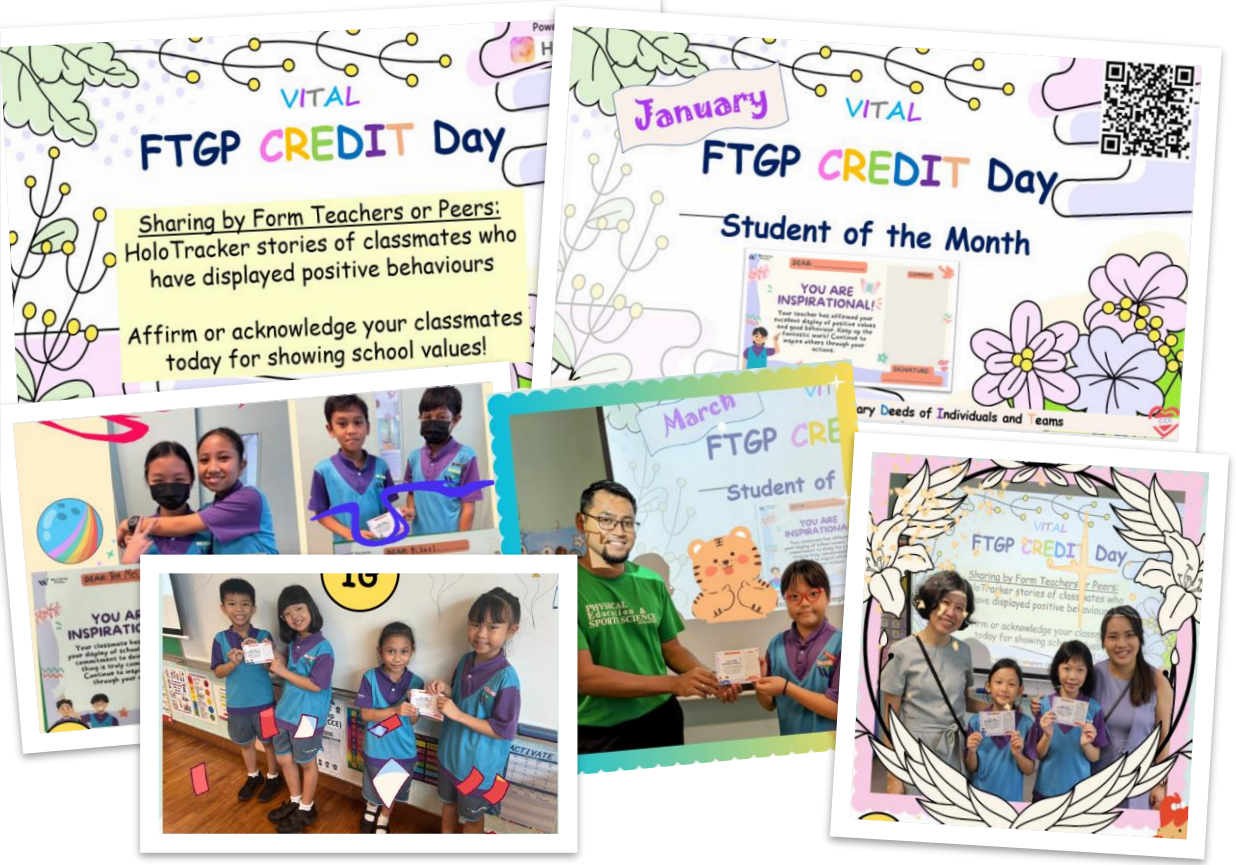

Weekly *FTGP CREDIT Day* provides opportunities for teacher and peer affirmation of students who have displayed positive behaviour.

***HoloTracker*'s 'My Reflection Journal' tool provides opportunities for peer and self-affirmation to boost students' confidence and raise self-esteem.**

Regular *SHINE check-ins during FTGP* provide opportunities for students to practise SHINE (21CC) action statements and work towards our West Spring SHINE Aspirations goals.

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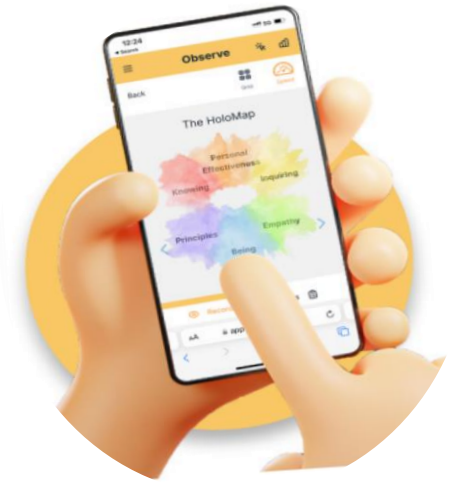
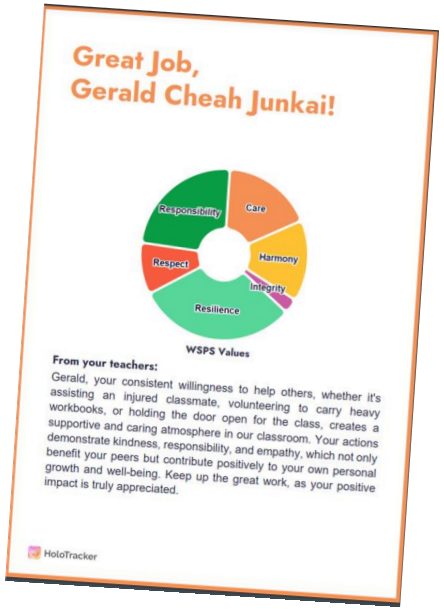


Use of HoloTracker by form, subject, CCA, POP teachers and fellow students to capture moments of students' character growth.



Consolidation of teacher and peer observations into Holo Student Cards for parents, teachers and students to engage in meaningful conversations, and nurture and motivate students into forming sound values and good habits.

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How can parents support their child in their *VITAL@West Spring* character development journey?

- Log in to your child's HoloTracker account regularly to view the teacher or peer observations logged by your child's teachers and classmates.
- Engage your child in regular conversations on his/her experiences and feelings of displaying positive behaviour and school values.
- Guide your child in setting character development goals or tiny habits and motivate his/her to achieve them.
- Encourage your child to practise regular reflective journaling by logging entries using HoloTracker's reflection feature.
- Communicate a vocabulary for good character to help your child identify positive traits and reflect on his/her words and actions.
- Affirm positive traits and encourage positive behaviour in your child.
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Values Education at Home

- Students benefit the most when the home and school environments are attuned to each other.

- Parents are strongly encouraged to emphasise and demonstrate the school values to support their child's holistic development.

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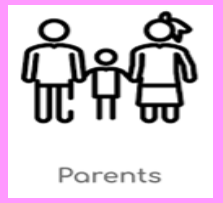
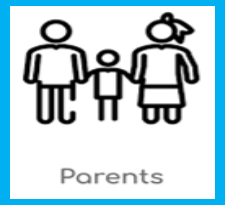
PARENTS AS KEY PARTNERS

Greet the staff in school when they meet them.



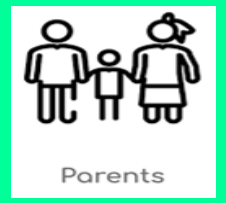
Greet parents and family members in the morning.

Return the used utensils after finishing their meals during recess.



Encourage your child to carry out simple chores at home.

Try again and not give up when they experience difficulties or failures.

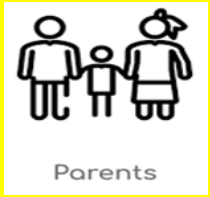


Affirm your child's effort no matter how small it is.

Understand their classmates better and learn how to get along well with others.

Encourage your child to make friends with neighbours and other children they meet in the neighbourhood.

Always be honest such as to return items that they have found to the rightful owner.



Role model examples of honest behaviour.

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