# Character and Citizenship Education

Primary 1 & 2



## 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** 



## 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)
- Programme for Active Learning (PAL)



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

- Develop self-awareness and self-management skills to achieve personal effectiveness and well-being
  - Recognise that everyone is unique in his/her own way and has self-worth.
  - Identify emotions and the contributing factors.
- Develop social awareness and manage relationships for personal and social well-being
  - Show care and appreciation for family, friends and others.
  - Understand how we can be different yet similar. Demonstrate respect for others even when they are different from us.
- Make responsible decisions and act on them
  - Generate ideas to respond to different situations. Be aware of the consequences of one's actions and decisions.
  - Recognise other perspectives in decision-making or forming opinions



## **Values** explicitly taught through **CCE** (MTL)

#### Responsibility



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

#### Care



I show care and concern for others

Some photos were taken during pre-covid period

#### Respect



I will be respectful and considerate to others

#### **Harmony**



I work and interact well with others

#### Integrity



I am honest and will stand up for what is right

#### Resilience



I will never give up easily

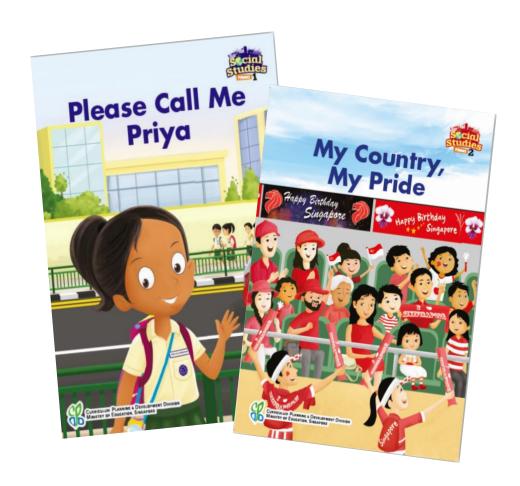


## **Citizenship Dispositions**

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



#### **Focus of Social Studies**



#### Level of Study

Knowing Myself, Others and Surroundings (P1) Coming Together as a Nation (P2)

#### **Inquiry Focus**

Who am I in relation to the people and places around me? (P1)

What unites the people in Singapore as a nation? (P2)



## 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.



### Values In Action (VIA)

We can
Contribute
Beyond
(Volunteerism)

We can Contribute (Level VIA)

I can Contribute (Personal)

#### **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.

#### 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.

#### **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



## 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-oriented approach in CCE Assessment

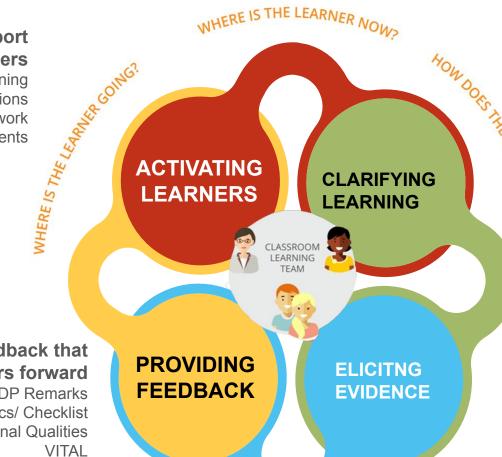
- Students' character growth and development are aspects of learning that are not easily measured.
- A process-oriented approach is adopted in the assessment of CCE that aims to encourage students' character growth and development. It is a continuous process that occurs through a variety of experiences.
- 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.



### **CCE Assessment in West Spring Primary School**

Activating learners to support themselves and their peers

Questioning
Discussions
Group work
Teachable Moments



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



Providing feedback that moves learners forward

Comments/ HDP Remarks
Rubrics/ Checklist
Personal Qualities
VITAL
Trialogue



## Values Education Programme

where parents become part of the school



West Spring Primary actively collaborates with parents in our Values Education Programmes. Parents are often invited to share their expertise and contribute actively to the development of our West Springers through various activities.



#### 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.
- Some examples are shown on the next slide



### PARENTS AS KEY PARTNERS



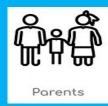
Greet the staff in school when they meet them.



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.



## Thank you

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