

# Enhancing literacy and language development in a bilingual environment

**Organisation:**

Brighton College

**Location:**

Singapore

**Curriculum:**

British

**Interviewed Individual:**

Jessica Sellers, Year 6 teacher and English specialist

**Products Used:**

Star Reading, Accelerated Reader and myON

**About the school:** Brighton College (Singapore) is a leading international school, part of the Cognita School Group. Students study a broad and dynamic curriculum, based on the English National Curriculum, enriched with cross curricular activities in the arts, music and sports.

**The challenge:** With a diverse student population, many for whom English is not their first language, reading and literacy is a key focus. The primary years' team were looking to introduce a structured programme that would allow them to track individual student's reading levels, support literacy development for their EAL learners, and foster a love for reading across the cohorts.

**The solution:** The school now use a range of Renaissance tools to assess, monitor and guide their students' reading journeys.

**Star Reading** provides a comprehensive online assessment that allows the school to track, monitor and evaluate students' reading progress. **Accelerated Reader (AR)** helps the team monitor, manage and motivate reading for pleasure across the year groups, and the **myON** digital reading platform supports students' reading practice, helping them to become fluent readers.

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***The students are really engaged with their learning, and I've seen an increase in their excitement to read.”***

–Jessica Sellers, Year 6 teacher and English Specialist, Brighton College



**Implementation:** In Year 2, AR and myON are used within the class setting for reading practice. From Years 3 to 6, Star Reading, AR and myON help teachers to motivate, support and track reading progress.

Star Reading assessments are delivered twice each term to monitor progress and identify the areas of reading where students may be struggling. AR and myON complement the assessment data to provide a personalised learning plan for each student, helping them to find a 'just right' balance between reading success and challenge.

AR is embedded into the timetable, with the library organised into the AR colour bands so students can actively choose their own books. myON is used for transitional times when students can explore books at home or in the classroom, linked to their reading level. The school has launched a number of initiatives to increase engagement, including the 'Millionaire Club' which tracks how many words the children have read on AR and myON. Staff use the dashboard and reports to monitor student reading, ensuring they are quizzing appropriate books for their reading level.

**Results and impact:** Since introducing the Renaissance tools, the school has seen an **increase in students' engagement** and their excitement to **challenge themselves with reading**.

The data supports the team in **identifying learning gaps** and helps them **see where reading interventions are needed**. It also supports conversations with both students and parents.

The team has seen an **improvement in students' comprehension skills**, using AR quizzes to support the development of deeper thinking skills and a variety of comprehension strategies.

There has been a **big impact on EAL learners and struggling readers**. Looking at the data, the team can see and celebrate progress.

**“The primary school is really focusing on encouraging reading for pleasure – so AR and myON allow the students ownership of their reading, which is a really important factor.”**

–Jessica Sellers, Year 6 teacher and English Specialist, Brighton College



### Top 3 Takeaways:

- Accurate and detailed assessment data supports teachers in tracking reading progress, improving learning outcomes and celebrating success
- Motivating tools like AR and myON help stimulate independent reading that builds stamina, word recognition, and language comprehension skills
- EAL students benefit from the personalised support, targeted to ensure purposeful reading practice

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