

Fresh start, new beginning, new habits.

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The New School Year Issue

There's a bright future ahead.

THE TIME IS NOW!

SMILE! It makes a huge difference to everything.

This can be the BEST year of your life

Be a better you. Be the best you.

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Welcome Back to School

Where did the summer holidays go? It feels like yesterday that we were finishing up, and clearing our classrooms before holidays and down-time. Speaking of down-time, I hope you all had an excellent rest over the summer. Getting out of Hong Kong was a little difficult, but there's plenty to do in this vibrant and lively city, so hopefully many of you managed to get out and about and see some sights.

It's the 2021-22 academic year, and in SPSS fashion, let's start this year in the right way. First off, let's fill ourselves with optimism, hope, belief and confidence. Here are some inspiring quotes to set the tone for the year ahead.

"When you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine."



"The best is yet to be."

"Almost every successful person begins with two beliefs: the future can be better than the present, and I have the power to make it so."



"When you're positive, good things happen."

"Once you choose hope, anything is possible."



"Life goes by too quickly. So laugh, love and try new things. Forgive, forget and don't hold grudges. Choose to be happy."

"Choose to be optimistic. It feels better."



"The best way to cheer yourself is to try to cheer someone else up."

"Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm."



"Confidence: Show up to every single moment like you're meant to be there."

Let's take a look at some of the English programmes, schemes, activities and initiatives, that we are running this year.



The e-passport and online redemption scheme

This is the 'glue' of all the other schemes. When you are awarded a stamp it will be recorded here (and available for 'redemption'). This process is entirely online. Keep your ears and eyes open for more information... coming soon.



English iLearner

This is for the junior form students only. iLearner is an online reading, listening and activities platform. Complete your daily tasks, collect rewards, and quickly improve your English!



Vocabulary Logs

Vocabulary means 'words'. Words are powerful things and help to explain exactly what we mean. Our vocabulary logs (books) will be helpful when learning new words throughout the academic year (and before English tests and exams).



Bug Club Reading Scheme

Where would we be without books? The Bug Club Reading Scheme will assist you in improving your reading skills. In no time, you'll be reaching for books which you once thought were too difficult to read.



English Fridays

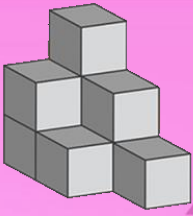
On Fridays we run everything in English, at SPSS. That means morning assemblies, school announcements, Friday dictations, and of course, morning and afternoon prayers.



Instagram

Want to see what's been going on? Perhaps you missed something and want to see what your friends got up to. It's simple, just log into Instagram, check the SPSS_hk page, and hit the like button (and leave a comment).

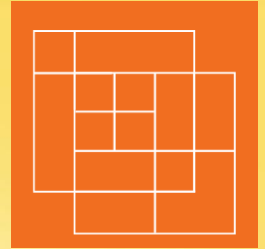
How many blocks?



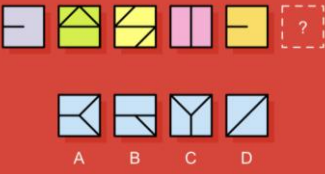
Tongue Twister Time

Give papa a cup of proper coffee in a copper coffee cup.

How many squares are there?



Which one comes next?



What is the next letter in this 7 letter sequence?

M, T, W, T, F, S, ___

A tough question...

What question can you never answer 'yes' to?

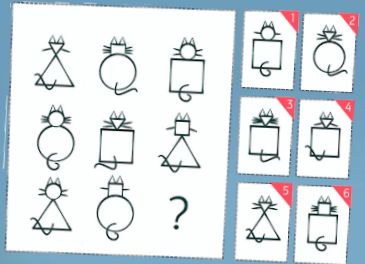
PUZZLES

It's time to engage your brain!

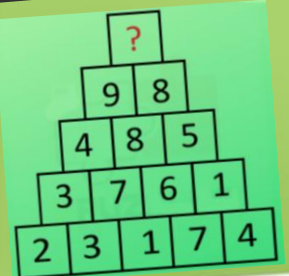
See if you can complete these patterns, riddles, tongue twisters, brain teasers, and other quizzes.

How many months have 28 days in them?

WHAT COMES NEXT?



What's the missing number?



A Riddle!

What gets bigger the more you take away

Tongue twister

The big black bug bit the big black bear, but the big black bear bit the big black bug back!

Answers:

- How many blocks? 9 blocks
- How many squares are there? 17 squares
- What comes next? Square B (it spells Easter)
- The next letter? S (days of the week)
- A tough question - Are you asleep yet?
- How many months? 12
- What comes next? Picture 3
- Missing number? 17 (total of each row)
- A Riddle - A hole