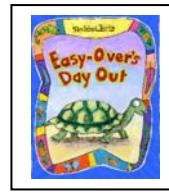
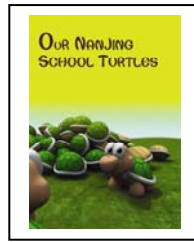


Literacy: Aust-China e- writer in residency Chinese-English Publishing Proposal

Eco-School Sleuths

by
Hazel Edwards



Background for Concept:

Many international and local schools are studying English/ Mandarin and need simple, but relevant reading materials.

Author Hazel Edwards has mentored several electronic writer in residencies based on her 'Gang O Kids' (Omotivo) where the children solve mysteries at different locations, while orienteering. This has been adapted into the school setting with lost school pets such as turtles, as a technique for displaying different school facilities in sequential pages, but with dual languages.

Now these have been translated by the local Chinese teachers, in Nanjing & Australia, into Mandarin.,

Using the Eco-School Sleuths model,

- Students create their own sleuths who solve the mystery .Sleuths are based on local uniforms, customs etc and maybe the name of their school. e,g, Hi and Val for Highvale.
- Create a mystery set in the real school surrounds e.g. lost school pet
- Write a picture book based around the photo or art work
- Have facing dual language pages.
- Translate into Chinese or English
- Exchange their books with other schools internationally.
- Use in the teaching of English/Mandarin but could be adapted for other second languages.

Existing & exchanged stories from participating schools:

Nanjing Youfu West Primary International School *Nanjing School Turtle*

Templeton Primary (Vic) *School Turtle EasyOver's Day Out.*

Highvale Primary (Vic) *Sanctuary Saga (Lost Pet Rabbit & Eco Garden)with sleuths Hi and Val*

Others are in progress.

Benefits for Students

- Observe and value their school
- Insight into comparative customs at other schools
- Language/translation relevance
- Relevant writing and artwork
- Pride

Benefits for Schools

- **Linked to curriculum**
- **Observation and logical problem-solving skills**
- **Publicises uniqueness of their school e.g. eco-garden**
- **Can be used with any second language**
- **Can utilise final picture story online with school website or seek commercial print publication**

Publisher relevance:

- **Potentially large international market**
- **Existing 3 photographic picture books in dual languages could be published but also a 'generic' teachers' note book to show other schools how it could be applied in their school & the language they are studying.**
- **Package could also include participant copies of Hazel Edwards' original Gang O Kids book as sample/models, with some mystery story plots to be finished by students as writing challenges.**
- **PR value of a highly successful China-Australia educational initiative between 2008-9 visiting Australian principal at Nanjing Youfu West Primary School , local Australian schools and author whose published books are already translated into 7 languages.**
- **Rights would be negotiated with Hazel Edwards and existing schools.**

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Easy Over's day Out /Nanjing School Turtle

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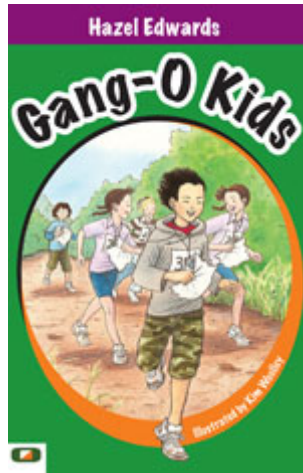
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