

CANBERRA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

BREAKING PATTERNS!

When patterns are broken, new worlds emerge.

Tuli Kupferberg

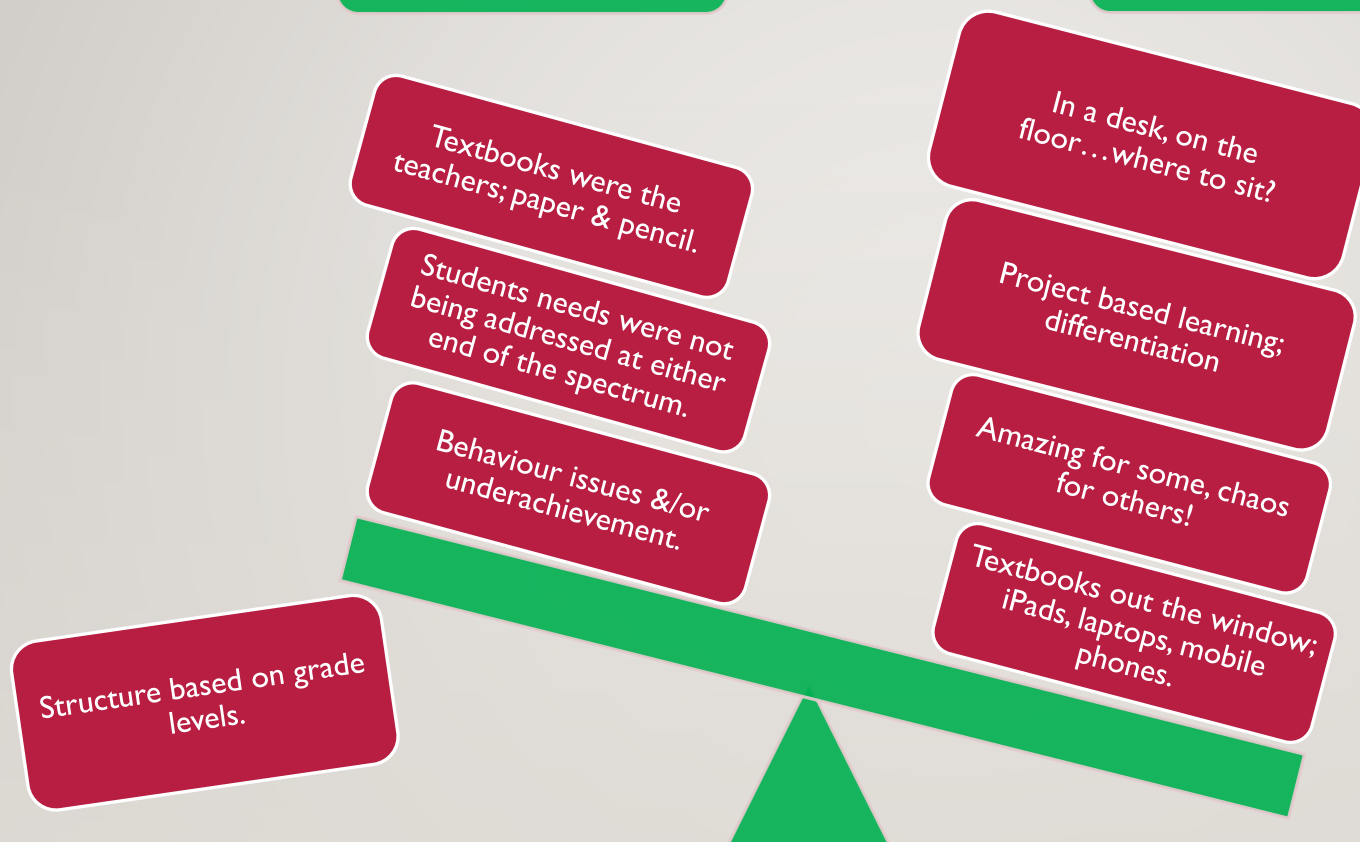


EDUCATION AROUND US!

- Outdated educational system with structure based on old methodology.
 - Based on people's working hours rather than educational knowledge.
 - Based on seasons, convenient time of day rather than how and when a child learns best.
 - Based on age rather than ability/readiness.
- Schools around the world restructuring the educational system.
 - Finland – 'Less is More' mentality.
 - Melbourne, Australia – Wooragee Primary School where every student is learning at his or her own level and pace.
 - Kansas, USA – in 2018 the "Mercury Seven" will do away with the traditional classroom setting and create classrooms based on experiences and levels rather than age.

Old Ways of Teaching

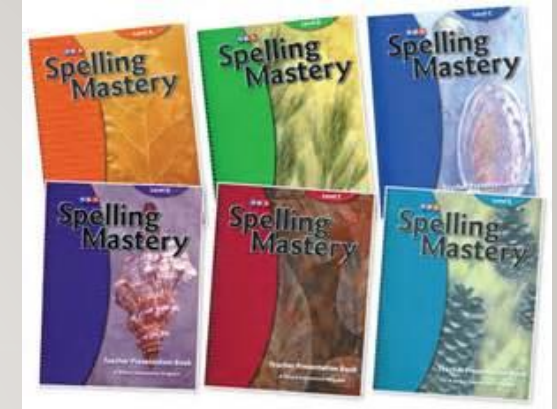
21st Century Ways of Teaching



Finding balance!

2015-2016 Plummeting Spelling Scores

- Most successful Spelling programs researched.
- Purchased Spelling Mastery for implementation in 2017.



2017 Implementation of Differentiated Spelling Teams

- Students complete initial placement test.
- Flexible teams are formed based on ability not year level.
- 4 thirty minute lessons each week.
- Explicit teaching.
- Well received and successful!

Semester 2, 2017 Implementation of Skill Building Teams

- Students complete Fountas & Pinnell reading assessments.
- Flexible teams formed based on ability not year level → Walkers, Runners, Joggers, and Sprinters.
- 3 one hour lessons each week; focus on reading comprehension.

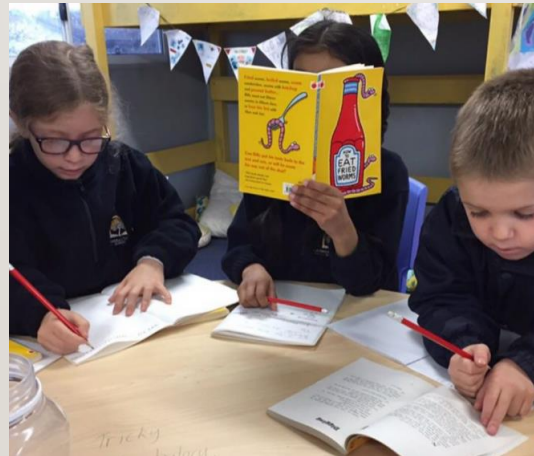


BREAKING PATTERNS AT CCS!

Focus on Skills

- ☐ Teach skills, not content.
- ☐ Use content as the lens to teach skills through.
- ☐ Integrated units.

Teaching strategies based around helping students become intrinsically motivated to do their best learning.

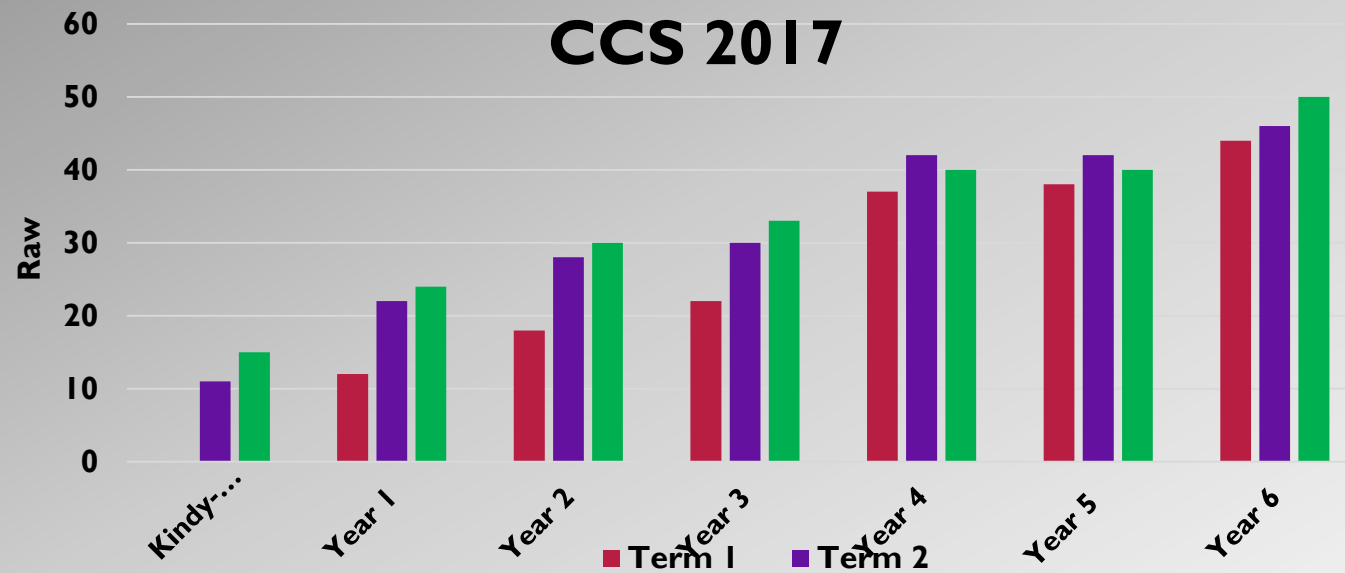


Focus on Ability

- ☐ Differentiated curriculum with tiered learning included.
- ☐ Teaching to the appropriate ability level, not year level.
- ☐ Meeting students where they need to be met.
- ☐ Filling in gaps, making progress.

WHAT DOES THE DATA SAY?

South Australia Spelling Average Spelling Ages Term 1 to Term 3 CCS 2017

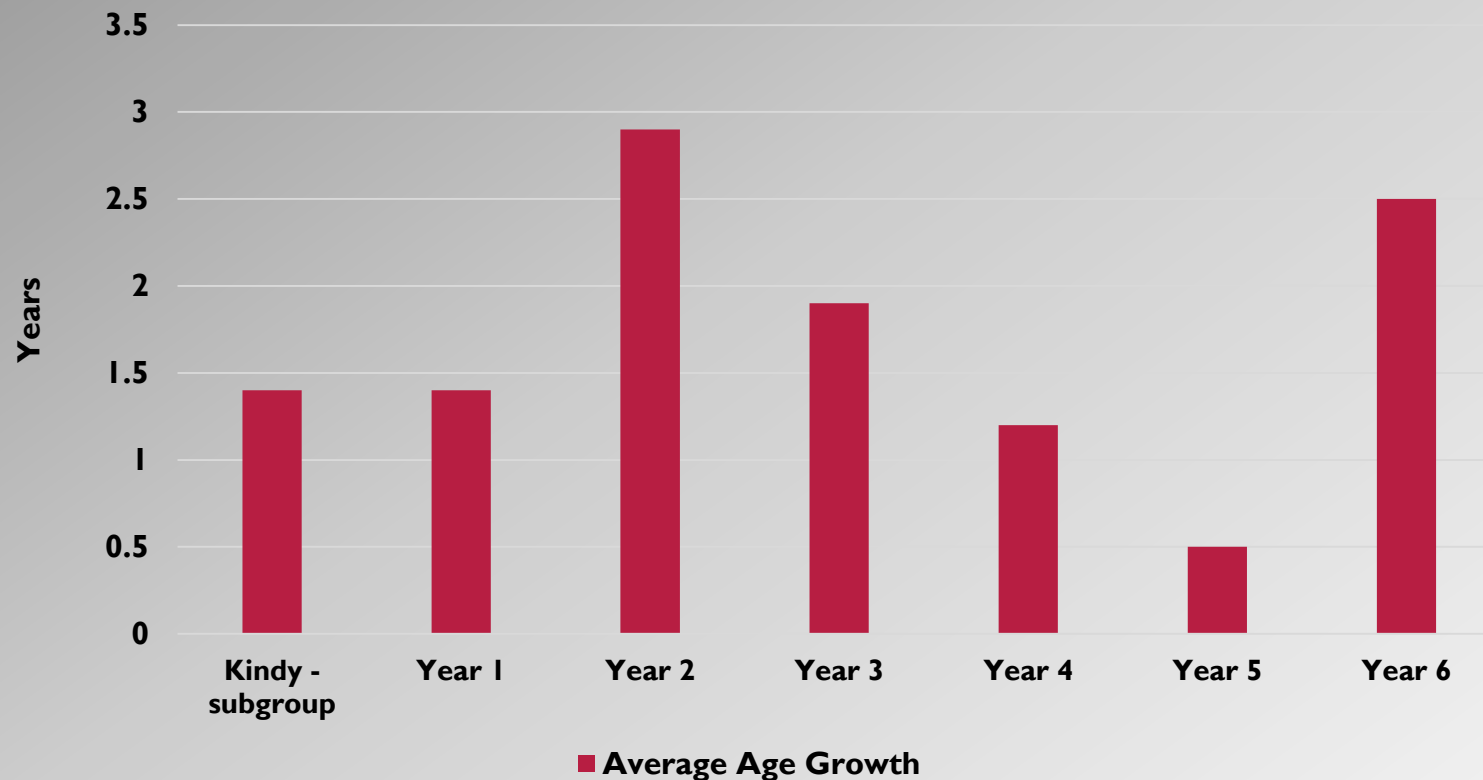


South Australia Spelling Average Spelling Age

Year Level	Term 1	Term 3
Kindy subgroup	*5.9	6.1
Year 1	5.9	7.3
Year 2	6.5	8.4
Year 3	7.1	9.0
Year 4	9.5	10.7
Year 5	10.2	10.7
Year 6	11.7	14.2

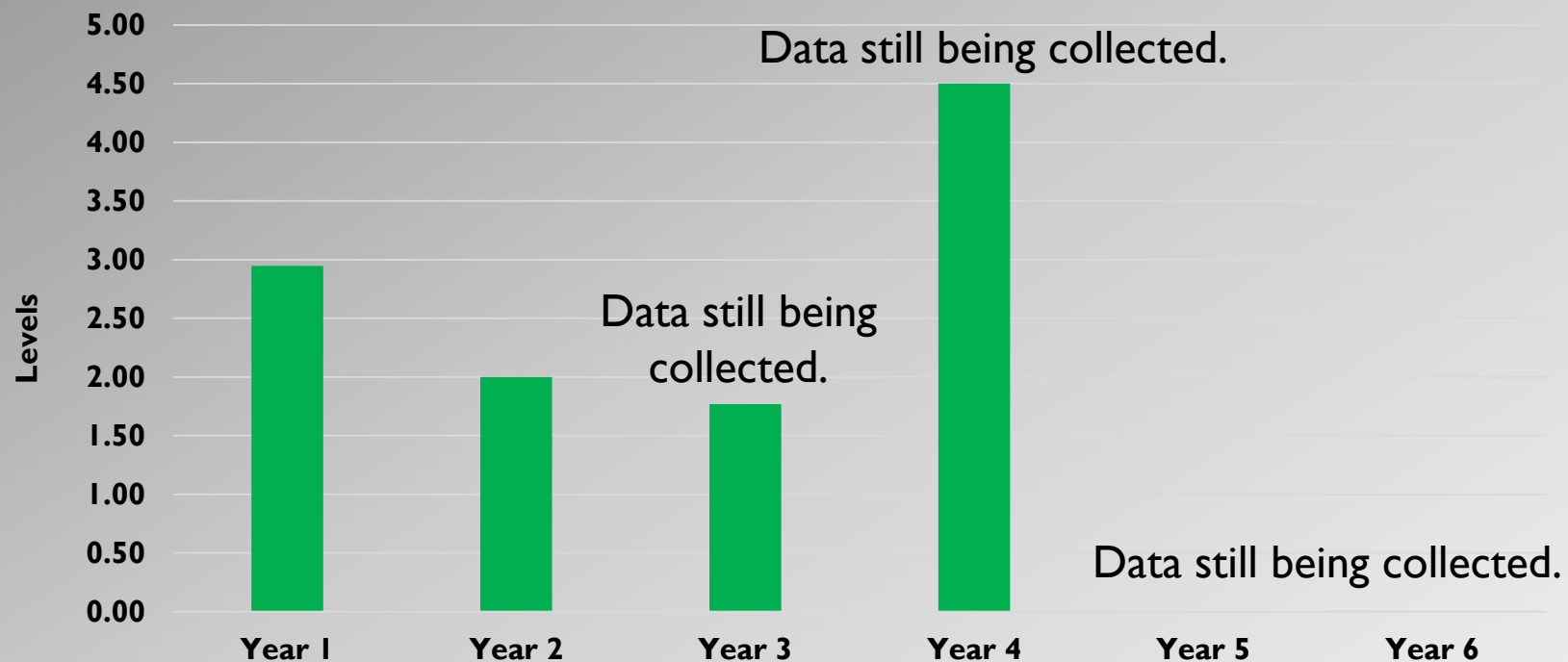
*Term 2

South Australia Spelling Average Age Growth Term 1 to Term 3 CCS 2017



Where the results do not indicate as much growth, these students are already at or above the age level expectation.

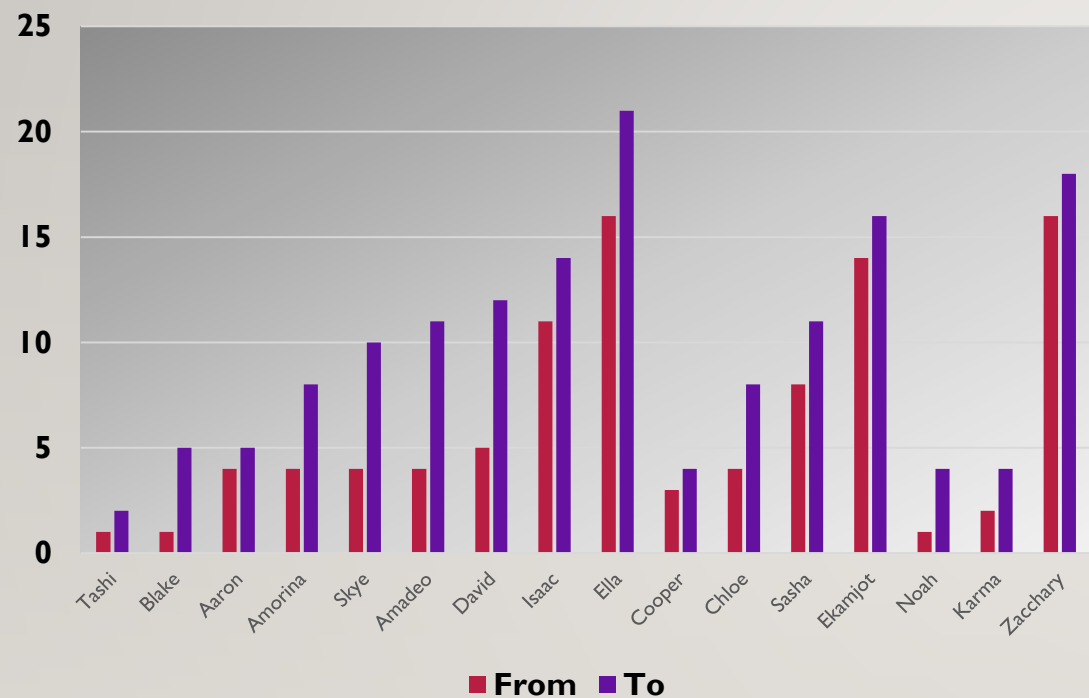
Reading - Fountas & Pinell Average Level Improvements CCS 2017



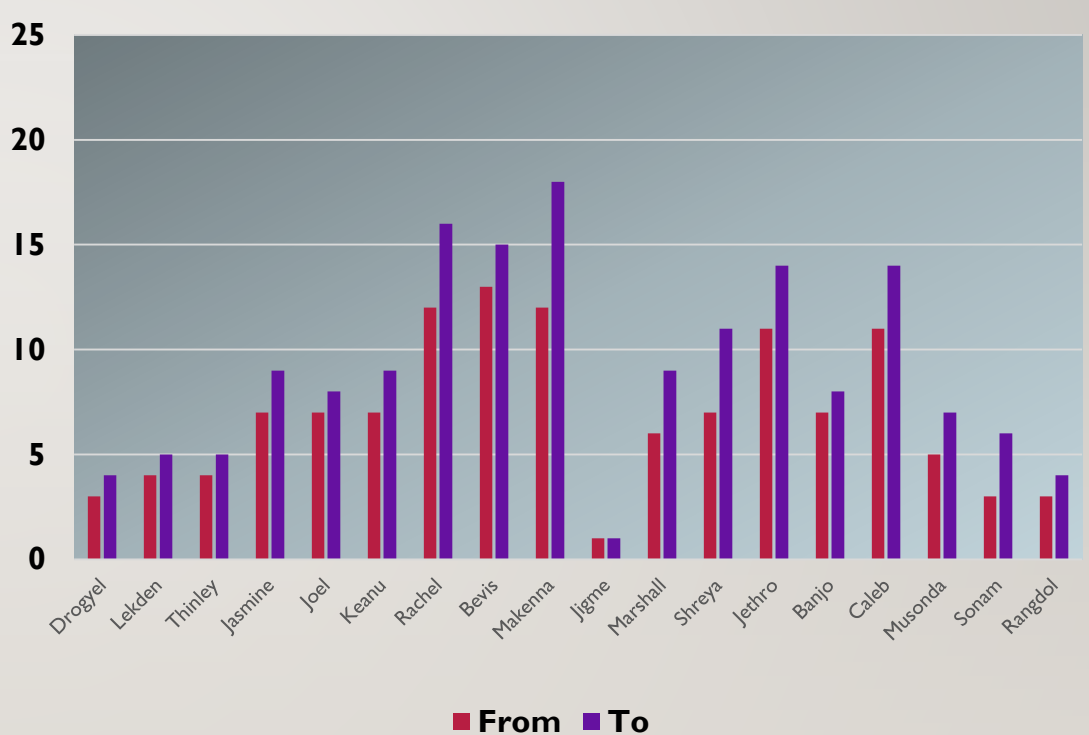
Each Fountas & Pinnell levels C-K equate to two PM Readers.

Levels L-V equate to one PM Reader.

Year 1 Reading Level Results
Fountas & Pinnell
CCS 2017



Year 2 Reading Level Results
Fountas & Pinnell
CCS 2017

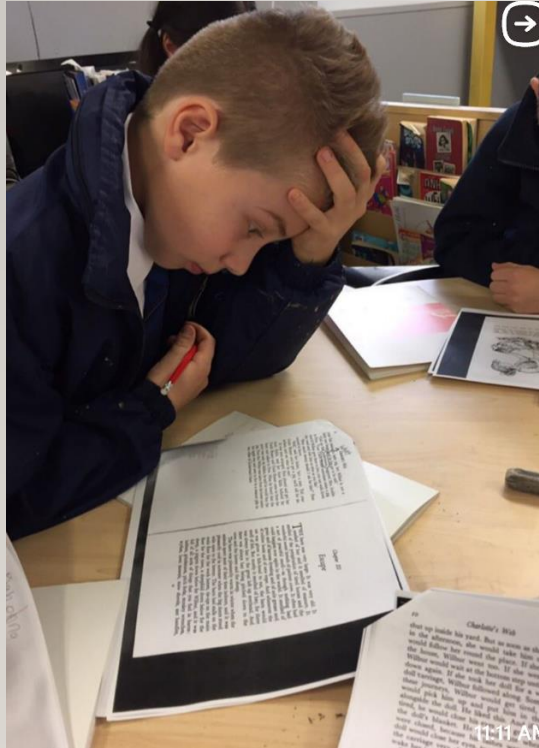




I'd like to thank all the people involved in making skill building teams what it is. I am really enjoying my group. They are always so engaged and they buzz about coming to learn each time!!! Your hard work paid off!!!

-Year 1/2 Teacher

*I second the skill building comment.
It's just going SO well!!!!
-Year 3/4 Teacher*



Brooke MJ

FINISHED THEIR NOVELS!!! YAY!!!! 11:08 AM



*Great start to Skill Building this term.
Kids are so excited for their Book in a
Box project.
-Year 3/4 Teacher*

WHAT DO THE KIDS THINK?



Kiersten, Year 5

I like spelling teams because it's really fun and we spell really complex words.

Tenzin, Year 4

Toby, Year 4



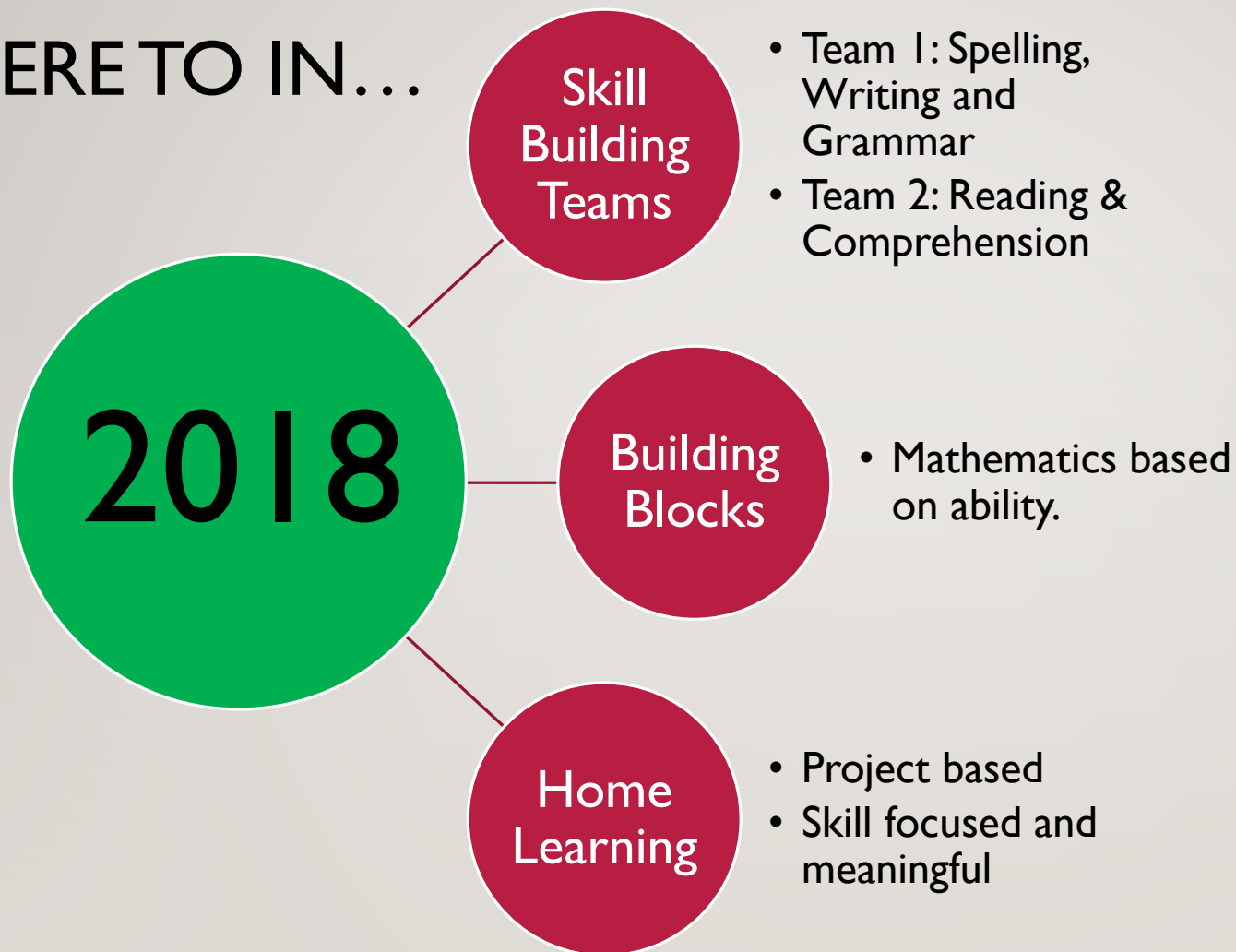
In Skill Building Teams, I like how we listen to stories and we also do book reports on the stories we're read.

Rachel, Year 2



I feel happy being in Skill Building Teams with other students because some kids are younger and I'm friends with them. Matt, Year 6

WHERE TO IN...



We will also have...

- Flexible groupings
- Tiered learning within differentiated teams.
- Friday - Pastoral day: opportunity for mixed ability Literacy and Numeracy lessons

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

RESOURCES



- Spelling Mastery program books and student manual
- Fountas & Pinnell Reading Assessment kits
- <https://fillingmymap.com/2015/04/15/11-ways-finlands-education-system-shows-us-that-less-is-more/>
- <http://www.smh.com.au/national/this-is-why-finland-has-the-best-schools-20160324-gnqv9l.html>
- <http://www.woorageeps.vic.edu.au/curriculum.html>
- <http://m.ljworld.com/news/2017/oct/18/kansas-redesigning-schools-project-s-being-likened/?templates=mobile>