Lower Primary Parents' Briefing

Key Personnel's Address 28 February 2025





Agenda

- Home-School Partnership
- **Educational Landscape**
- Assessment Matters
 - Debunking myths
 - Reporting Lower Primary Students' Learning Progress
 - Learning Dispositions
- School Programmes: Teaching and Learning
- Higher Mother Tongue Languages: Information Session for **Parents**



Partnering Parents







- Attendance is critical. Do ensure that your child attends school daily except when he/she is unwell. Doctor's MC must be provided where possible;
- Teachers will communicate and coordinate on the amount of homework to be given per day / school holidays;
- Ensure that your child has a proper breakfast at home before coming to school. A snack break will be given in class before/after recess.



Compliance with MOE attendance guidelines

- For absences that are festival or religion-related, they will be classified as "Absent without Valid Reason". However, an exception is made for absences associated with funeral rites, which may be considered as valid on compassionate grounds.
- For absences due to valid reasons and covered by a parent's letter or email, schools will mark these as "Absent with Valid Reason (Private)". Please note that the school will accept no more than 10 parents' letters or emails per year for such cases.



Punctuality for School

- Inculcating the value of responsibility by being punctual report to school by 7.30 a.m.
- Understanding consequences
 - → Late coming: arriving after **7.30 a.m.**
 - → After the 3rd instance of late coming, parents will be contacted
 - → After the 6th instance of late coming, School-Parent conferencing will be arranged
 - After the 10th instance of late coming, a warning letter will be issued. For persistent late coming, conduct grade will be affected.





Home-School Partnership School Discipline and Tone

- The school should be a safe environment for all students to learn in;
- In order for the students to feel safe (physically and psychologically), consequences will be meted out misbehaviour, including bullying, use of physical force and use of hurtful words/vulgarities;
- We would like to work together in strong partnership with all parents in order to ensure that the school remains a safe place for students to learn and grow in.





- Monitor usage of screen time by children;
- Celebrate your child's successes, both big and small;
- Provide your child with support and encouragement;
- Make time to find out about your child's day;
- Praise your child as a kind word goes a long way!



Engagement Charter

 The partnership between schools and parents is an essential one.

 By promoting mutual courtesy and respect in our interactions with each other, we can be good role models for our children and build authentic partnerships that will better benefit our children.



Monitor usage of screen time by children





- . Consider the needs of your child when setting boundaries of screen use as a family. Discuss with your child where necessary.
- . Have a plan that balances screen use with other activities.



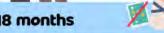
- · Review your own media habits.
- · Encourage daily 'screen-free' times, especially during family meals or when interacting with one another.



- · Make sure your child is watching content appropriate for their age.
- · Discuss with your child about what they are viewing.



DO NOT ...



· No screen use unless it is used for interactive video chatting.

X Turn on the TV in the background.



1.5 to 6 years

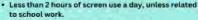


- Choose educational and age-appropriate content.
- · Watch content together and discuss the content with your child.



- Use screens during meals and one hour before bedtime.
- Use screens just to occupy or distract your
- Turn on the TV in the background.





- · Agree on a screen use plan or timetable.
- · Use parental control settings and check content ratings to ensure content is age-appropriate.
- · Talk to your child often on what they are viewing online. Offer advice regularly.

DO NOT ...

- y Use screens during meals and one hour before bedtime.
- Allow access to social media services.
- X Give your child mobile devices with unrestricted access to the internet and applications.







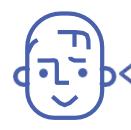
Assessment Matters

Assessment Overview (Semester 1)

- sent out on 4 Feb via Parents Gateway



MYTH



Without exams, I do not know how to support my child in his learning.

FACT:

Instead of periods of last-minute cramming for exams, assessments conducted at <u>regular checkpoints</u> can provide our children with ongoing opportunities to check on and consolidate their learning as they go.

Help your child stay on top of revision by:

 Talking to your child to find out about his/her "day-to-day" learning experience in school. This will help your child reflect on his/her learning, and help him/her remember the lesson better.

QUESTION



How can I be kept updated of my child's learning progress in school?

Instead of relying on just marks from a few assessment points, you can draw different sources of information on your child's learning progress via:

- Teachers' written feedback provided through classroom assessment practices such as in-class work, homework, projects and class tests;
- Teachers' meetings with parents;
- Holistic Development Profile also known as the 'report book'.

Reporting P1 and P2 Students' Learning Progress in the Holistic Development Profile

- Since 2019, primary schools have been reporting students' learning progress based on a list of learning outcomes (LOs), using a common set of qualitative descriptors (QDs) for all subjects.
- Learning Outcomes are subject-specific and aligned to the subject syllabus.
- This helps parents focus on their child's learning progress in each subject in relation to the intended LOs.
- 4-level QDs: Beginning; Developing; Competent; Accomplished.

Learning Outcomes – Mathematics

Primary 1	Primary 2
 Understand numbers up to hundred. Understand addition and subtraction. Add and subtract numbers. Understand multiplication and division. Identify, name, describe and sort shapes. Tell time to 5 minutes. Measure and compare lengths of objects. Read and interpret picture graphs. 	 Understand numbers up to thousand. Solve mathematical problems involving addition and subtraction. Multiply and divide numbers within multiplication tables. Identify, name, describe and sort shapes and objects. Tell time to the minute. Compare and order objects by length, mass, or volume.
o. Read and interpret picture graphs.	7. Read and interpret picture graphs with scales.8. Understand fractions.

School's Planning of the Learning Outcomes (LOs) by semester – Primary 1 Mathematics

Semester	Learning Outcomes	Checkpoints
1	 Understand numbers up to a hundred. 	Topical Reviews
	 Understand addition and subtraction. 	Combined
	Identify, name, describe and sort	Review
	shapes.	Use of
2	 Read and interpret picture graphs. 	manipulatives
	 Add and subtract numbers 	Performance
	 Understand multiplication and division. 	Tasks
	 Tell time to 5 minutes. 	Daily work and
	 Measure and compare lengths of 	daily observation
	objects.	-

School's Planning of the Learning Outcomes (LOs) by semester – Primary 2 Mathematics

Semester	Learning Outcomes	Checkpoints
1	 Understand numbers up to thousand. Multiply and divide numbers within multiplication tables. Tell time to the minute. 	 Topical Reviews Combined Review Use of
2	 Solve mathematical problems involving addition and subtraction. Understand fractions. Identify, name, describe and sort shapes and objects. Compare and order objects by length, mass, or volume. Read and interpret picture graphs with scales. 	manipulatives Performance Tasks Daily work and daily observation

Reporting of P1 & P2 Students' Learning Progress in the Holistic Development Profile

Reflection of Learning Outcomes & Qualitative Descriptors

Adds and subtracts reliably and fluently using number facts.

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				Date :	6 Nov	/ 2022
Name	:	Jane Ong		Identification No :	XXXX2	231A
Age on 1 st Jan	:	6	S/N :5	Course :	Primar	y One
Class	:	P1 Aristotle	e			
Form Teacher	:	Miss Tan				
Form Teacher	:	Mr Low				
MATHEMATICS						
• Understands nu	mber ı	notations, rep	oresentations and	place values up to tens.		Accomplished
Understands the concepts of addition and subtraction, including the relationship between adding and subtracting. Competed			Competent			
 Matches, sorts, compares and orders quantities/objects (e.g., by colour, shape, size or orientation.) 			Competent			

Developing

An Example Mathematics (Primary 2) LO8: Understand fractions

Beginning	Developing	Competent	Accomplished
Able to name fractional part with a lot of guidance.	Able to name fractional part with some guidance.	Able to name fractional part with little guidance.	Able to name fractional part independently.
Able to write fraction shown on a pictorial representation with a lot of guidance.	Able to write fraction shown on a pictorial representation with some guidance.	Able to write fraction shown on a pictorial representation with little guidance.	Able to write fraction shown on a pictorial representation independently.
Able to identify the greater or the smaller fraction correctly.	Able to compare and order fractions correctly some of the time.	Able to compare and order fractions correctly most of the time.	Able to compare and order fractions correctly almost all the time.
Able to write the part that makes a whole with a lot of guidance.	Able to write the part that makes a whole with some guidance.	Able to write the part that makes a whole with little guidance.	Able to write the part that makes a whole independently.

Learning Dispositions (Primary 1 & 2)

Learning Dispositions (LDs) are positive behaviours and attitudes towards learning.

Background

- The removal of all weighted assessments will affect the selection of Edusave Academic Awards for lower primary students
- Important to retain such awards, as they celebrate a child's success and learning milestones
- P1, P2 EMB and P2, P3 GPA will instead be awarded based on qualitative judgement of a student's learning dispositions
 - Signals the importance of cultivating the right learning dispositions and values from young



Learning Dispositions @ Palm View

Based on our school vision and school values

Learning Disposition	Actions Lower Primary (P1 & P2)		
Curious Minds	 Asks questions to develop deeper understanding. Shows interest in learning new things. 		
Enthusiasm	 Regular attendance and punctual for school/class Participates actively in lessons across subject 		
Caring Hearts	 Takes care of learning resources and class/school environment. Cooperates well with others' and encourages peers with kind words and actions. 		

Learning Dispositions @ Palm View

Based on our school vision and school values

Learning Disposition	Actions		
	Lower Primary (P1 & P2)		
Creative Spirit	 Tries out new ideas or solutions; consider other viewpoints. Generates possibilities to problems/challenges. 		
Ownership in Learning	 Works towards goals in a determined / disciplined manner. Completes and submits school/homework done independently and with pride. 		
Resilience & Grit	 Does not give up easily when faced with problems/ difficulties and knows who to approach for help. Acts on feedback and uses it to improve performance. 		



Lower Primary Curriculum Matters & Teaching and Learning





English Language





Key English Language Department Approaches

- Focus on the development, reinforcement and extension of language skills in the primary years
- Through an enjoyment of the language and the promotion of extensive reading
- Leveraging on oracy, reading and writing skills to develop knowledge and independent use of the language





Department Programmes & Activities

English and Math Carnival

Oracy Programme

Shared Book Approach (SBA) Extensive Reading (ER)

Teaching of Grammar, Vocabulary, Comprehension and Oracy skills

Modified Language Experience Approach (MLEA) Writing





Mathematics



Math Department Approaches, Programmes & Activities

Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract Approach (CPA): Use of Manipulative			
English and Math Carnival	Learning Journeys P1 – River Wonders P2 – Changi Airport		
Varied Learning Experiences Hands-on, Exploration, Investigation, Discovery, Problem-Solving, SLS, Games	Experiential Learning Learn through Experience, Play, Exploration, Reflection		
Authentic Learning Mathematics Around Us	Thinking Aloud Reasoning & Communication, Justify thinking, Journal, Discussion		











Mother Tongue Languages





Key MTL Department Approaches

- Emphasis on listening and speaking skills
- Arouse interest in the learning of Mother Tongue Languages through games, stories and SLS platform
- Cultivate habits for reading





Department Programmes & Activities

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	
Lunar New Year Celebration	Hari Raya Celebration	Mother Tongue Fortnight Programme	Deepavali Celebration	
Reading Programme				
Cultural Appreciation Programme				
Participation in various competitions				





2025 **Primary Mother Tongue** Languages (MTL) Curriculum

Information Session for Lower Primary Parents





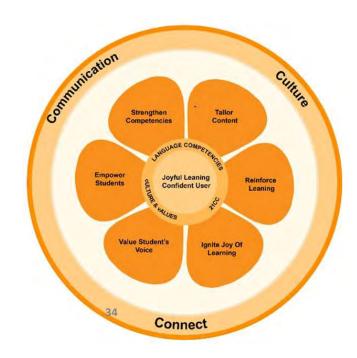
Overview:

- 1. 2025 New Primary 2 Mother Tongue Languages Curriculum
- 2. Key Features of the New Primary MTL Curriculum
- 3. Supporting Your Child in MTL Learning



2024 Primary MTL Curriculum Framework

- 1. The New Primary MTL Curriculum which was implemented in 2024 starting with Primary 1, builds on the strengths of the 2015 curriculum.
- 2. The new curriculum will place greater focus on helping students to experience the joy of learning MTL, so as to motivate them to like and learn MTL for life.



Key Feature #1

Greater emphasis on 21st century

Textbook

competencies







Civic and Cross-Cultural Literacy

 Comparing spinning tops in Singapore and other countries (Malaysia, China and India)

Cross-Cultural Literacy

 Learning about the making of lumpia (Philippines' version of popiah)

Key Feature #2

Support students through visual, auditory and kinesthetic learning methods

TL Digital Resource: Reading Pen

- Reinforce learning of TL letters
- Learn correct pronunciation of letters
- Promote self-directed learning
- Create more joyful learning experiences



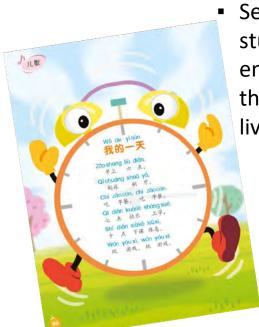


Printed Resource: Spot the Difference Game

- To learn by playing
- To improve word recognition by associating with pictures/visuals⁵

Key Feature #3

Authentic contexts and materials



 Settings and contexts that students can relate to and to encourage them to use what they have learnt in their daily lives.



 Students to describe and share their daily routines and good habits with their friends.



 Students to learn about canteen food and vocabulary they can use in conversations.

Key Feature #4

Support students through visual, auditory and kinesthetic learning methods

Available in SLS









Digital Resource: e-Big Books with interactive features to develop Oracy Skills, and to promote reading at home

Key Feature #5

Use of technology to sustain interest and encourage self-directed learning







TL Digital Resource: Tongue Placement Videos

CL Digital Resource: Hanyu Pinyin







TL Digital Resource: AR Experience

Games

ML Digital Resource: Bridging

Videos







Resources for Primary One



Printed Resources

Textbooks,
Activity Books,
Writing
Exercise Books,
Big Books,
Small Readers



ICT Resources

Animations, Videos,
Audios, Songs and
Rhymes,
Animated Reading
Texts, Interactive
Games, etc



Toolkit

Picture cards, Board
Games, Letter/Word
Cards, Character
Cards, Grammar Cards,
Letter Manipulatives,
Reading Pen, etc

Examples of Learning Resources (Chinese)













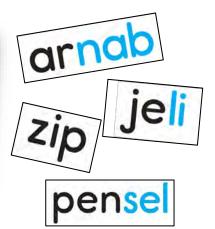




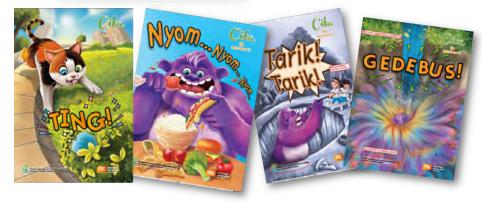


Examples of Learning Resources (Malay)











Examples of Learning Resources (Tamil)















Supporting your child in MTL Learning

• Tips for Parents (video launching in Jan 2024)



 Parents will receive more information on the new curriculum via MOE website and other platforms (e.g. schoolbag, Parent Gateway, schools' parent engagement sessions)











Supporting your child in MTL Learning



Cultivate the love of reading MTL books, e.g. visit the library or borrow e-books



Encourage them to take small steps in learning MTL, e.g. read signs, listen to music



Do fun activities in MTL together, e.g. watch a film or performance



Provide a conducive environment for learning MTL, e.g. access to MTL music and books

P3 & P4 **Higher Mother Tongue** Languages

Information Session for Lower Primary Parents





Overview:

- Learning a Mother Tongue Language in primary school
- Purpose of Offering Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL)
- Selection guidelines
- Key features of P3 & P4 HMTL curriculum
- **HMTL** Lessons
- Assessment
- Benefits of taking HMTL from P3 and other related issues





Learning a Mother Tongue Language in primary school

Mother Tongue Language (MTL) is offered in Singapore schools as a second language.

The Mother Tongue Language curriculum focuses on listening, speaking, reading, writing and interaction skills. It is tailored to your child's abilities and offered in the following modules:

Core module: for all primary school students.

Bridging/reinforcement module: if your child needs more help in the language.

Enrichment module: if your child has a higher aptitude for learning the language.





What is the purpose of offering HMTL?

Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL) has been officially offered at P5 and P6 since 1992 for students who showed strong proficiency and interest in Mother Tongue Language (MTL).

To further strengthen the learning of MTL from an early age, primary schools can offer HMTL across the 3 official MTLs from P3 starting in 2022.



What is the purpose of offering P3 and P4 HMTLs?

It is designed to enthuse P3 and P4 students who demonstrate the ability and interest to develop higher levels of MTL language proficiency and cultural knowledge.



Criteria 1

For P3 entry:

The school will use a set of qualitative descriptors (QDs) based on the P2 Mother Tongue Languages Learning Outcomes to determine students' MTL proficiency. Students offering HMTL at P3 and P4 should be proficient across all the outcomes.



Criteria 2

Evidence of students' performance throughout the year

Gathered information about students' learning through checkpoints such as on-going assessments or alternative assessments to further provide information on students' learning progress and inclination.



Criteria 3

Teachers' feedback and observations

To cover a whole range of performance, additional information about student's learning can be gathered from class discussions, class work and homework



Key Features of P3 & P4 HMTL Curriculum

Built on existing MTL curriculum: Sustain students' interest and deepen their knowledge in their MTL **Enhance Reading and Writing skills** Expose students to age-appropriate literary texts

Literary-based text. Incorporation of age-appropriate literary-based text to provide an enjoyable early experience to ethnic literature.

Exposure to higher-order thinking exercises e.g. Enhance reasoning skills by eliciting students' response during classroom activities and discussions; Construction of new knowledge by making meaningful connections between texts and students' lives.

Creative and fun-filled activities and games to teach language and cultural knowledge. To sustain interest and extend knowledge.







How are lessons carried out for HMTL at P3 and P4 level?

As the curriculum includes literary-based text, two additional periods per week in the afternoon would be required to provide an enjoyable early experience to ethnic literature and cultural knowledge.



How would assessment look like for HMTL at P3 and P4 level for my child?

HMTL at P3 and P4 will be reflected as a non-weighted assessment. Non-weighted assessment refers to assessments where the scores will not form part of the computation of a student's overall results in a subject for the year. There will be no changes in the major exams.

The schools would also indicate your child' progress in HMTL in the Holistic Development Profile.





How will my child benefit from the offering of HMTL?

Offering of HMTL will encourage your child with strong interest and aptitude in Mother Tongue Languages to start early and learn MTL to as high a level as he/she can.





Can my child still offer HMTL at upper primary levels even if he/she did not offer it at P3 and P4 level?

Your child could still offer HMTL at P5 and P6 level when he/she builds stronger proficiency and interest. You are strongly encouraged to discuss with the school which course best suits the need of your child.





If my child decides to discontinue with HMTL during P3 or P4, will he/she be allowed to drop out?

To truly benefit from the HMTL curriculum at P3, he/she should offer HMTL for at least two years to ascertain his/her ability to cope with it.





Art and Music





Holistic Assessment

- Portfolio Assessment
- Rubrics-based



Art Pedagogical Approach



Inquiry-Based Learning







P1 & P2	Art Curriculum Learning Outcomes					
Semester 1	Draw to express curiosity, ideas and things that relate to personal interests and experiences	Explore and use visual qualities, materials and artistic processes to share personal interests, imagination and curiosity in their art making	Show and talk about their artworks using appropriate art vocabulary			
Semester 2	Identify simple visual qualities in what they see around them	Play with a variety of materials and tools to create different effects in their art	Collect artefacts/learning evidence for portfolio based on given criteria	Discuss and relate artworks created by others to their own artworks and experiences		



Music Education Syllabus

There are three Learning Outcomes (LOs) across the four key stages which are anchored on the Musical Processes of Listening, Creating and Performing described in the Music Curriculum Concept:

LO1: Listen and Respond to Music

LO2: Create Music in both vocal and instrumental settings, individually and

collaboratively

LO3: Perform Music in both vocal and instrumental settings, individually and

collaboratively where students respectively:

A. Sing

B. Play Instruments



Music Curriculum Overview

Level	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
P1	Singing with body percussion	Singing with percussion instruments	Singing and Creating	Soundscapes
P2	Singing with Tuned percussion instruments	Ensemble work with Tuned percussion instruments	Singing and Improvisation with instruments	Soundscapes









Physical Education





Physical Education Syllabus

P1 & P2

- Sports & Games (Fundamental Movement Skills)
- **Gymnastics**
- Dance
- Outdoor Education
- Physical Health and Safety





Example for Primary 1

PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Beginning	Developing	Competent	Accomplished
Games and Sports Your child is able to:				
Demonstrate a range of motor skills in rolling, catching, and throwing a variety of objects				





Parent's Involvement

- Schedule time for outdoor play
- Spend time with them exercising, playing games and enjoying the outdoors
- Healthy snacks, for example wholemeal bread





Character and Citizenship Education



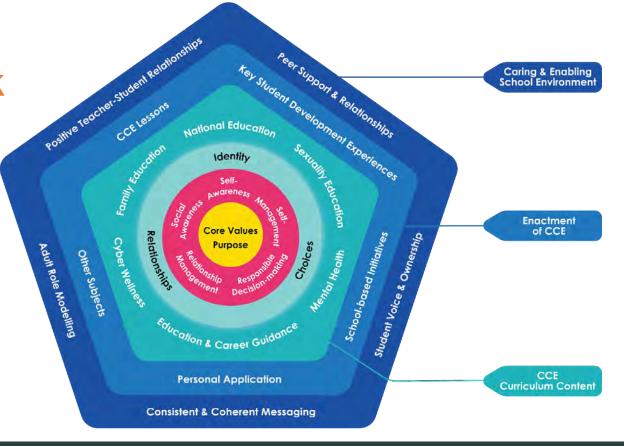


Goals of CCE 2021





CCE 2021 Framework





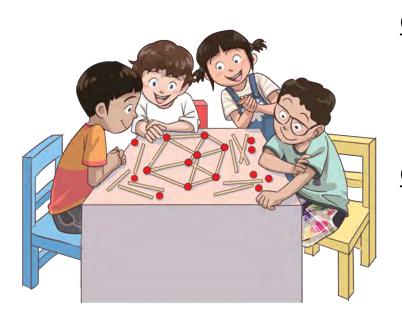
Coherence between CCE (FTGP) and CCE (MTL) Lessons

Common Themes





Coherence between CCE (FTGP) and CCE (MTL)



CCE (FTGP) lessons:

 Explicit teaching and learning of fundamental social-emotional skills, values and citizenship dispositions

CCE (MTL) lessons:

- Deepens the learning of values through cultural stories, songs, proverbs, practices unique to each MTL
- Reinforces the teaching and learning of fundamental social-emotional skills



Family Chat Time!















PAL is ...

an integral part of the curriculum for all Primary 1 and 2 students





Focuses on social and emotional learning and values

Engage in fun and enjoyable learning

Characteristics of PAL

Driven by experiential **learning**

Provide opportunities to create

Encompass learning in creative ways





PAL provides opportunities for students to ...

- discover new interests
- develop character
- learn social effectiveness skills
- develop social-emotional competencies





Demonstrate a lively curiosity and find joy in the people and things around us

Work in a respectful manner with others







Drama

P2

Drama

Visual Arts

Outdoor Education **Sports** and Games

Outdoor Education





Enrichment Programmes

- Hip Hop
- Clay Modelling

P2

Enrichment Programmes

- Coding
- Choral Singing





Safety Matters







Entrance to School

Watch out for traffic entering and exiting the school







Entrance to School

Refrain from cutting across lanes or stopping at unauthorised areas to allow child to alight from vehicle





Walking to the mall

Watch out for traffic entering and exiting the loading and unloading carpark of the mall next to school





Walking to the mall

Watch out for traffic entering and exiting the carpark of the condominium next to school



Thank you and have a lovely weekend ahead!

