

2026 Parents Briefing

Mother Tongue Language

Primary 3

Learners driven by Passion . Leaders guided by Values

Respect . Responsibility . Resilience . Integrity . Care . Harmony



West Spring Primary MOTHER TONGUE DEPARTMENT

Vision

Every student would develop a **love** for the **Mother Tongue language** and **culture** to the best of their abilities.

Mission

To work as a cohesive and dynamic team to promote **racial harmony** through a deeper understanding of own and other ethnic culture, and to **nurture a passion for learning the Mother Tongue languages**.



Alignment with our SHINE Aspirations

Our teaching approaches and programmes align with the school's SHINE Aspirations, enabling students to **experience** meaningful learning, **empowering** them to take ownership, and **extending** their knowledge and skills to contribute to society over 6 years of MTL education.



Purpose of the Primary 3 MTL Curriculum

Continual support for the
joy of learning MTL



Maximize child's potential in the
learning of Primary school MTL
curriculum



Communicate more effectively in MTL.



MTL Curriculum

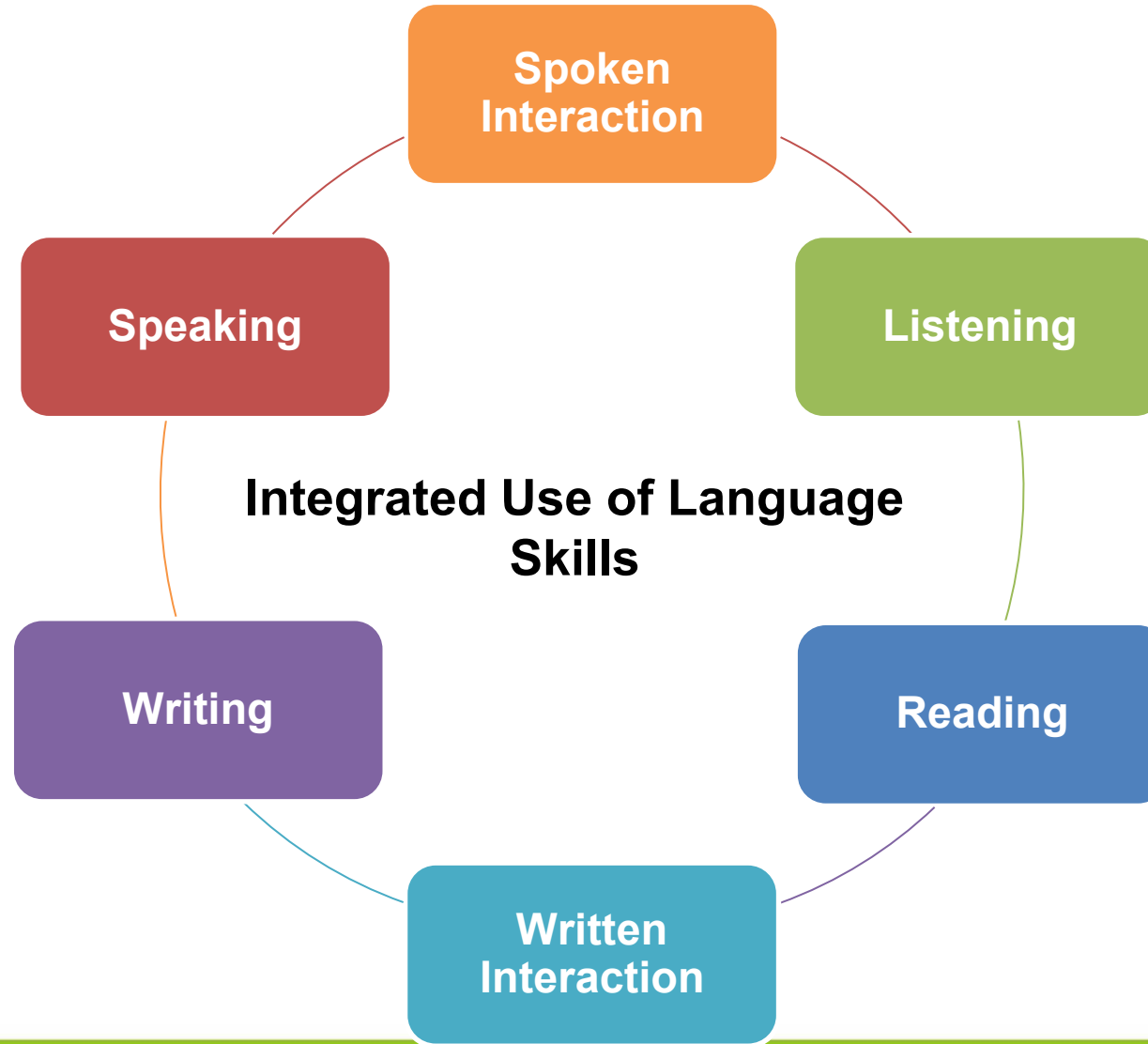
Appreciate their cultural heritage.



Connect with wider communities across Asia and the world.



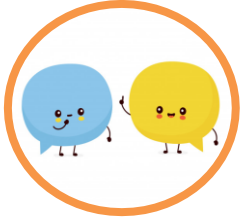
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Teaching & Learning

Oracy Skills



Comprehension Strategies



Composition Practices



Play-based Approach

ICT Tools



Teaching Resources



Enrichment

Drama Storytelling



Creative Writing



Differentiated Instruction

Learners' Profile



Varied Strategies



Programme & Activities

Festive Events



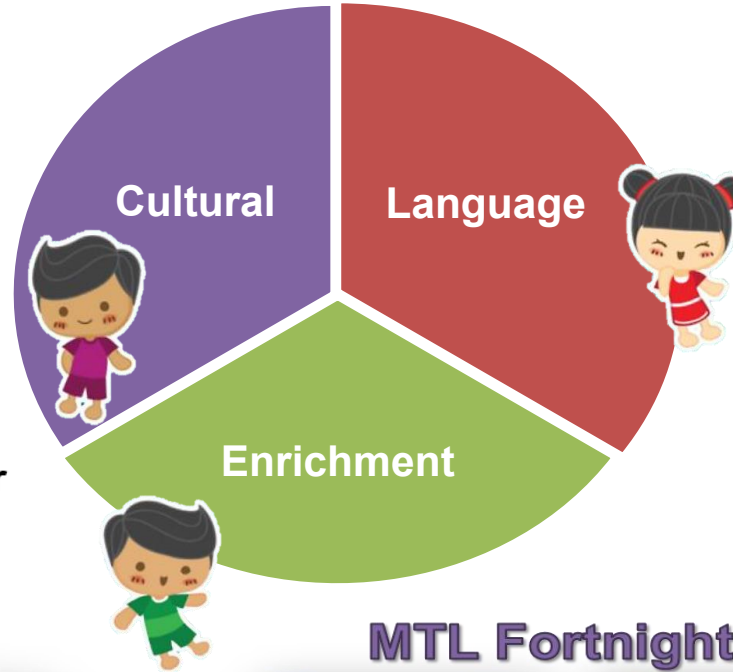
Chinese New Year



Hari Raya Puasa



Deepavali



Young Writers Club Programme



Theatre Experience

World Book Day



MTL Fortnight



Poetry



Mask Making



Traditional Games

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Year End Activities

CL: Singing competition
ML: Pantun (Poem)
TL: Story Theatre



Primary 3 Assessment Plan

TERM 1
Weighted Assessment
Language Paper (not a full paper)
20 minutes

TERM 2
Weighted Assessment
Performance Task

TERM 3
Weighted Assessment
Composition
40 minutes

TERM 4	
End of Year Examination	
Listening Comprehension	20 minutes
Oral	10 minutes
Paper 1: Composition	40 minutes
Paper 2: Language Use and Comprehension	1 hour

Giving Support To Your Child

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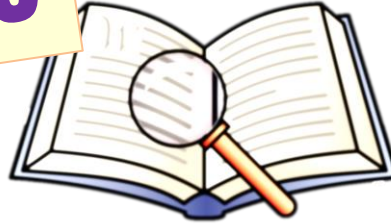
Set up
a routine or schedule

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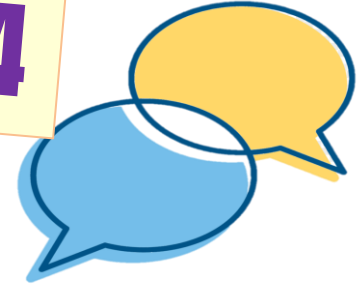
Provide
a conducive area for study

3



Check
on their daily homework

4



Show interest
Engage conversations

Ways to help
your child
expand his/her
Mother Tongue
language
vocabulary



Introduce
songs



Watching movies or TV
programmes



Converse in Mother
Tongue language at home



Reading

Resources to support learning at home



<https://eresources.nlb.gov.sg/ereads>

MTL Symposium



<https://www.mtls.edu.sg>



<https://vle.learning.moe.edu.sg/>



Chinese e-Magazine
<https://www.ezhishi.net>



Pelco & Hanping
Chinese Dictionary

NLB Chinese e-Books List

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mzIPJNAg-pi-q4hO6aRQnwgvu9yowS0A/view>



Kamus Pro
Malay Dictionary



Daily Newspaper
<https://www.beritaharian.sg>



Malay Reference
<https://prpm.dbp.gov.my>



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BERITA
Daily News
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Tamil e-Book Library
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A Parent's Guide to

Building Vocabulary through Reading



MOE MTL SOAR programme

Spark interest, Open minds, Appreciate cultural roots, Rise as a bilingual reader



MTL Small Readers



- Specially designed for D1 students
- Children can recognise and read most content
- Builds confidence while introducing new vocabulary
- Available in physical and digital formats (SLS)



Phases of Reading

Before Reading	During Reading	After Reading
Look at the book cover together and ask "what do you think this story is about?"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read with expression• Don't stop for every unknown word• Let the story flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "What was your favourite part/character?"• Use post-reading activities as family bonding time



Don't interrupt the magic



DON'TS

Don't

- ✗ Stop to spell/write/ask meaning of every new word
- ✗ Turn reading into a spelling test
- ✗ Correct every mispronunciation

Do

- ✓ Focus on story enjoyment
- ✓ Explain words simply if asked
- ✓ Celebrate understanding, not perfection



DO'S

Beyond Books



- Reading is like a “seated adventure”
- Learning continues after closing the book
- Daily conversations reinforce new vocabulary



Support without Fluency

Even if you're not fluent in MTL, you can:

- **Create a special reading corner**
- **Schedule family reading time**
- **Visit public libraries together**
- **Show enthusiasm for MTL books**



Turn Routine into Learning

During meals	"Tell me about your story character"
In the car/bus	"What new words did you learn today?"
At bedtime	"Which character would you befriend?"
Doing chores	"This reminds me of your story..."



Digital Support for Parents

- SLS digital readers with read-aloud function
- Learn alongside your child
- Perfect for non-fluent parents
- Available 24/7 for flexible reading time



Reading Passport



CL Reading Passport

Tasks in the Reading Passport - CL



Gamified elements:
Embark on a quest to
complete the 5 tasks

Earn "treasures"
(stickers related to
storyline) when you
complete the tasks



Task 1:
Reading of
Supplementary
Readers

Task 2 & 3:
Borrowing books
from the school and
public libraries



Task 4:
Participating
in reading activities at
public libraries

Encouragement stickers can be
awarded to students when they have
read the specified number of books.



ML Reading Passport

Tasks in the Reading Passport - ML

Task 1: Reading of Small Readers

Task 2 & 3: Borrowing books from the school and public libraries

Task 4: Participating in reading activities at public libraries

Earn "treasures" (stickers related to storyline) when you complete the tasks

Gamified elements: Embark on a quest to complete the 5 tasks

Encouragement stickers can be awarded to students when they have read the specified number of books.

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TL Reading Passport

34 Resources for Schools - Starter Kit

Tasks in the Reading Passport - TL



Gamified elements:
Embark on a quest to
complete the 5 tasks

Earn "treasures"
(stickers related to
storyline) when you
complete the tasks



Task 1:
Reading of
Small Readers



Task 2 & 3:
Reading of books from
the class library

Task 4:
Reading of books from
the school library



Task 5:
Reading of books from
the public libraries

Encouragement stickers can be
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Common Parent Concerns

My child can't read independently yet

We don't speak MTL at home

My child wants to spell everything



Weekly Routine



Weekdays

- Read small readers together for 10 mins
- Child “reads” to you

Weekends

- Complete reading passport activities
- Visit the public library

Building Sustainable Reading Habits

- Consistency matters more than perfection
- Celebrate small wins with stickers
- Let your child choose some books independently
- Connect reading to family traditions/routines



Your **MTL** SOAR Action Plan @ home

Spark Interest	Choose engaging stories, ask “what if” questions
Open Minds	Expose to new vocabulary beyond spelling level
Appreciate Roots	Use MTL stories to connect with culture and heritage
Rise as Readers	Celebrate progress, not perfection



Resources


- Curriculum-aligned small readers (physical & digital)
- Reading Passport for progress tracking
- Parents' Guide with detailed tips
- SLS platform with read-aloud functions
- School library and public library partnerships



<https://go.gov.sg/wspsmtlsoar>

*WSPS MTL SOAR resources folder
(Google Drive)*





LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

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**Reading allows us to go on an
adventure without leaving our seats**

Every time you read with your child, you're building the vocabulary foundation that supports his/her future learning



THANK YOU

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