

# Mother Tongue Support Programme



Information Session for Parents

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# What is the Mother Tongue Support Programme (MTSP)?

A customised programme to support students in the learning of Mother Tongue Language (MTL) in Primary 3 and 4.

# What are our belief and objectives?

We believe that every child can learn MTL. We hope to:

- Develop students as **A**ctive learners of MTL
- **B**uild their confidence in learning MTL
- Making Mother Tongue a **L**iving language by using the language in daily life
- Provide **E**ngaging and enjoyable learning experience

# What are the key features?

- Smaller class size
  - The recommended class size for MTSP is either 8-12 students or 9% of the cohort per MTL, whichever is lesser.
- MTSP lessons are conducted during curriculum time.
  - Depending on school manpower resourcing and timetable arrangement, some MTSP lessons may be conducted after school hours.
- Targeted approach in teaching oracy and literacy skills
  - Explicit and skills-focused
  - Systematic and progressive (simple to complex)
- Use of customised learning materials
  - Multi-sensory
  - Fun and engaging
- Immersive language environment to enable students to learn MTL with confidence and joy
- Taught by trained MTSP teachers

# How will my child benefit from the MTSP?

- More individualised attention
- Supportive learning environment
- Experiences of success

# Examples of Learning Resources (Chinese)

## 活动本

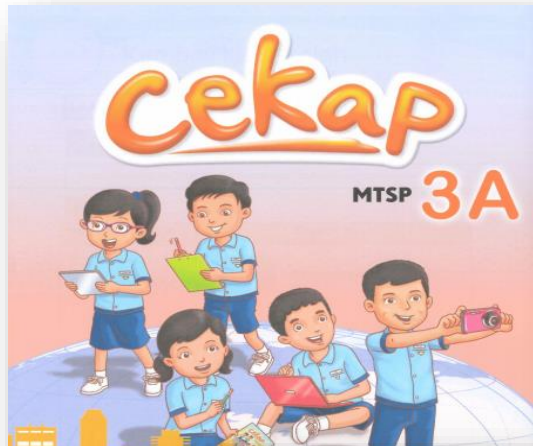


## 图卡、字卡



## 电子资源

# Examples of Learning Resources (Malay)



Textbooks



terbayang-  
bayang

Kad Kata Kunci MTSP 3A U1 Pel 1 (2)

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Zaid \_\_\_\_\_ wajah  
kawan-kawannya.

Word  
Cards

berat sebelah

Kad Tahu Bahasa MTSP 4A – Peribahasa

tidak adil

Kad Tahu Bahasa MTSP 4A – Peribahasa

bawa nasib

Kad Tahu Bahasa MTSP 4A – Peribahasa

mencari  
penghidupan di  
tempat lain

Kad Tahu Bahasa MTSP 4A – Peribahasa

Kad Kata Kunci MTSP 4A U2 Pel 1 (4)

lamunan

Kad Kata Kunci MTSP 4A U2 Pel 1 (4)

\_\_\_\_\_ Budi  
terhenti apabila dia  
terdengar suara ibunya.

Kad Kata Kunci MTSP 4A U2 Pel 1 (4)

lintas

Kad Tahu Bahasa MTSP 3A U3 Pel 2

lukis

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masak

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rancang

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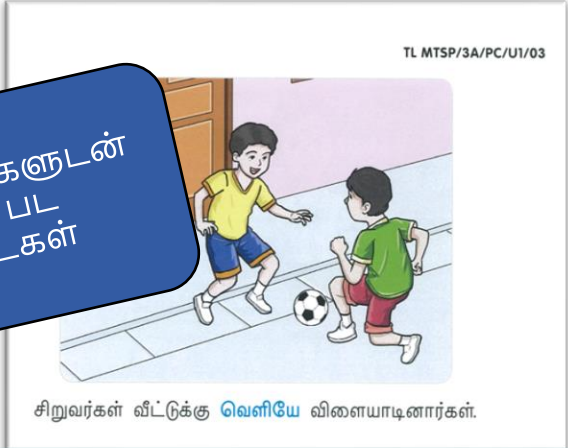
# Examples of Learning Resources (Tamil)

## பயிற்றுவளங்கள்



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வாக்கியங்களுடன்  
கூடிய பட  
அட்டைகள்



எழுத்துகள், மின்னட்டைகள்



விலங்குகள்  
விலங்கு      கள்



# Partnering you to support your child

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- We will:
  - Inform you of your child's progress regularly
  - Provide ideas and suggestions to support your child's learning, where necessary
  - Share strategies to engage your child in MTL learning at home in a fun and meaningful manner

# Supporting Your Child in MTL Learning

<b>Do</b>	<b>Avoid</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Believe that your child can learn and wants to learn</li><li>• Encourage your child to learn MTL</li><li>• Praise your child for his/her good effort and progress</li><li>• Set incremental and achievable goals with your child</li><li>• Communicate with the school teacher regularly on your child's progress at home</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Placing excessive attention on marks</li><li>• Making comparison between your child and other children's achievement</li></ul>

# Practical tips to help your child learn MTL

- Speak to your child in MTL as often as possible
- Show interest in your child's MTL learning
- Learn with your child, learn from your child
- Have regular conversations with your child about his/her MTL experience in class
- Use a variety of resources to extend your child's language and literacy skills in MTL
- Encourage and accompany your child to read books or visit the library regularly
- Provide a conducive environment for learning MTL – set up a reading corner at home, watch suitable TV programmes in MTL

# Thank you





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