# 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 beliefs?

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

- Develop students as Active learners of MTL
- Build their confidence in learning MTL
- Making Mother Tongue a Living language by using the language in daily life
- Provide Engaging and enjoyable learning experience

#### What are the key features?

• Smaller class size

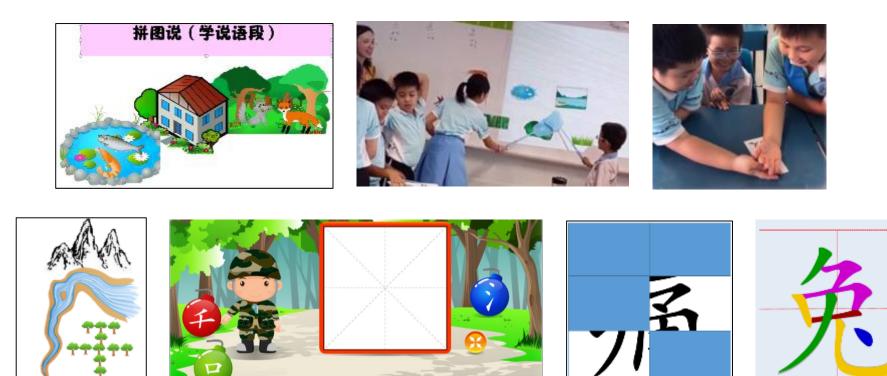
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- Targeted approach in teaching oracy and literacy skills
  - Explicit and skills-focused
  - Systematic and progressive (simple to complex)
- Use of customised learning materials
  - Multi-sensory
  - Fun and engaging
- Immersive language environment 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)**



#### Mother Tongue Support Programme – Briefing for Parents

#### **Examples of Learning Resources (Malay)**



#### **Examples of Learning Resources (Tamil)**



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## Partnering you to support your child

### **Partnering You**

- 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

#### **Partnering You**

Do	Avoid
<ul> <li>Believe that your child can learn and wants to learn</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Placing excessive attention on marks</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Encourage your child to learn MTL</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Making comparison between your child</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Praise your child for his/her good effort and progress</li> </ul>	and other children's achievement
<ul> <li>Set incremental and achievable goals with your child</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Communicate with the school teacher regularly on your child's progress at home</li> </ul>	

#### Practical tips to help your child learn MTL

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

### Thank you





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