

P3

Higher Mother Tongue Languages (2023)

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This presentation will cover

- Purpose of Offering Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL)
- Selection guidelines
- Key features of P3 HMTL curriculum
- HMTL Lessons
- Assessment
- Benefits of taking HMTL from P3 and other related issues

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 onwards starting 2022.

What is P3 HMTLs?

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

What is the 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 should **be proficient in their oracy skills** and **demonstrate strong foundation for literary skills**.

What is the 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.

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.

*Parents/Guardians of the selected pupils will be notified at the end of term 4.

Key Features of P3 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 level?

For HCL

- 2 additional periods per week, lessons to be conducted in the afternoon
- Pupils need to purchase HCL textbook (no need to purchase standard CL textbook)
- The textbook includes literary-based texts which would require two additional periods per week to provide an enjoyable early experience to ethnic literature and cultural knowledge.

For HML or HTL

- 2 additional periods per week, lessons to be conducted in the afternoon
- Pupils need to purchase both ML/TL course book and HML/HTL course book
- The course book includes literary-based texts which would require two additional periods per week to provide an enjoyable early experience to ethnic literature and cultural knowledge.

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

HMTL at P3 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's 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. The offering of HMTL from P3-P5 is a parental option whereas the offering of HMTL at P6 is a school-based decision. 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 (and P4), he/she should offer HMTL for at least two years to ascertain his/her ability to cope with it. If the child really finds difficulty coping, he/she can drop HMTL at anytime.

Partnering You

Your child's school 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

Thank You



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