

*Foundational Programme in Literacy,
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आपणा सर्वांचे स्वागत असो.

Themes:
Grade 7 Term 1

Welcome to School

Weather

Patriotism

Approximate Duration Per Theme

Total term
duration : 12
weeks

Time per
theme: 4 weeks

2 periods per
week

Total: 8 periods
per theme

Recap of the Focus



Skill-based



Thematic and cross-
curricular approach
to the content



School curriculum
driven approach



Communication
skills development



Competency based
assessment

Theme 1 : Welcome to School

Importance, LOs, Strategies, Activities, Vocabulary and Drills

Welcome to School : Importance of the theme

- This theme is pertinent as the students are transiting to new environment.
- They will study different subjects and will be working with different teachers.
- The theme provides various opportunities to develop different competencies such as:
 - vocabulary acquisition
 - sentence construction
 - life skills
 - numeracy among others.

Welcome to School: Learning Outcomes

- Understand the words related to the theme ‘Welcome to School’
- Use simple greetings at school
- Identify the names of their teachers and classmates
- Read words with correct pronunciation
- Use appropriate vocabulary to form simple sentences
- Engage in classroom activities

Activities & Exercises such as...

- School compound tour
- Greetings (Knowing the name of their teachers and classmates)
- Matching exercises (pictures and words where possible)
- Identification & repetition of basic vocabulary
- Creative activities (listen and practice simple poems, songs, rhymes)
- Oral Communication Activities (simple sentences, greetings, questioning, responding)

Theme 2 : Weather

Importance, LOs, Strategies, Activities, Vocabulary and Drills

Weather : Importance of the theme

- The theme 'Weather' chosen as it is directly relevant to the day-to-day experiences of the students
- Moreover, torrential rain and cyclones are common in the first school term
- This theme provides opportunities to
 - construct a range of daily-life concepts
 - consolidating literacy and numeracy skills, scientific literacy, digital literacy and life skills
- Students will be engaged with concepts such as climate change and can understand climatic phenomena across the globe

Weather: Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate the ability to visually identify weather and seasons
- Show understanding of the weather elements (rain, sun, wind etc.)
- Identify words related to weather
- Oral use of vocabulary in basic sentence making
- Engage in learning activities in the specific language

Activities & Exercises such as...

- Weather observation and description
- Matching exercises (pictures and words where possible)
- Listing of precautionary measures and related items
- Identification & repetition of basic vocabulary
- Creative activities (listen and practice simple poems, songs, rhymes)
- Oral Communication Activities (simple sentences, questioning, responding)

Theme 3 : Patriotism

Importance, LOs, Strategies, Activities, Vocabulary and Drills

Patriotism : Importance of the theme

- The first school term coincides with the Independence Day and Republic Day celebrations
- This provides a unique opportunity to exploit a number of concepts:
 - knowing the history of Mauritius
 - citizenship values
 - consolidate the element of patriotism
- This theme provides opportunities to
 - consolidating literacy and numeracy skills, scientific literacy, digital literacy and life skills

Patriotism: Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate the ability to visually identify
 - Colours of the national flag
 - Eminent personalities (historical and current)
- Identify pictures of specific vocabulary words
- Identify basic vocabulary related to ‘patriotism’
- Make oral use of vocabulary in basic sentence making
- Demonstrate love and affection towards the motherland

Activities & Exercises such as...

- Matching exercises (colours, pictures and words where possible)
- Singing the national anthem and patriotic songs
- Identification & repetition of basic vocabulary
- Creative activities (listen and practice simple poems, songs, rhymes)
- Oral Communication Activities (simple sentences, questioning, responding)
- Quiz (e.g. Who is the prime minister of the republic?)

Performance Monitoring

Proposed modality and adaptation

Template 'Student Learning Card'

to be filled after completing the theme

	Not Attained	Partially Attained	Attained
Is able to count			
Is able to repeat words			
Is able to write words			
Knows the name of teachers			
Knows the name of friends in class			
Can write his/her name correctly			
Is aware of school rules			
Can respect school rules and abide to			
Can copy correctly			
Can respond to instruction			

Workshop

25-30 minutes of brainstorming and sharing of ideas

Groups, Themes & Activities

- **3 themes**
 - Welcome to school
 - Weather
 - Patriotism
- **3 Workshop Tasks per theme**
 - Activity planning
 - Vocabulary building
 - Drilling
- **Guided group-work followed by brief presentation**

The objective:

Triggering Brainstorming and Sharing of ideas ...



Workshop Tasks:

Instructions, Examples and Samples

Groups, Themes & Activities

- **Theme 1**
 - Welcome to school
- **3 Workshop Tasks**
 - Activity planning
 - Vocabulary building
 - Drilling
- **Guided group-work followed by brief presentation**

Proposed vocabulary on the theme: Welcome to school

English	मराठी
Good morning	नमस्कार
Thank you	धन्यवाद
Wake up	उठ
Brush teeth	दात घास
Wash face	चेहरा धू
Take bathe	आंघोळ कर
school uniform	शाळेचा गणवेश
Breakfast	न्याहारी
School bus	शाळेची बस
Teacher	शिक्षक
Classmate	वर्गमित्र
Book	पुस्तक
Exercise book	वेही
Pencil	लेखणी

School bag	दप्तर
Ruler	पट्टी
Classroom	वर्ग
Canteen	उपहारगृह / भोजनालय
Library	ग्रंथालय
Toilet	शौचालय
Office	कार्यालय
Playground	मैदान
Gymnasium	व्यायामशाळा
Door	दार
Window	खिडकी
Table	मेज
Chair	खुर्ची
Fan	पखा

Groups, Themes & Activities

- **Theme 2**
 - Weather
- **3 Workshop Tasks**
 - Activity planning
 - Vocabulary building
 - Drilling
- **Guided group-work followed by brief presentation**

Proposed vocabulary on the theme: Weather

English	मराठी
weather	हवामान
flood	पूर
cyclone	वादळ
drought	दुष्काळ
tsunami	सुनामी
rain	पाऊस
sky	आकाश
wind	वारा
sun	सूर्य
Cloud	मेघ
Cloudy	ढगाळ

Groups, Themes & Activities

- **Theme 3**
 - Patriotism
- **3 Workshop Tasks**
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 - Vocabulary building
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Proposed vocabulary on the Theme: Patriotism

English	मराठी
Public holiday	सार्वजनिक सुट्टी
12 march 1968	१२ मार्च १९६८
flag	झेंडा
independence	स्वातंत्र्य
republic	प्रजासत्ताक
Chief guest	प्रमुख पाहुणे
National anthem	राष्ट्रगीत
Prime minister	पंतप्रधान
President	राष्ट्रपती
National celebration	राष्ट्रीय उत्सव
Cake	केक
Drink	पेय

Workshop Task 1- Activity Planning

- What is activity planning?
- Importance of planning and organising the activity
- Major considerations:
 - Goals
 - Target audience
 - Time & other factors
 - LO

**EACH GROUP WILL PREPARE ONE DETAILED
ACTIVITY PLAN FOR THE ALLOTTED THEME
BASED ON A SUB-THEME SELECTION**

Task 1- How to Proceed with Activity Planning

- Selection of Sub-themes
- Preparation of the following for each sub-theme:
 - Decide on LO in focus
 - Select strategy
 - Devise activity/ies
 - Design resources
 - Implement activity
 - Monitor learning & remediation
 - Review and revise

Example of : Sub-theme Selection

- **Preparation for school**

- Morning daily routine
- Breakfast
- School bus

- **In the classroom**

- Greetings
- Teacher and Classmates
- Stationary
- Things found in the classroom

- **School compound**

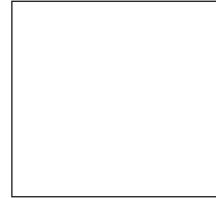
- Classroom
- Canteen
- Library
- Toilet
- Office
- Playground
- Gymnasium

Example of : Worksheet for students

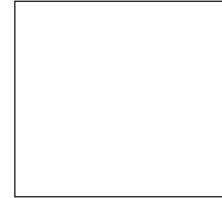
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Read and stick the pictures.



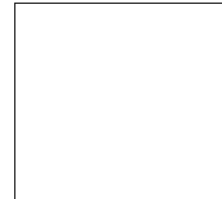
wake up



brush teeth



wash face



take bathe



wear school uniform

Workshop Task 2: Vocabulary

- A list of words has been proposed by the technical team
- Need to adapt the vocabulary to the level of the students
- **EACH TEAM WILL PROPOSE AT LEAST 20 BASIC WORDS IN MARATHI ON EACH THEME CONSIDERING:**
 - Target group
 - Ease of use
 - Ease of memorization
 - Local context
 - Language specificities

List of vocabulary (Weather) proposed by technical team

English	French	Kreol Morisien	Target Asian Language
weather	Le temps	Letan	
flood	inondation	Inondasion	
cyclone	cyclone	Siklonn	
drought	La secheresse	Lasesres	
tsunami	tsunami	Sounami	
rainfall	La pluie	Lapli	
sky	Le ciel	lesiel	
wind	Le vent	Divan	
sun	soleil	Soley	
Cloud	nuage	Niaz	
Windy	Venteux	Ena boukou divan	
Sunny	Ensoleillé	Ena soley	
Cloudy	nuageux	Enn niaz	
thunder	tonnerre	loraz	
Meteorological station	Station de la météo	meteo	
Cyclonic months	Les mois cyclonique	Bann mwa kot ena siklonn	
Weather forecast	Prévisions météorologique	Bann previzion letan	

Workshop Task 3 : Drilling

- A list of exercises that will help consolidate the learning on the specific theme
- **EACH TEAM WILL PROPOSE 3-5 DRILLING EXERCISES CONSIDERING:**
 - Target group : learner types and level of difficulty
 - Ease of implementation
 - Resource requirements
 - Language specificities

Task 3: Examples of Types of Drills

- Repetition
- Substitution
- Expansion
- Completion
- Etc...

Q & A...





Break for Workshop

Thank You Co-Facilitators

Team Presentations



Thank You
धन्यवाद.