



NORTHOAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Letter to Parents 24/2019

8 February 2019

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Wishing all a Happy Lunar New Year!

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Total Defence Day 2019

The school will be commemorating Total Defence Day on **Monday, 11 February**. This year's Total Defence campaign is themed "Together We Keep Singapore Strong". Singapore has remained safe and peaceful over the past many years because of the efforts of all Singaporeans. This is essentially Total Defence. Total Defence remains relevant because the threats faced today require all Singaporeans to step up and play their part. Our youths are encouraged to put Total Defence into action in their daily lives by reaching out to one another, forging new relationships and strengthening existing ones to keep Singapore strong and resilient because our greatest strength lies in the unity and resilience of our people.

As part of Total Defence, the school will be conducting a series of activities including assembly talk, classroom activities over the week and a crisis simulation exercise (water-rationing exercise) on Tuesday, 12 February. During the simulation exercise, water will be rationed during the 2 recesses. This is to remind our students not to take our water resource for granted and to cultivate awareness of conservation in them. We would also like our students to be resilient and help one another when a crisis happens.

Briefing for Primary 4 Parents – Tuesday, 12 March

Subject-Based Banding (SBB) has been implemented in all Primary Schools for Primary 5 students, to allow them to take subjects at different levels depending on their aptitudes and abilities in these subjects. The briefing for parents of Primary 4 students on SBB is scheduled on Tuesday, 12 March and will begin at 6 p.m. As there are limited parking lots, parking in the school will **NOT** be available for parents that day. We seek your understanding on this matter.

Please complete and submit the attached reply slip (Annex A) by **Wednesday, 13 February**.



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CURRICULUM MATTERS

Holistic Assessment for Primary 3 to Primary 6

The table below shows the holistic assessments for Primary 3 to Primary 6. Please refer to the attachment for details of the assessment plan for Semester 1.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Primary 3	Tests / Performance Task	**SA1	Tests / Performance Task	SA2
Primary 4	Tests / Performance Task	SA1	Tests / Performance Task	SA2
Primary 5	Tests	SA1	Tests	SA2
Primary 6	*CA	SA1	Prelim	PSLE

*CA – Continual Assessment

**SA – Semestral Assessment

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Mrs Theresa Hong
Principal



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Holistic Assessment Calendar (Semester 1) 2019 –Primary 3

Date(s)	Term 1 (20% of SA1, 6% of Overall)
1 Mar (Fri)	English Language (EL) Mini Test
4 Mar (Mon)	Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Mini Test
5 Mar (Tue)	Math Mini Test
6 Mar to 8 Mar * (Wed to Fri)	Science Performance Task

Date	Term 2 (80% of SA1, 24% of Overall)
26 Apr (Fri)	EL Paper 1
29 Apr (Mon)	MTL Paper 1
3 May (Fri)	EL Oral and MTL Oral
8 May (Wed)	EL Listening Comprehension MTL Listening Comprehension
13 May (Mon)	EL Paper 2
14 May (Tue)	Mathematics
15 May (Wed)	MTL Paper 2
16 May (Thu)	Science

Note:

* Your child may be tested on any of the days within this period.

If your child is unwell on the day of the assessment, he/she will be assessed upon his/her return.



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Information for Semestral Assessment 1 (2019) - Primary 3

Subject / Date / Duration	Unit / Chapter
English Language Date: 13 May 2019, Monday Duration: 1 h 15 min	Units 1-7 Spelling List Term 1 and 2 (Up to Week 5)
Mathematics Date: 14 May 2018, Tuesday Duration: 1 h 30 min	<u>From 3A Coursebook:</u> Unit 1 Numbers to 10 000 Unit 2 Addition & Subtraction within 10 000 Unit 3 Multiplication Tables Unit 4 Multiplication & Division <u>From 3B Coursebook:</u> Unit 3 Fractions And Heuristic Skills
Mother Tongue Languages* Date: 15 May 2019, Wednesday Duration: 1 h	Chinese Language Chapters 1-7
	Malay Language Units 1-5 Peribahasa no.1-15
	Tamil Language Units 1-5
Science Date: 16 May 2019, Thursday Duration: 1 h	Topic 1 Diversity of Living and Non-living Things Topic 2 Diversity of Materials Topic 3 Interactions of Forces-Magnets (not the entire topic) Only the following are included: -Magnetic and non-magnetic materials -Poles of a magnet -Like poles repel -Unlike poles attract

*Only applicable to selected students taking the subject.