

Malayalam Basic course plan

Duration : 40 classes (40 hrs. 1hr per week)

Introduction

To a Malayali child, learning Malayalam is not just learning another language. Researches & studies have proved that knowing one's mother tongue is very important for a child's overall development. Children who have a solid foundation in their mother tongue can enjoy different benefits. It helps in their cognitive & intellectual development, aids in better comprehension of other languages & helps to connect effortlessly with their culture and people.

This basic course could instill an interest in the students, for their language & culture.

SUCCESS CRITERIA (WHAT IS EXPECTED BY THE END OF THE COURSE?)

Reading

Students are expected to begin to recognize all the vowels & consonants.

Students shall learn to read over 150 words

Students shall learn to read simple sentences

Writing

Students are expected to learn to write all the alphabets.

Students shall learn to write over 100 words (shorter & simpler)

Speaking

By the end of the course students are expected to demonstrate an understanding of an appropriate speaking behaviour in a few different situations

They are expected to learn how to do basic conversation in Malayalam like:

1. Introduce oneself eg. My name is John, I live in Toronto, I have four members in my family
2. Ask basic questions to meet one's needs. eg : Where is the washroom? May I have some water?
3. Understand & give appropriate answers to basic questions like What grade are you in?

By learning small songs or poems they are expected to improve their pronunciation & fluency in the language