

## **INVITATION TO APPLY FOR WOW WILD LEARN (WWL) PROGRAMME 2019**

### **Introduction**

1. To make the learning of Tamil Language (TL) come alive, the Tamil Language Learning & Promotion Committee (TLLPC) is collaborating with Wildlife Reserves Singapore Group (WRS) to conduct the Wow Wild Learn (ஆஹா! இன்பமான கற்றல் பயணம்) programme. The programme consists of a series of workshop, activities and supplementary readings, revolving around a learning journey in River Safari.
2. We would like to invite interested pre-school centres to apply for subsidised funding and participate in this programme.
3. The objectives of the programme are:
  - a. To equip pre-school TL teachers with relevant knowledge to conduct a learning journey in River Safari and to use supplementary readers to engage and excite children in the learning of TL; and
  - b. To provide fun opportunities for parents to interact with their pre-school children in Tamil Language.

### **Target Audience**

4. The target audience for the WWL Programme are pre-school TL teachers and Pre-schoolers (K1 and K2) who are learning TL in pre-school centres.

### **Programme and Activities**

5. Interested pre-school centres are required to complete all of the following activities to be eligible for the subsidised funding:
  - a. To attend a half-day briefing session organised by TLLPC on the Wow Wild Learn Programme.
  - b. To attend a 1-day Teacher Training Workshop in River Safari organised by WRS. (see Information Sheet 1). Starting from 2017, these training workshops will be recognised as Continuing Professional Development (CPD) hours. Each teacher is required to pay a **nominal fee of \$10** for the training workshop, after subsidy provided by TLLPC and WRS.

- c. To organise a Self-guided TL learning journey for their K1 – K2 pre-schoolers to River Safari and incorporate the use of two supplementary readers ('கதை நேரம்' and 'பாடுவோம்! ஆடுவோம்!'). On the same day, pre-schoolers would participate in the "I'm a Panda Keeper" ('நான் ஒரு பாண்டாக் காப்பாளர்') in-park programme conducted by WRS. (see Information Sheet 2)
  - d. To design parent-child bonding activities for parents to interact with children in Tamil Language at home.
6. The abovementioned activities must be completed within 3 - 6 months after attending the Teacher Training Workshop.

### Funding and Usage

7. Only pre-school centres licensed by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) may apply.
8. Each pre-school centre can nominate not more than 4 TL teachers, to attend the Teacher Training Workshop. The trained teachers should conduct the self-guided River Safari learning journey for the pre-schoolers in TL.
9. Each pre-school centre must organise the self-guided River Safari learning journey for K1 and/or K2 pre-schoolers who are Singapore Citizen or Permanent Residents. However, only up to a maximum of 40 pre-schoolers (SC/PR) will be subsidised under WWL Programme.
10. Pre-school centres which are successful in their application will receive subsidised funding for the programme. The fund is only applicable for the following items.

S/N	Component	Participant	Subsidised Item	Amount
1	Teacher Training Workshop	Teachers	Workshop fee for Up to 4 teachers	Training amount has been heavily subsidised by TLLPC and WRS. However, <b><u>teachers have to pay a nominal fee of \$10</u></b> upon registration.

S/N	Component	Participant	Subsidised Item	Amount
2	Self-guided River Safari Learning Journey & "I'm a Panda Keeper" (நான் ஒரு பாண்டாக் காப்பாளர்) in-park programme	Teachers and K1/K2 Pre-schoolers	Admission fee for up to a maximum of 40 pre-schoolers. 1 complimentary ticket will be provided for each teacher or parent volunteer with every 10 paying pre-schoolers.	Student Admission: \$10 per pax  Teacher Admission: \$19.00 per pax
3	Supplementary Readers for Learning Journey	Only for pre-schoolers who take part in the learning journey	('கதை நேரம்' & 'பாடுவோம்! ஆடுவோம்!') Each registered pre-schooler should receive 1 set of readers consisting of a storybook and a book on nursery rhyme.	\$8 per set

- a. Successful applicants are to liaise with WRS on the Teacher Training Workshop, ordering of the admission tickets into River Safari and Supplementary Readers.
- b. Payment will be made directly from TLLPC to WRS. Pre-school centres will not be required to handle reimbursement matters.
- c. Pre-school centres are able to book or purchase more than the maximum number specified for each activity. However, funding will not be provided for the additional purchases. The pre-school centres have to pay for the additional purchases.

11. Pre-school centres are required to complete a brief evaluation report, written in Tamil Language, that comprises of the following:

- a. Names of teachers who attended the teacher training workshop
- b. Names and nationalities of pre-schoolers who attended the learning journey
- c. Pre-schoolers' and teachers' feedback / reflection on the activities (River Safari Learning Journey and "I'm a Panda Keeper")
- d. Evidence of parent-child bonding activities (photographs, videos, etc.)

12. The evaluation report should be submitted to TLLPC **within 1 month** after completion of all WWL activities.
13. The activities planned should adhere to the objectives of promoting TL learning through the WWL programme.

### **Application Procedure**

14. Invitation to apply for funding will be sent to pre-school Principals/Supervisors through email.
15. **The application period is from 22<sup>nd</sup> October to 9th November 2018**. Application is open to all centres. However, priority will be given to centres applying for the first time.
16. Application forms received after the application period will not be considered.
17. Interested pre-school centres are to submit their application and upload the following documents online:
  - **Projected namelist** of pre-schoolers participating in the programme in 2019 (Please download template from <https://tinyurl.com/projectedTLnames> )
  - **Declaration Form** (Please download template from <https://tinyurl.com/TLdeclaration> )
  - **Online Application Form** (<https://tinyurl.com/wwl-TL-application> )
18. Pre-school centres will be informed of the results within 1 month from the closing date.
19. The selection will be based on first-come, first-served basis.
20. The Committee reserves the right to make the final decision on the selection results. No further correspondence will be entertained.
21. Successful pre-school centres will receive a confirmation email with information on the briefing session which will be conducted jointly by MLLPC, TLLPC and WRS. It is necessary for the programme coordinator and TL teacher-in-charge to attend the briefing session.
22. Pre-school centres should liaise directly with TLLPC regarding the application, briefing and submission of the evaluation report (refer to para10).
23. Pre-school centres should liaise directly with WRS regarding the conducting of activities. The centres should quote the programme title "Wow Wild Learn" in the

email correspondence with WRS. (refer to para 4b and 4c).

24. Only upon receiving the completed evaluation reports from the pre-school centres, TLLPC will issue the Certificate of Completion to the pre-schools centres.
25. In the event that the pre-school centre does **not** complete all the required activities (refer to para 4 and 5), the pre-school centre will not receive Certificate of Completion.
26. Summary table of the activities and their timelines:

Activity	Timeline
Application period	22 <sup>nd</sup> October – 7th November 2018
Briefing Session	12 February 2019
Teacher Training Workshop and Collection of Supplementary Readers	5 March 2019 (Tuesday) 3 May 2019 (Friday)
Completion of Self-guided River Safari Learning Journey	Within 3 - 6 months of completing Teacher Training Workshop
Submission of actual attendance sheet to WRS	On the day of actual Learning Journey, submit the actual attendance sheet to WRS for the purpose of billing and subsidy verification.

27. For clarification, please contact the following TLLPC Secretariat members:

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## Information Sheet 1

### Wow Wild Learn (2019) Teacher Training Workshop River Safari

Time	Programme
0845	Registration
0900	How to make learning Tamil interesting in River Safari <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• About River Safari</li><li>• “I’m a Panda Keeper” in-park programme</li><li>• Giant Panda Supplementary Readers for Pre-schoolers</li></ul>
0950	Tea-break
1010	How to plan a Learning Journey in River Safari
1300	Lunch
1345	Group discussion: Designing a lesson plan for learning journey to River Safari
1445	Sharing and Discussion of lesson plans
1545	How to order tickets, purchase supplementary readers and book programmes online
1630	Feedback
1700	End of session

## Information Sheet 2

### “I’m a Panda Keeper” in-park programme

- What do our Giant Pandas, Kai Kai and Jia Jia, like to eat?
- How much bamboo do they eat in a day?
- How do Panda Keepers ensure a good diet for our Giant Pandas?
- Listen to Keeper Splash’s personal experience as he takes care of his beloved and cuddly pandas.
- Pre-schoolers will also be invited to participate and assist Keeper Splash in his daily checks of the pandas.