

**Date:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Time:** 09:30-12:30

**ES1:** **Early Literacy: *What do Elementary students need to learn?***

**Background:** Under the new Course of Study, students at Elementary school are introduced to the basics of reading and writing. What do students need to learn and how can teachers help them?

**Learning aims:** Through this seminar, teachers will:

- be better able to understand the needs of beginner readers and writers
- learn about the different strands of early literacy
- try out practical classroom techniques.

TIME	SESSION	CONTENT
<b>09:30-12:30</b>	<b>Early Literacy</b>	What is reading? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploring the 'simple view of reading' and why it is helpful for teachers.</li> </ul> What does this mean for teachers in Elementary schools? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sequencing learning activities to build the knowledge and skills needed for early literacy</li> </ul> Practical classroom activities for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening comprehension</li> <li>• Shape recognition and penmanship</li> </ul>

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**Time:** 14:00-17:00

**ES2:** **Interactive teacher-talk activities: Small Talk**

**Background:** With the introduction of English as a school subject and the new Course of Study, teachers are expected to conduct short interactive conversations with their students. This seminar will give practical examples and practice in how to conduct these interactive conversations.

**Learning aims:** Teachers will:

- learn how and why to use small-talk in the classroom
- learn useful words and phrases for small-talk in English
- practise using small-talk to introduce typical lesson themes and activities from the Elementary curriculum.

TIME	SESSION	CONTENT
<b>Session 1 14:00-15:25</b>	<b>Small talk examples</b>	Participants will learn why and how to use small-talk in the classroom to improve students' listening skills and increase their motivation to speak.
<b>Session 2 15:35-17:00</b>	<b>Planning and practice</b>	Participants will practise using small-talk.