

INTRODUCTION

The Eastern Cape Department of Education, Curriculum Chief Directorate in collaboration with the District Curriculum Advisors developed this document to support teachers in planning for teaching, learning and assessment for effective implementation of the National Curriculum Statement (NCS) and the Foundations for Learning (FFL) in the Foundation Phase

The Home Languages, Afrikaans, English, IsiXhosa and SeSotho deal with the holistic development of the child, socially, emotionally, personally and physically. Language is of utmost importance in learners lives. It is the means of communication and conversation. No Learning Area (LA) can be taught without the use of language. So it is necessary for learners to master all aspects of language usage. This includes the ability to talk clearly, fluently and to express themselves without ambiguities; to listen with ease and understanding and to express clearly their thoughts **orally** and in **writing**. It also includes the ability to the **Listening**, **Speaking**, **Reading and Writing** in order to enrich their own lives and the lives of others.

This document serves to assist teachers to pace teaching, learning and assessment in Afrikaans, English, IsiXhosa and SeSotho Home Languages for Grades 1- 3, starting from Grade R in IsiXhosa and English First Additional Language (FAL) for Grade 3. A Work Schedule for term 3 has been developed. Integration of Assessment Standards has been done for the teachers. Planning accommodates Formal Assessment Tasks (FATs) and Learner Attainment Targets (LAT) as indicated in the Afrikaans, English, IsiXhosa and SeSotho Home Language LAT documents available in all the Foundation Phase schools. Lesson plan exemplars can be adapted and refined so that they meet the needs and the context of the learner. The resources that are indicated are a guide. Teachers are at liberty to use other relevant material. The contact time for Literacy Learning Programme is 1 hour 50 minutes **daily** for **Grade 1**(10mins for FAL),1hr 50mins for **Grade 2** (20 mins for FAL) 2hours for **Grade 3** (30 mins for FAL). 5 hours 15 minutes **weekly** for the learners and 7 hours weekly for the teachers (1 hr 45 mins for preparations) according to FFL. All the aspects of Literacy have separate time on daily basis, for example **Drop All and Read** for 30 minutes. This time allocation for Literacy must be adhered to.