



The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Literacy and Numeracy

The Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA) Units of the Curriculum Planning and Development Division did extensive training in content and pedagogy. The Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Unit of the CPDD supported the literacy and numeracy initiatives by providing training of primary teachers in alternative and creative instructional strategies.

These include the Visual and Performing Arts as methodology whereby pupils acquire knowledge, skills and attitude in numeracy and literacy through dance, drama, music and visual arts. All LMSIP primary school teachers, from Infants to Standard Five, were exposed to the fundamentals of Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts in 2016 and 2017. Those teachers were also introduced to the principles of the Integrated Arts Approach and the Arts-in-Education Approach as methodology for teaching numeracy and literacy.

For academic year 2021/2022, the focus of the Project was on providing support to teachers and students at the upper school levels, that is, those preparing for CSEC at the secondary level and those preparing for SEA at the primary level. However, Officers have also focused assistance on helping the schools put a system in place that will see support being effected from the lower levels. This system will provide for early identification and intervention of literacy and numeracy challenges which may affect students' ability to cope with the demands of the upper school curriculum.

