

GRATITUDE AND HUMILITY

Report for 2022-23 (Second Term)



MATHEMATICS

Mathematics is the subject through which we develop our mental abilities like thinking, problem solving, reasoning, calculation and apply it in our day-to-day life. In this group the children are at different levels of the above skills and are doing different standard books.



5 children of this group have prepared to appear for their board exam in April- 2023. They have solved last 4 years board papers and developed their confidence according to their individual ability. After doing previous year question papers they also solved 3 model tests. One of them is capable of

scoring above 80% marks and others are still struggling and scoring below 50% in the internal tests. They are practising on their own and preparing for their exam.

Two children are doing 10th NIOS book. One has finished book 1 and is doing book-2. Other one is doing book-1.

Other children are doing books of classes 8 and 9. The children are studying at their own pace. Few are going very slow and need constant guidance and encouragement from time to time to make them alert to move forward.



Understanding word problems

and geometrical concepts are the common areas where they need a lot of help. Simple mistakes in calculations are very common in most of them.

Now the children need to create a passion for Mathematics and come forward to learn with a lot of enthusiasm.

SCIENCE

Science is the process of learning about the natural world through observation and experimentation. It allows us to answer questions about the world, which helps us get a better understanding of the way things work. Children are able to relate to



the concepts and theories of Science to the happenings in their daily lives.

Understanding concepts becomes easier through activities and experiments.

There are 17 children in this group who are interested in studying Science. The children are of 8th, 9th and 10th class level, but all are currently doing 10th class Science from the course book of NIOS as all of them would be appearing for their exam from this open board. Out of all the children, 6 children would be appearing for their exam in April'2023. By the beginning of January,

almost all the chapters of the course were completed. A few chapters of Biology which were left were completed by Meeta Didi (from Lucknow) who was here with us for about a month. She



worked with the children with lot of dedication. She teaches in a very interesting manner and the students love listening to her while she teaches. So, all the children took a lot of interest while she taught and worked very hard and tried to give their best in the tests as they were tested on each of the chapters once they were completed.



From February 12, all the children did Biology class with Veerinder Didi from Delhi for about a month. The children who have recently been examined were given 2 hours and the others 1 hour of Biology with Didi. They asked Didi and cleared their doubts in the topics they had doubts or they found difficulty in. Meanwhile, along with the oral tests, the written tests of the children were also conducted. Earlier, children would face difficulty in making diagrams in Biology, but by doing diagram work again and again with Didi, they are now able to do it and label them very well. 6 children who would be appearing for their exam shortly, were given tests on the

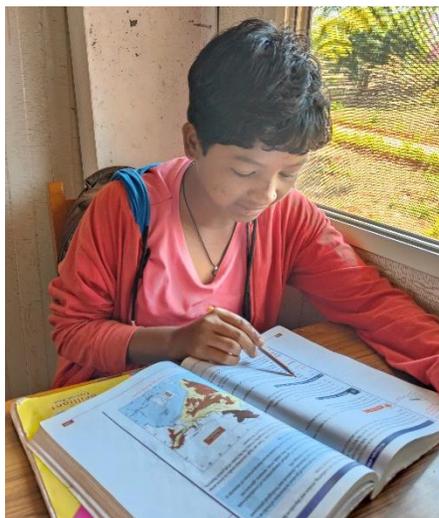
complete book once a week, out of which they gave 5 tests of the previous year question papers.

Now the whole course is completed, and they are being tested almost every alternate day. In Chemistry they are being tested on each chapter. After the test, they are made to undergo corrections and the mistakes made by the child is rectified.

All the children have completed their practical files.



Children need to get into the habit of reading on their own. All the children solve short answer type questions well, but will take time to write proper answers to long questions. For this, they need a lot of practise, and they are working on it.



SOCIAL STUDIES

The SST course of the 10th class has been almost completed. In April, few students will be appearing for the examination. The History syllabus was completed on February 12th, Geography was completed few months before, Political Science is still being continued.

Now the class has been divided into two groups according to their exam pattern. Most of them wrote their assignments by themselves without the help of any teachers. After completing each chapter, the children solve the Intext and Terminal Questions given at the end of each chapter. Everyone, except a few, come for getting their notebooks checked regularly. The students are given questions to answer



as a homework and tests on each chapter for practise, at least once a week or once the chapters are completed. Few of them do well in the tests and others need to work hard. The children have to become independent as they don't believe in revising.

ENGLISH

The chapters of the 2nd course book of NIOS which were left were covered by the end of December. The children could easily understand the text of all the chapters,



with the exception of a few chapters such as 'New good things from rubbish', 'Co-operate and prosper', 'Once upon a time' in which few of them needed a second explanation. They did the question answers of each chapter of the second book and cleared their doubts.

13 children out of them will be appearing for their exams in April'23, so they are given revision work. They have been revising grammar and written work and also practising previous years' question papers. In grammar they needed clarity in passive and active voice, direct and indirect speech and adverbs. Sangita didi made them revise the grammar and cleared their doubts in the aspects of grammar where they needed clarity along with the basic aspects such as nouns, adjectives, verbs, etc.

For improving their writing in report writing, letter writing, notice writing and message writing the children were given many questions for practise. After so

much practise of writing work, most of the children are confident now and hope the ones who will be appearing for their exams now will do well.



Along with these various activities during the class, they do free reading two to three times a month. Most of them have got a good habit of reading books. So, they keep issuing books from the library and read at their free times. Most of them have been reading the same novels or novels of the same author. Some of the books which are commonly read by most of the children are:

- The Young Samurai
- Narnia series
- Harry Potter series
- Books by Agatha Christie-
 - Lord Edgeware dies
 - Evil under the sun
 - Death in the Nile
 - ABC Murders
 - Murder of Roger Ackroyd
 - Murder in the Orient Express
 - Murder in Mesopotamia
 - Sad Cypress
 - Elephants can Remember
 - Five little pigs

Along with their studies the children also take interest in learning songs, poems and are taught in the class for some programmes on some occasions. For Christmas the



children learnt 3 carols. They were divided in three groups and each group sang a carol. One group learnt the carol 'Gloria', the second group learnt 'The little Drummer boy' and the third

group learnt 'We three Kings'. Each one of them took interest in learning their carols and learnt them properly and performed well on Christmas.

The children also learnt a number of poems by Sri Aurobindo. Some of them are:

- ❖ Invitation
- ❖ Krishna
- ❖ Surrender
- ❖ A Tree
- ❖ God
- ❖ The Blue Bird

Most of them could learn them quite fast as they took a lot of interest in learning these poems. They learnt these poems in just 4-5 days as they would learn one poem on each day. They also learnt a song 'The Divine Worker- Make your children Battle ready Mother'.

HINDI

Within the last few months, the children completed their 10th class course book of NIOS. Now they are doing revision work of one chapter daily and once they are ready, they are tested on the chapters. If they need to understand any lesson again, the children clear their doubts before the tests. Sometimes they are also given a surprise test. In the tests some children are getting good marks and others need to work harder. The children are also solving previous years' question papers in order



to prepare for their exams. Sometimes children are taught grammar, in which they learn upsarg pratyay, vachya parivartan, vakyon ke bhed, letter writing, how to make application, etc. The children are taken to the library once a week for free reading. They take out books according to their wish and read them. The ones who get distracted easily need to be focused on their own studies so that the others too are able to study properly. Those children who feel like studying, study with full dedication. The children were also shown a movie once. The name of the movie was 'Nriyakala'. The children were very happy after watching this movie. Humility children have just learned a song on Lord Shivji.

Games

The children from this group are great sportsmen. They all know how to play



basketball, football, volleyball and Frisbee. On some days, they play fun games too. The games time is from 4:15 pm -5:15 pm and everybody is on time on the field.

They are all regular for games and do the joint exercises before starting the games.

They also take eight rounds of the field most of the time to warm up their body before playing. They are great swimmers too. In the summer they all go for swimming during the games time.



Music

The children are learning only two instruments- flute and tabla. Most of the boys play and practise tabla while the girls play flute. They have their music class twice a week. Some of the tabla students play tabla in the meditation hall during the



assemblies while the others sing songs. The flute students try taking out the sargams (notations) of various songs. There are a number of children who can play



flute very well. Due to examinations some of them have been missing the classes.

Dance

Through dance children can gain a multitude of



important developments, coordination, concentration and mobility. Earlier children were not much interested in Indian Classical dances but now they themselves suggest learning classical dances as they were encouraged to build that interest and taste. They perform some classical and also some semi-classical dances during the

programmes. Now they are learning a semi-classical dance. They performed a jazz

dance. On the Sports day, some girls of this group performed a graceful dance on 'Bhoomi Mangalam'. The children are building their confidence and their stage fright is getting lesser, each time they get on to the stage to perform. They're being self-motivated and focused.



ART



Through arts and crafts a child not only learns about new shapes and colours but also becomes aware of different patterns and figures. This time they made candles and Diyas

for Diwali decoration and also made some decorative things using papers for Christmas. Once a week they have art class. Now they are making paper rangoli using colourful beads, which is created by their own thoughts and imagination. Children are working together, so they are planning to make more innovative patterns in art and other beautiful crafts using different materials such as paper,

thread, beads, fabric, etc. which will be useful for the stage decorations during the functions.

Celebrations

The children of this group usually participate in every programme that are celebrated in the school throughout the year, but the ones who have their exams approaching in the next few months have an option of not taking part in the programmes. On Christmas- the children were divided into three groups and each group sang a different carol which were “Gloria”, “The Little Drummer Boy” and “We three kings”. A few of the children performed dances, on “Merry Christmas” and “Jingle bells rock”. The flute players played flute on ‘We three kings’, ‘Joy to the world’, and ‘Jingle bells’.



On Basant Panchami, 26th January the children performed an orchestra, based on Raag Bilawal and tabla- Teen Taal which was taught by Ganesh.



On The Mother's birthday, 21st February- the Gratitude students performed a drama "Ascent to Truth". All of them gave their best and performed the play quite well.



Holi- 8th March- The children enjoyed playing 'Holi' with natural colours made in the school, and also had great fun doing shopping from the small shops with different food items set up by the teachers.



Trip to South India

We started our trip on 2nd November from Paliba to Simhachalam. On 3rd November we visited the temple of Varah Lakshmi during the morning hours and then at 2:00 pm boarded the train- Gurudev Express from Vishakhapatnam for Kanyakumari. On 5th November late



night we reached Kanyakumari, the journey was very suffocating because the train was overcrowded. On reaching there, we stayed in Triveni Hotel. On 5th November morning we had our



breakfast- dosa in a dhaba- Mani Mess. After breakfast we visited Vivekanand Rock memorial, Marine Aquarium, Kumari Temple, Museums, Triveni Sangam. After lunch in the Tourist Office, Kanyakumari we went to the Watch Tower to take a look at the view of sunset as well as some parts of Kanyakumari and the sea. On 6th November- morning- we went to see the sunrise near the Vivekanand



Rock Memorial. After breakfast we went to Gandhi memorial, Kamrajya memorial, Ramayan hall, Vivekanand memorial, Eco-Park, and spent some time near the beach. After dinner



we had a train to Madurai. On 7th November, early morning we reached Madurai and stayed the night in Arvind Eye Hospital. In the morning we went to Meenakshi Temple which was super crowded and we had to stand in the queue for two hours. In the afternoon we went to Tirumala's Palace, it had huge walls and had a small museum. The children were happy visiting

these places as they not only got to see the beauty of the places but also were acquainted with a lot of detailed information about each place they visited.

On 8th November- morning at 6:00 am- we took a train for Rameshwaram, reached around 10:00 am and stayed in Sri Varthini Mahal. The train journey was over the Pamban bridge, which was very beautiful. The train was quite crowded but, all the children could enjoy the beauty of the sea when it reached the Pamban bridge. After lunch we went to Dhanushkodi, Ram Setu, Ghost Town and Vivishan Temple (Kothandaramar).



On 9th November we went to Ramanathswami temple-the twelfth Jotirling, Panchmukhi Hanumanroop temple where we saw floating stones. Sri Ramchandra Chanddurkan Mangal Dwar, Ram tirthankar. At 8:00 PM we took a train from Rameshwaram to Villupuram, and reached early morning around 4:00 AM. Then we took a bus and went to Pondicherry Ashram, stayed there in the Delhi house.



On 10th November- after breakfast- we went to the Samadhi, then visited the playground, Sri Smriti, Sabda, Hand-made Paper department. In the evening we went to the beach and then went for meditation on the playground. On 11th November, we visited Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Crocodile Park, and Shore temple in Mahabalipuram. On 12th November went to Auroville, Matri Mandir, Botanical Garden, solar kitchen – for lunch, then Svara musical instruments and research and lastly to Savitri Bhavan.



On 13th November we went to Paradise Beach by a boat, Ashram Garden, Marina beach, and in the evening went for meditation in the playground.

On 14th November we went to the Samadhi, Cottage industry, saw Auro film after which we had some free time to take a walk

around the nearby places. After lunch we went to Sri Aurobindo's room for darshan. In the evening all went to the playground and saw marching and other sports activities which were performed by the ashramites. The trip was a great exposure.



Computer

During the class, the children practice typing from the 'Typing Master' to improve their typing speed. Most of them have improved their typing speed and still need more improvement. Other than just practising typing, they also learn other aspects of Data Entry. On some days, they do paintings in MS Word and all of them give their best to make beautiful paintings and drawings on

the computer. They have also learnt how to make assignment papers. They recently learnt how to make slideshow in Power Point. Different tasks are given as a test



once they are taught. Many of them ask their doubts or whenever they need help for which they are guided and helped. When some of them feel like doing other activities instead of doing what they are told to, they are encouraged to focus on the task given.

Shramdaan:

All the children do shramdaan every day in the morning from 6: 30 to 7:30, except Wednesdays as they are at home on the same morning. There are various activities that are done during this period. They are Gardening, School Cleaning, Hostel cleaning, Kitchen- that is cooking breakfast and cutting vegetables for lunch and



breakfast, Toilet cleaning and Room Cleaning. The children have been allotted into groups and according to their turns they go for different activities on each day. The children are regular for shramdaan and they do the various activities with interest and sincerity. Through these activities they are learning and improving those life skills which will help them in their daily life. The children whose exams are about to take place spend time for extra studies and miss the shramdaan and work hard in their studies.

