

Vivekananda Paathshala

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“The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one.”

- *Malcolm S. Forbes*

This month's Paathshala was a **combination of upcycling and hands-on activities that fostered environmental awareness among children along with enhanced artistic skills.** The activities planned were **engaging, encouraged teamwork, promoted imagination, and developed fine motor skills.**

The students participated in a craft activity including **pot decoration using waste materials** like jute rope, mirrors, and decorative flowers. Students were actively involved in the process, thoroughly enjoying their creative endeavors. They transformed plain pots into stunning works of art, demonstrating their resourcefulness and artistic flair. Overall, the students' enthusiasm resulted in beautiful creations and made the craft session a resounding success, promoting sustainability and creativity in a fun and educational way.



Students were introduced to the **concept of Symmetry** by establishing a connection with the concept from their real life. They were shown real-life examples on the smart board. They explored symmetry through cut-outs provided to them. They also engaged in an activity with square-shaped glaze paper to find its lines of symmetry.



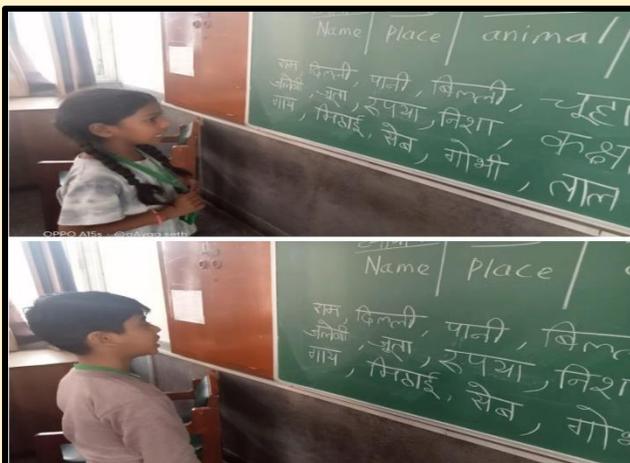
It is essential for students to be aware about their surroundings. The students were introduced to different **eating habits of animals**. They learned to classify animals as Herbivores, Carnivores, and Omnivores.

The students also participated in a “**Show and Tell**” activity. They picked out things from a ‘**Junk Box**’ and showcased them in their innovative way.

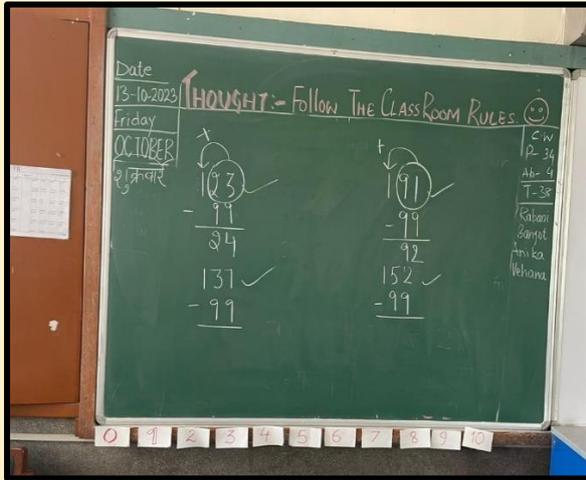


The activity was an interesting opportunity that contributed to an organised thought process and confidence.

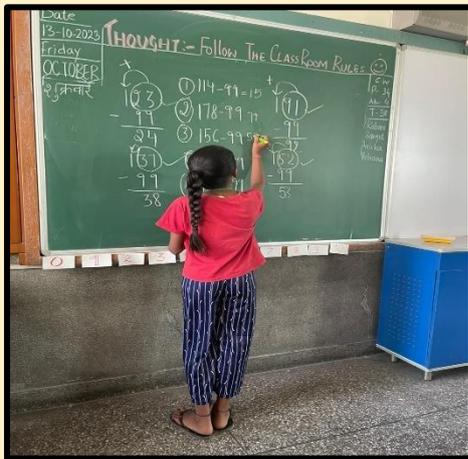
The students participated with great enthusiasm and were curious to know the food habits of animals. They **reflected on their observations of their surroundings**. It was a very enriching experience for them.



The students were introduced to **nouns through an interesting game of name, place, animal, and thing**. The children participated and competed. They wanted to learn more and more about nouns. The session developed their interest in learning English Grammar.



As a part of **Financial Literacy** students were taught **profit and loss** by sharing real-life problems with them in different contexts.



Students were also introduced to an interesting trick of **Vedic Maths**. The trick involved subtraction of 99 from a 3-digit number without actual calculation. Students enjoyed the activity thoroughly. A few practice questions were also provided.

An enlightening and interactive session on the Indian Constitution was taken up. The class delved into the profound concepts of the Constitution, its meaning, and the formation of the Indian Constitution.

The interactive nature of the class allowed the children to ask questions, share their perspectives, and engage in discussions about the Constitution.

The session was a testament to the power of education in fostering informed and responsible citizens.





A session on **Growth and Development** was organised for senior students. They were introduced to these broad concepts.

Future cities on track of development were also planned by them and they learnt about different aspects of development.

Without the **enthusiastic engagement of our volunteers**, who are constantly available to support and mentor the students, Vivekananda Paathshala would not be a success. **Together with the teachers, they form a strong foundation to give these young students the greatest possible education.**



It also brought great joy to the Vivekananda Paathshala students to enjoy their birthdays with their classmates. Treats were distributed and the cake-cutting ceremony was undertaken. Students relished every moment of the event as they danced merrily together.



Our Vice-Chairperson, Mrs. Rasna Singh also met and interacted with the students. Her love and care for them reflected through her kind words. She gave her blessings to them and it was a memorable day for JKPS.