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“The greatness of a culture can be found in its festivals.”



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Dear Parents,

A Montessori environment allows children to learn about the world around them through the use of their senses. The aim is not to teach facts, but to cultivate a life-long love of learning.- Dr. Maria Montessori.

It's two months now since school reopened and our Children have settled well and are enjoying the school activities. Every Friday was colourful and we observed various colours.

Children learned about wild animals, farm animals, birds, reptiles, and aquatic animals along with a live view of respective trays.

We had a splendid Eid celebration where children came dressed up in ethnic attire. Children even had educative visits to Star Bazaar and farm visit to Harvest International School, Attibelle.

August month is more glorious because it's the festival month of the year. We will be celebrating Friendship day, Independence day, Janmashtami, and Ganesha Chaturthi. We even have a little surprise for the grandparents on the 18th of August. Also, parents will be able to observe their child and class during observations.

Ms. Shruti

Class Teacher- Tulip

FESTIVALS

Festivals in India are much larger than almost any occasion. We consider them the best part of the year and wait for them eagerly. People of all ages find ways to enjoy themselves with their families.

Festivals are the oldest rituals and traditions followed to pay tribute to the gods and goddesses. In fact, these celebrations are nothing but symbols of peace and happiness. India is a diverse country with multiple religions and cultures conglomerated in a single form. This is why our Festivals draw a unique picture for the rest of the world to follow as a brilliant example of harmony.

In India, we have three different types of Festivals. National Festival like Independence Day is celebrated on August 15 and 26th January as Republic Day.

The most prominent religious Festivals that we celebrate are Dussehra, Diwali, Eid-Ul-Fitr, Christmas, Guru Nanak Jayanti, Holi, etc.

Seasonal Festivals generally focus on cultivation or other seasonal phenomena. For example, seasonal examples include Onam in Kerala, Pongal in Tamil Nadu, Bihu in Assam, etc.

Ms. Mona
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VARMAHALAKSHMI PUJA



Varalakshmi vratam, also called **Varamahalakshmi vratham** is observed on the second Friday or on Friday just before Poornima (full moon) of Shravan month. It corresponds to the months of July or August on the English calendar. This year it falls on August 5th, Friday.

women keep this sacred Varalakshmi vratam to seek blessings for the entire family, especially their husbands and children. As per the Hindu scriptures, it is a strong belief that worshipping Goddess Lakshmi on this auspicious day is equivalent to offering prayers to Ashtalakshmi - the eight Goddesses of Love, Wealth, Strength, Peace, Fame, Pleasure, Earth, and Learning. This vratam can be observed by everyone, irrespective of caste and creed discrimination.

The Varalakshmi vratam is commemorated with full enthusiasm and faith in the Indian states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, north Tamil Nadu, and Telangana. The celebrations can also be witnessed in the state of Maharashtra.

Significance of the Varalakshmi Vratam:

The main objective of Varalakshmi Vratam is to offer genuine prayers to Goddess Lakshmi to seek divine blessings. There are no strict rules for observing this vrat. The rituals are not rigid and even a simple prayer is enough to appease Goddess Varalakshmi.

Ms. Asha
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Muharram

The month of Muharram is the first month of the Islamic calendar. The virtue and honor of the month of Muharram was mentioned by the prophets. It is one of the four sacred months of the year in which fighting is not allowed. Since the Islamic calendar is a lunar calendar, Muharram moves from year to year when compared with the Gregorian calendar.

Muharram is the best month for voluntary fasts after Ramadan and it is especially recommended to fast on the 10th day of Muharram, which is known as the Day of `Ashura.'

Muslims fast on this day, and also a day extra either before or after. Many Muslims cook something sweet like sweet rice and share it with their family and circle of friends to eat when breaking their fast.

Ms Asha
Class Teacher- TULIP



75th year of Independence Day of India

75th year of Independence day of India or Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav is an upcoming event in which the 75th year of Independence of India is to be celebrated in India on 15 August 2022.

The Government of India decided to celebrate the 75 years of Independence of India, with great excitement and tribute to freedom fighters. So, they decided to do various programs and the government named the celebration 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. Amrit Mahotsav means 75 years of independence. The Government will celebrate it from 2021 to 2022.

The individual states and cities of India will also celebrate the same at their local level. Then, one of the popular cities of India has created its own version of Utsav 75 at Thane, which will be held from August 12 to 15 and spread all over the city. The celebrations include various programs, performances, various rallies, community carnivals, etc.

Happy Independence Day!

Ms. Triveni,
Class teacher- DAISY





Happy birthday Lord Ganesha

As September approaches, the spectacular 11 days of Ganesh Utsav begin, celebrating the birth of the beloved Hindu God, Lord Ganesha. Huge and extravagantly created statues of Lord Ganesha are brought into homes and local community areas are constructed and decorated for the Ganesh Utsav.

Celebrations include four stages of rituals:



Pranaprathista - It involves the positioning of the idol or deity of Lord Ganesha into the pandals. This calls for a big celebration. People pray and sing various folk songs while bringing the deity to the Pandals. They play with colours as well.

Shodasopachara - It involves praying to the lord and offering him puja.

Uttarpuja - It involves a ceremony after which the deity can be moved from his position. After this ritual, the idol is moved among the public so that they can take his blessings.

Ganpati Visarjan - On the final day when the festival concludes, the idol is immersed in the river, sea,, or ocean. He is believed to go back to Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati after the immersion.

The celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi also denotes the significance of the cycle of birth, life, and death.

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Ganesha, who is also known as the Lord of New Beginnings, is also worshipped as the remover of obstacles. It is believed that when the idol of the Ganesha is taken out for immersion, it also takes away with it the various obstacles of the house, which are destroyed along with the visarjan/nimajjanam. Every year, people wait with great anticipation to celebrate the festival of Ganesh Chaturthi. The statues are ultimately immersed in water bodies as devotees bid goodbye to their beloved God.

Ganesh Chaturthi is marked with delicious prasada across all 11 days as people dive into laddoo and *modaks* prepared with the purity of Ghee, love, and faith.

Interesting Facts:

1. The First Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration Dates Back to The Era Of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj
2. Bal Gangadhar Tilak Started Public Ganesh Chaturthi Celebrations In 1893 To Fight The British
3. Lord Ganesha Is Worshipped In Countries Like Thailand, Cambodia, China, Japan, Nepal & Afghanistan
4. It's Considered Unlucky To Look At The Moon during Ganesh Chaturthi
5. Mumbai's Lalbaugcha Raja Hosts India's longest Immersion Procession.
6. **Lord Ganesha is worshipped before all Gods.**

HAPPY GANESHA CHATURTHI!

Ms. Jaya

Class teacher- DAFFODIL -9



JANMASHTAMI



The actual celebration of Krishna Janmashtami takes place during midnight because it is believed that Lord Krishna was born on a dark, stormy, and windy night to end the rule of his maternal uncle Kansa. In the whole of India, it is celebrated with devotional songs, people keep fast the whole day, and several temples are decorated beautifully dedicated to the life journey of Krishna. Mainly, the Janmashtami celebration at Mathura and Vrindavan is very special as he had spent his life there.

Also, on this day people hang pots of butter and milk in the streets on the poles, and men form pyramids to reach and break the pots. It is famous as **Dahi Handi**. This predicts Krishna's childhood days when he used to play with the cowherd's boys and stole curds hung out of reach by their mothers. So, he was also known as 'Makhanchor', the one who steals butter. People sing and dance in groups. So, now you may have come to know about the interesting story behind the Janmashtami festival and how is it celebrated.

Happy Krishna Janmashtami!



Ms. Arati
Class Teacher- Bluebell

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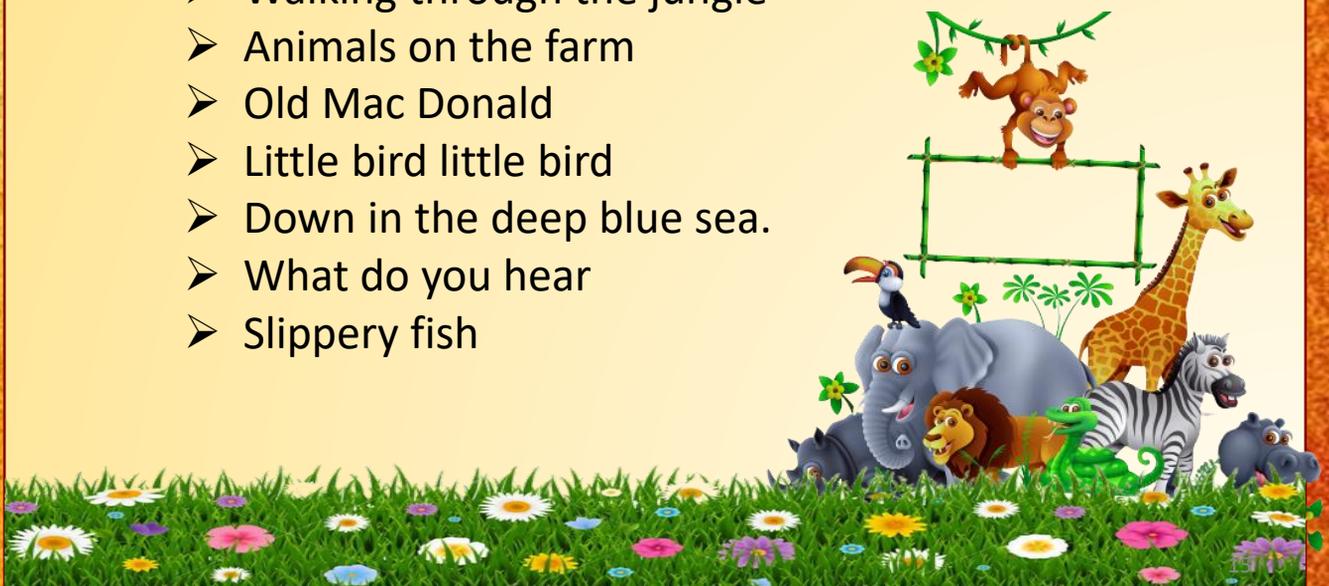
Star Bazaar





THEME OF THE MONTH: **FESTIVALS**

- **Monthly Theme:** The theme for the month of August is celebrations. Teachers have planned interesting activities to make children learn about our culture and know more about the different festivals celebrated in India.
- Children will be learning more about **ANIMAL LIFE** through circle time, culture sessions, and with a lot of stories and rhymes.
- We will also be introducing **PLANT LIFE** to our children this month.
- Germination Activity will be one of the highlights to introduce **PLANT LIFE**.
- Here are the names of a few rhymes for the Animal theme
 - Walking through the jungle
 - Animals on the farm
 - Old Mac Donald
 - Little bird little bird
 - Down in the deep blue sea.
 - What do you hear
 - Slippery fish



CALENDAR

August

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Friendship Day 		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					Independence Day Celebration 	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
				Krishna Janmashtami Celebration 		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
					Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration 	
28	29	30	31			

4th August- Friendship day

12th August- Independence day

18th August- Janmashtami & Grandparents day.

26th August- Ganesh Chaturthi.

Curriculum for the month of August

Mont-1

Mont 1	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Exercises of practical life -Elementary movements -Social Grace and courtesy -Taking care oneself and the environment	Napkin folding: Medians How to offer a glass of water	Opening and closing lids Velcro frame	Transferring water using sponge Tearing Paper activity Zip Frame	Revision
Sensorial activities	Cylinder Blocks- Reverse pairing succession Pink Tower-Grading Method 1 (Concept of dimensions)	Brown Stairs-Grading Method 1 Colour Tablets-Box 1 and 2 Long Stairs (Concept of dimensions)	Noise Boxes-pairing Geometrical Insets	Revision
Language	Foreground and background pictures Doodling activity Names of birds and insects Rhymes and story	What goes together Rhymes and story Doodling activity Sandpaper letters- a, u	Sequencing pictures Picture conversation Sandpaper letters- o, i Doodling activity Rhymes and story	Revision
Arithmetic	Exploratory activities for Dimensions (Big and small)	Exploratory activities for Dimensions (thick and thin)	Exploratory activities for Dimensions (Long and short) Number Rods: 1 to 5 Sandpaper figures	Revision
Culture	Animals and their young ones Animals and their cries Birds and insects	Independence Day- Celebration Revision to animal life	Products from animals Taking care of animals	Introduction to plant life-Nature walk Parts of a plant Sowing the seeds activity

Curriculum for the month of August

Mont-2

Mont 2	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Exercises of practical life -Elementary movements -Social Grace and courtesy -Taking care oneself and the environment	How to sit and get up from a chair Sorting buttons Transferring grains using whole hand Lids and jars	Napkin folding: By medians Sponge activity Whole hand pouring: Grains and liquids	Sorting pompoms using tongs Inserting pipe cleaners activity Ink filler activity	Revision
Sensorial activities	Cylinder Blocks Reverse Pairing- Memory 1 exercise Colour Tablets: Boxes1&2 Memory 1 exercise	Noise Boxes-Pairing Long Stairs- Grading Method 1 Brown stairs- Grading method 2 Fabrics-pairing	Drawing Insets Pink Tower- Grading method 2 Geometrical Insets and 2nd set of cards Names of curvilinear shapes Ellipse, rosette	Revision
Language	Rhymes and story Foreground and background pictures Pattern lines on slate Sandpaper letters- g, p, f Object tray- g, p, f	Rhymes and story What goes together Pattern lines on slate Sandpaper letters- y, v, z Object tray- y, v, z Writing: i, u Last sound activity	Rhymes and story Sequencing pictures Pattern lines on slate Sandpaper letters- Revision Object trays-Revision Writing: a, o Middle sound activity	Revision
Arithmetic	Number Rods: 1 to 10 Exercise 1 Sandpaper figures- 0 to 9 Spindle Boxes-Box 1 and 2 Writing: Numeral 4	Cards and counters Rhymes related to numbers Zero activity Writing: Numeral 5	Chit game Static Bead-Name lesson and arrangement Writing: Numerals 1 to 5	Revision Writing: Numeral 6
Culture	Animals and their young ones Animals and their cries Revision	Independence celebration Revision of animal life	Products from animals Taking care of animals	Introduction to plant life-Nature walk Parts of a plant Sowing the seeds activity

Mont-3

Mont 3	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Exercises of practical life -Elementary movements -Social Grace and courtesy -Taking care oneself -Taking care of the environment	Carrying things: Tray, bucket, dustpan and brush, broom	Duster folding: For display Pouring liquid-Water Washing hands	Paper cutting activity How to use dust pan and brush Introducing gardening tools	Revision
Sensorial activities	Cylinder Blocks-Grading method 1 Geometrical Insets and cards-1 st and 2 nd set of cards	Long Stairs-Family Exercise 2 Fabrics-Pairing Colour Tablets-Box 3: Grading Noise Boxes-Pairing Drawing Insets	Constructive Triangles Names of quadrilaterals- Rhombus, parallelogram, trapezium, trapezoid	Revision
Language	Writing -small print/cursive letters and capital print letters Mixed blends Mixed phonograms Rhyming words	Reading-Blends, phonograms Sight words-two letters Open sound vowels: a-e Rhyming words Simple sentences: It is a.....	Writing -small print/cursive Reading-Blends, phonograms Sight words-three letters Open sound vowels: i-e, o-e, u-e Introduction to vowels and consonants	Revision
Kannada	Vocabulary-Names of domestic animals Letters: ra, ga sa, da, a	Vocabulary- wild animals Letters: ja, va, ma	Vocabulary- birds and insects Letters: ba, na	Revision
Hindi	Vocabulary-Names of domestic animals Letters: a, aa, short and long ii, short and long oo	Vocabulary- wild animals Letters: e, ai	Vocabulary- birds and insects Letters: o ou, am, aha	Revision
Arithmetic	Static Bead and Card Material What comes after, in between, before Seguin Board 2 and Beads- Random numbers Dynamic Change Game	Number Rods-Mixed Combinations Dynamic Change Game Concept of big numbers	Dynamic Material-Addition Addition Strip Board Short Bead Chains Concept of small numbers	Revision
Culture	Independence day celebration Animals and homes Cries of animals Revision	Independence day celebration Revision-Animal life Vertebrates Invertebrates	Taking care of animals Products from animals	Introduction to plant life-Nature walk Parts of a plant Sowing the seeds activity



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