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NURTURING ECO-CONSCIOUS KIDS: LESSONS IN SUSTAINABILITY AT HOME



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Nurturing Eco Conscious Kids

As a parent, I believe nurturing eco-consciousness in children begins at home. Our everyday actions are opportunities to teach valuable lessons about sustainability. Small habits, like switching off lights when not in use or carrying reusable bags, serve as powerful examples of caring for the environment.



In my family, we've turned sustainability into an engaging part of daily life. Gardening has become a cherished activity, where my kids learn about the importance of plants and the role they play in our ecosystem. We also recycle together, sorting paper, plastic, and glass while discussing how these efforts reduce waste.

To make it fun, we take on creative projects such as upcycling old clothes or crafting with recyclable materials. These activities not only teach them to reuse but also spark their creativity. Additionally, I encourage discussions about climate change and sustainable living, ensuring they understand the global impact of their actions. We participate in community clean-ups and tree-planting events to make sustainability engaging and impactful. I also discuss environmental issues with them, showing how small actions can create meaningful change. By leading by example, I aim to raise thoughtful, responsible individuals who value and care for the planet.



Raising a responsible Generation

Through these efforts, I've seen my children grow into more thoughtful, environmentally aware individuals. By fostering such values early, we can equip the next generation to lead a more sustainable and responsible life, ensuring a brighter future for our planet.

HOW FAMILY READING TIME STRENGTHENS BONDS AND BUILDS CURIOSITY



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As a parent, I've found that family reading time is one of the most fulfilling activities we do together. Finding time to connect in our hectic lives can be challenging, but setting aside time to read together has strengthened our family bond and nurtured my child's love of learning.

"Reading with family is like opening a door to a world of shared adventures, where every page turns into a new memory, and every story brings us closer together."

Tips for a Successful Reading Time:

- **Establish a Regular Schedule:** Consistency is key. By making it a point to read together once a week, we create a habit we look forward to.
- **Choose Engaging Books:** Keeping the experience enjoyable means selecting books that interest both of us. To ensure a variety of genres and themes, we take turns choosing the next book.
- **Create a Cozy Reading Space:** A comfortable reading nook with soft lighting and cozy seating makes our reading time more inviting and memorable

THE ROLE OF PARENTS IN CULTIVATING LEADERSHIP SKILLS IN CHILDREN



Sherin Mary Mathew

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Children's growth and development are profoundly shaped by the guidance they receive from parents or parental figures. A child's character, personality, and skills are influenced not just by what they are taught but by the actions they observe. One of the most effective ways to nurture leadership qualities is through active parental involvement.

Effective communication is fundamental to leadership. Beyond expressing their thoughts clearly, children must also learn to listen—a skill often overlooked but essential in decision-making. While children naturally seek parental guidance, encouraging them to make independent choices fosters confidence and self-reliance.

Teamwork and collaboration are equally vital. Group activities help children appreciate diverse perspectives, develop conflict-resolution skills, and understand that leadership is about collective success rather than individual achievements.

Practical experience is key to honing leadership skills. Involvement in school projects, organizing events, or volunteering provides real-world exposure, helping children refine their abilities in problem-solving and responsibility.

Perhaps the most powerful lesson in leadership comes from **leading by example**. As the saying goes, "Actions speak louder than words." Parents who demonstrate resilience, goal setting, and a positive approach to challenges teach these values more effectively than words alone.

In conclusion, fostering leadership in children is a shared journey between parents and children. By emphasizing communication, decision-making, teamwork, hands-on experience, and, parents can help their children build a strong foundation for future leadership.

THE ROLE OF SCHOOLS IN PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE LIVING



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Schools play a vital role in fostering sustainable living by educating young minds about the importance of protecting the environment and using resources wisely. By integrating environmental education into the curriculum, students learn about pressing global challenges such as climate change, pollution, and resource conservation. Through practical activities like recycling programs, water conservation initiatives, and energy-saving campaigns, schools encourage students to adopt eco-friendly habits that they can carry into their daily lives. Many schools have topics in their curriculum like climate change, recycling, and saving energy. When students learn about these, they understand how their actions affect the planet and what they can do to protect it.

Schools can promote simple, sustainable habits. For example, turning off lights when leaving a room, using both sides of paper, and reducing water waste are small actions that make a big difference. Schools have recycling bins and teach students how to sort waste properly. This helps reduce the amount of garbage in landfills and encourages students to recycle at home, too. School gardens and tree-planting events connect students to nature. Growing plants teach them about healthy food and the importance of trees for clean air. Schools can also install solar panels or use energy-efficient lights to show students how renewable energy works. These real-life examples make learning about sustainability exciting and practical. DPS Dubai encourages students to care for the environment through hands-on experiences, including project-based learning, tree planting, live projects, and involvement in the COP conference.

Teaching students to care for the environment helps create responsible citizens who can build a greener, healthier future. Furthermore, schools act as powerful community leaders by organizing awareness events and inspiring families to embrace sustainable living. In this way, schools prepare students academically and shape responsible global citizens equipped to build a greener, healthier future for all.





REVIVING TRADITION: HOW MODERN TECHNOLOGY IS PRESERVING CULTURAL HERITAGE



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Cultural heritage, including historic buildings, artistic creations, and cherished traditions, provides a window into our past. But many of these cannot last forever because of time and destruction. Today, we have technology that helps us preserve these in their original forms to make sure that they are not lost to future generations.

One of the ways technology helps in preserving cultural heritage is through 3D scanning and printing. They make perfect models of monuments or artefacts.



Monuments can be replicated as an exact model using this technology. Virtual reality (VR) makes history easier to ‘view’. With VR, people can visit famous sites and explore that culture without even leaving their homes, offering an immersive and interactive way to experience the past.

Digitization is another powerful tool, enabling old books, paintings, and even traditions to be preserved digitally. This not only keeps them safe but also makes them easily accessible and shareable across the globe. Additionally, the preservation of traditional songs, dances, and languages for future generations, ensures cultural heritage remains alive and celebrated in a modern context.

We can bridge tradition and culture and modern technology to preserve history in meaningful ways. By integrating innovation with heritage, we ensure that

cultural treasures are protected and remain relevant for generations to come. No matter how much the world evolves, these advancements allow us to safeguard the essence of the past, ensuring that it remains unaltered and accessible in the future. This connection not only keeps history alive but also fosters a deeper understanding and appreciation of our roots, empowering us to carry our cultural identity forward while embracing progress.

THE RISE OF SMART CITIES: HOW TECHNOLOGY IS TRANSFORMING URBAN LIFE



Mrunmayee Aniket Patil, 6 C



Technology is one of humanity's greatest achievements. It has shaped the way we live, work, and connect, driving progress and innovation across the globe. However, have you ever stopped to wonder how much change technology has brought into our lives?

Technology has brought a revolutionary change to our world, ensuring mobility and fast flow in the city, and influencing urban life greatly. Technology improves communication in our urban life and speeds up work, by the assistance of AI in various simple to complicated tasks. AI is a collection of technologies that enables devices to perform advanced functions. It is used in many areas, like traffic control, healthcare, education for personalized learning, shopping, customer service etc.

The UAE is a good example of an urban city with technological assistance. The UAE embraces technology through innovations like 'Robocop,' smart gates, automated toll systems, and more.

In conclusion, smart cities are improving the way we live in urban areas. Technology is helping to make transportation, energy use, and communication more efficient. While there are still challenges to overcome, smart cities show how technology can create better and smarter communities.



BUILDING RESILIENCE: HOW COMMUNITIES ARE ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE



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We've all heard of climate change, which refers to long-term shifts in weather patterns. Around the world, it's causing cooler winters and hotter summers. But why is this happening, and how are communities affected? Climate change is mainly caused by human activities that release greenhouse gases, which are warming the planet and changing weather patterns. This has serious effects on communities everywhere, impacting the environment, economy, and health. One example is the Great Barrier Reef, which is being damaged by warmer oceans.

Half of its corals have died due to bleaching, which harms marine life and disrupts entire ecosystems. This is just one of many ways climate change is affecting our world and making it harder for communities to adapt.

Communities show resilience to climate change by adapting through strategies like building climate-resistant infrastructure, implementing sustainable farming practices, improving water management, creating early warning systems for disasters, and fostering local cooperation to share resources and knowledge.

Climate change is a serious challenge, but communities can adapt and be resilient. Our actions matter—by coming together, we can build a better, more sustainable future. The time to act

DANCING WITH THE WAVES: AN ODE TO THE OCEAN



Mohammed Yusuf, 8 B

The Surface seems so Far

What am I, if not free?
Some humans found meaning,
In a spouse's love, or in a vivid dream,
Whereas I found mine in the sea.

At an earlier time,
When I was naught but a babe,
I used to peer down into the abyss.
I used to see all the light fade.

And once I fell into this abyss,
So certain that I too would fade.
But the liquid tendrils of the devil kept me near the surface,
And it stole life from my lungs,

I saw this abyss, this nothing amiss,
It's ethereal light, it's beautiful darkness.

A dream, A dream,
This infinite world of blue, that is so delightfully immortal,
This sea that I loved with every ember,
But a sea that I could never enter.

So, I counted my days, in some quiet harbour,
But every winter that passed, the sea seemed, yet farther,
Another fish seemed to die,
And the waves seemed to get darker.

And when I started to feel,
My soul leaving me -
I asked a friend to see,
Where I would last kneel.

And as I fell-
Into the abyss,
A dull panic set in.
But I also felt a calm,
And in my last drown,
Salt forms a crown,
I fall into the darkness,
And the surface seems so far.



You can
LEARN,
something new
EVERYDAY
If you
LISTEN

STARDUST DREAMS: A POEM ABOUT EXPLORING THE UNIVERSE



Ayati Maheshwari, 7 H

Every night, I lay in bed,
Staring out my window at the shimmering, endless skies spread,
A world of wonder, waiting for me,

With yearning eyes, I gaze at the night,
Where planets gleam, a celestial light.
A yearning deep, a soul's desire,
To touch the stars, and set my spirits higher

The cosmos whispers, a siren's call,
A haunting melody, where galaxies crawl.
Light dances, in hues of jade and fire,
A million suns ignite, a cosmic choir.

A thousand thoughts, a thousand dreams fill my head,
A deep desire reach out and read the unread,
Books of the universe.
Find the lights that are so luminous.

However, here I stay,
Bound to this earth, till the hound's bay. But dream I shall, a path I've donned,
Of the world beyond.

WORD SEARCH (THEME: CLASSIC CHILDREN'S LITERATURE CHARACTERS)



Saniksha Singh, 8 D

Below is a grid filled with letters. Find and circle the following words related to 'Classic Children's Literature Characters'. Words may be hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and even backwards.

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ALICE
MOWGLI
PETER PAN
HARRY POTTER
HEIDI
CINDERELLA
CHARLIE BUCKET
FRODO BAGGINS
TOM SAWYER
JACK
DOROTHY GALE
ANNE SHIRLEY
ROBIN HOOD

COMICS (THEME: MY IMAGINARY WORLD WHERE HUMANS AND NATURE THRIVE TOGETHER)



Manuela Siona Lewis, 6 I

My imaginary world where humans and nature thrive together

A little tree for you to sow.



A little tree will it grow



Your little tree will be a home for birds and bees.



The squirrels will drop nuts for you and me.



What a world will it be if we all live in harmony.



Sadly, we all live in a world where the ones that plant a tree are the ones that live in our imaginary world.

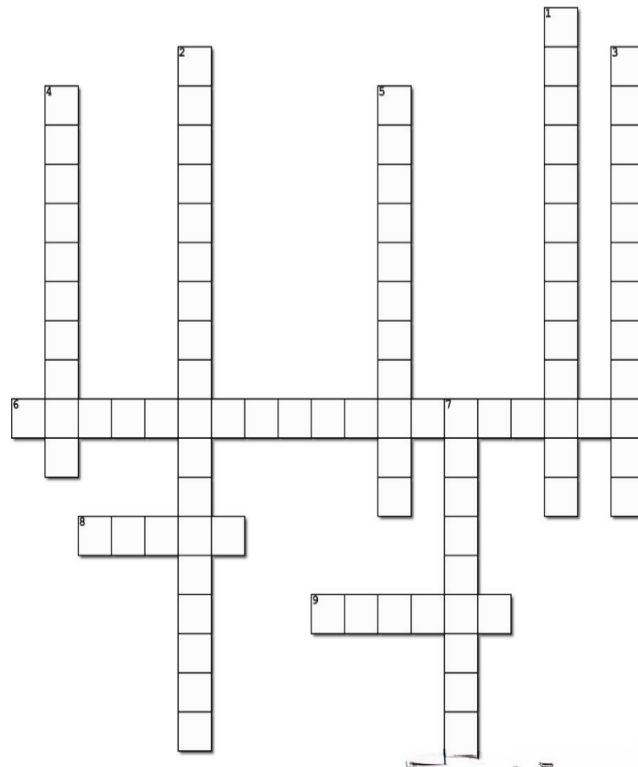


CROSSWORD PUZZLE (THEME: MILESTONES IN SPACE EXPLORATION)



**Roshan Uppillivatsan
Srinivasamurthy, 8 C**

Complete the crossword puzzle below



Across

6. The First Woman in Space
8. A Vehicle used to traverse tough terrain in Space
9. The First Telescope

Down

1. The First man to walk on the Moon
2. The most powerful telescope.
3. India's First Mission to the Moon
4. India's First mission to Mars
5. The First Human in Space
7. An Artificial object which revolves around in Space

Answers:

- 1) Neil Armstrong
- 2) James Webb Telescope
- 3) Chandrayaan1
- 4) Mangalyaan
- 5) Yuri Gagarin
- 6) Valentina Tereshkova
- 7) Satellite
- 8) Rover
- 9) Arielt

FOSTERING A LOVE FOR LOCAL LITERATURE: DISCOVERING THE UAE'S STORYTELLING HERITAGE

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is a land where storytelling traditions are deeply interwoven with the culture, preserving the essence of Emirati identity through centuries. From the perilous tales of pearl diving to the thrilling camel races that echo with excitement, these stories reflect the spirit and resilience of the Bedouin heritage. The UAE has played a significant role in nurturing a love for local literature. Iconic events like the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair and the Sharjah International Book Fair draw millions of literary enthusiasts every year. These fairs are not just showcases of contemporary Emirati literature; they are vibrant platforms where Arab voices from across the region converge to share their stories and cultural heritage. The late 1960s and early 1970s saw the dawn of Emirati fiction, marking a pivotal moment in the country's literary journey. While short stories found an enthusiastic audience, the novel genre developed more slowly, with Rashid Abdullah Al Nuaimi's *Shahenda* being celebrated as the first Emirati novel.

Storytellers like Rashid Al Zari, a 65-year-old custodian of tales passed down through generations, play a vital role in keeping these traditions alive. He travels across the country, breathing life into these stories and ensuring they remain a living part of the UAE's cultural fabric. The Annual Narrator Forum in Sharjah gathers storytellers from over 20 countries, creating a vibrant exchange of narratives that transcend borders. As the UAE strides into the future, balancing modernity with tradition, initiatives like the Arab Reading Challenge inspire young minds to delve into the world of books. These efforts ensure that the rich tapestry of Emirati storytelling not only survives but thrives, weaving new threads into the fabric of the 21st century.



Mr. Akram Zaidi, Teacher, Phase I

NURTURING ECO-CONSCIOUS KIDS: LESSONS IN SUSTAINABILITY AT HOME

As parents, we play a crucial role in shaping a sustainable future, and teaching our children eco-conscious habits is a vital step toward that goal. These lessons, when practiced at home, can instill lifelong values of mindful consumption and environmental responsibility.

In our household, we emphasize buying only what is needed and avoiding unnecessary waste. During our weekly shopping trips, my kids proudly carry their reusable bags, reinforcing the importance of reducing reliance on single-use plastics. We discuss how thoughtful purchasing not only conserves resources but also minimizes environmental impact.

When clothes no longer fit or toys are outgrown, we donate them to younger children within our family or place them in donation boxes. This practice not only reduces waste but also teaches our kids the value of giving and reusing items to extend their lifespan and benefit others. To minimize paper waste, our children use digital tablets (not iPads or screens) for drawing instead of traditional paper. When paper is used, we encourage using both sides and finding creative ways to repurpose it—such as turning used sheets into craft projects. These small habits foster resourcefulness and reinforce the importance of making the most of what we have.

By integrating these lessons into our daily lives, we nurture a sense of responsibility in our children, encouraging them to make choices that contribute to a cleaner, greener planet. Together, we are raising a generation that views sustainability not as a trend but as a way of life.



-Ms. Vasudha Mehra (Parent of Myrah Mehra, I

THE ROLE OF PARENTS IN CULTIVATING LEADERSHIP SKILLS IN CHILDREN

Leadership is a skill that must be nurtured and developed. While schools and communities play their part, the foundation of leadership is laid at home. As parents, we are our children's first teachers and role models, guiding them to become the leaders they are capable of being.

From the moment they are born, children learn by watching us. The way we communicate, handle challenges, and inspire others shapes how they will lead in the future. I've found that cultivating leadership in children isn't about pushing them into formal roles; it's about giving them the confidence to lead in their own way. Encouraging my children to take on small responsibilities around the house, such as organizing toys or resolving sibling disagreements, helps them practice decision-making and problem-solving skills.

Our children also absorb lessons from how we lead by example. I've always made it a point to show them that leadership isn't about being in charge, it's about empathy, hard work, and respect. Whether at home or in public, they learn the importance of leading with integrity and responsibility.

I remember a time from my own childhood that deeply influenced my understanding of leadership. Growing up as the eldest with just one younger brother in the 1980s, I was trusted with caring for him when my parents went out. Back then, we didn't have smartphones to distract us, and it was my responsibility to keep him entertained and ensure nothing went wrong. Instead of just telling him what to do, I involved him in decisions, like choosing games or solving disagreements. That experience taught me valuable lessons in

patience, empathy, and leading by example—qualities I later passed on to my own children.

Another important lesson I've instilled in my children is that setbacks are not failures, but opportunities to grow. When they encounter challenges, I guide them to see the value in perseverance. Through this, they learn that leadership isn't about avoiding failure, it's about handling it with resilience and determination.

As parents, our influence shapes how our children approach the world. By modeling positive leadership and offering them opportunities to grow, we empower them to lead with confidence, compassion, and integrity.



- Ms. Priyanka Tyagi (Parent of Samaira Tyagi, IX D)

REVIVING TRADITION: HOW MODERN TECHNOLOGY IS PRESERVING CULTURAL HERITAGE



- Sayeed Husainy, IX

We live in a world that stops for no one, everything evolving and changing. Cultural heritage preservation has become ever more critical amidst globalization and climate change which pose serious threats to historical artifacts, sites, and traditions. Modern technology innovations have emerged as powerful tools in safeguarding and promoting cultural heritage, especially through digital solutions.

Enhancing accessibility through digitalization: Digital archiving has redefined the paradigm in which we protect and preserve our culture and heritage. The creation of high-quality digital surrogates of artifacts and sites, for instance, allows an institution to ensure that such cultural treasures are protected from natural deterioration and human neglect. For example, the digitization project at the British Library makes possible the availability of rare manuscripts, documents, and historical records to any interested individual throughout the world via online access. Furthermore, digitization reduces the unavailability of culture caused by the inconvenience of physical access. Most historic sites are unreachable because they are out of the way, while others cannot withstand mass visitors as they are fragile enough to deteriorate from crowd pressure. These disadvantages can be complemented by giving virtual tours or interactive experiences via institutions to their global audience when physical visits might be impossible. For example, the platform Caesium is popularly known for 3D geospatial technology, and it has teamed up with Google Maps Platform to disrupt the way developers build immersive digital experiences.

Restoration and preservation through technology: New technology creates new avenues for restoration and preservation that hitherto did not exist. For example, 3D scanning and photogrammetry enable the virtual recreation of broken fragments that allow restorers to envision and plot reclamation efforts with complete accuracy. At institutions like the Rijksmuseum, AI algorithms analyse historical records to predict and virtually recreate lost details on famous artworks. Robotics combined with artificial intelligence, such as with the Repair project in Pompeii, is going to help repair old structures and relics with ease. Digitization of artifacts and sites allows for global access and educational opportunities, while innovative techniques in restoration safeguard against deterioration. Yet, this integration of technology needs to be done ethically, making sure that the rights and narratives of communities are preserved and respected.

THE RISE OF SMART CITIES: HOW TECHNOLOGY IS TRANSFORMING URBAN LIFE



There is still a way to improve *work* efficiency in cities. There is still a way to advance the quality of life and city services. This way is known as fostering the

development of smart cities. According to the European Commission, smart cities are places where traditional networks and services are made more efficient with the use of digital solutions for the benefits of its civilians and businesses.

How smart cities function: Smart cities connect city services on a large scale by digital and eco-friendly solutions that facilitate tasks improving coordination, amplifying innovation, increasing economic growth and decreasing problems. This also makes smart cities help achieve goals like climate action (goal 13), clean water and sanitation (goal 6) and good health and well-being (goal 3).

Benefits of smart cities: Smart cities enable easier transport of goods, *optimize* traffic flow. It also *decreases activities* that harm the environment. It helps the environment by monitoring air quality and implementing measures to combat air pollution. By *the excellent* performance of these cities, citizens are empowered to collaborate, decreasing disagreements. A smart city is the epitome of perfection in almost everything, by conserving the environment, collaboration amongst citizens, increasing work efficiency, enabling easier transport etc. Smart cities should not be overlooked to prevent a negative future.



- Atishay Kochar, IX

BUILDING RESILIENCE: HOW COMMUNITIES ARE ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

As climate change reshapes our planet, communities are finding innovative ways to adapt. From rising sea levels to prolonged droughts, the impacts of climate change are no longer a distant threat but an immediate challenge.

Despite these challenges, communities remain resilient. Below are few ways in which communities have proved their resilience towards this change:

1. **Adapting Agriculture:** Farmers are among those who are most directly affected by climate change. In drought-prone regions, farmers are turning to water-efficient irrigation systems, such as drip irrigation, which delivers water directly to plant roots, minimizing waste. Others are experimenting with drought-resistant crops, crop rotation, and agroforestry to increase yields and preserve soil health.
2. **Ensuring Ecosystem Health:** Restoring and protecting ecosystems have helped wildlife deal with the changing climate. Using indigenous, traditional, and local methods help ensure that natural resources are managed sustainably.
3. **Dealing with Climate Disasters:** To minimize risks, communities have identified hazard-prone areas, established warning systems, and developed evacuation routes and storm shelters. To aid recovery, they have created disaster relief funds, while individuals ensure adequate insurance coverage. Additionally, public health services and emergency medical teams have played a crucial role in protecting lives with their advanced technology.



As climate change continues to pose significant challenges, the resilience of communities will remain a critical factor in determining how we navigate this global crisis. By embracing innovation, collaboration, and education, communities around the world are not only adapting to a changing climate but also laying the groundwork for a more sustainable and equitable future.



- Hanishka Shivananda, IxD

DANCING WITH THE WAVES: AN ODE TO THE OCEAN

I hear her,
I hear the mother mere among us.
I hear the whispers,
Curling like silver mist on weary shores.



I hear her dance,
her tranquil motions guiding the rhythm of the night.

And at times her rageful action,
coursing her way to everyone and every sight.

Her unparalleled beauty,
cradling between the stars and the silver moon,
the sun's rays weaving through her silent flow.

Her boundless locks, each of mesmerizing sight.

She who is eternal,
and she who floods our hearts with her timeless shanty.

She of untamed heart,
whose eternal song unbinds our weary souls.



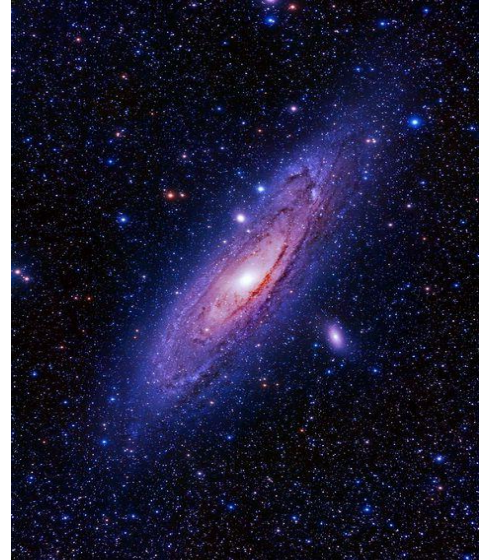
- Rishikesh Vidhu Nair, IX B

STARDUST DREAMS: A POEM ABOUT EXPLORING THE UNIVERSE

Beneath the veil of endless night,
A canvas sprawls, adorned with light.
Stars like whispers, soft and bright,
Weave tales of wonder, time, and might.

The universe, a boundless sea,
Of mysteries and infinity.
Galaxies dance in cosmic streams,
A symphony of ancient dreams.

Planets spin in silent grace,
Cradled in the vast embrace.
Nebulas bloom, like flowers in air,
Colours swirling beyond compare.



Time bends and twists, a curious flow,
Where secrets of the cosmos grow.
Black holes hum their silent song,

Guarding truths, we've sought so long.

Yet here we stand, so small, so frail,

Voyagers on this stellar trail.

Seeking meaning, reaching far,

Guided by each shining star.

Oh, universe, eternal, grand,

Your mysteries slip through human hand.

Yet in your depths, we find our place,

A fleeting spark in endless space.



Dhvani Bhandari, IX D

WORD SEARCH: CLASSIC CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

CHARACTERS

CLASSIC CHILDREN LITERATURE CHARACTERS

Dive into the enchanting world of classic children's literature! This word search features iconic characters from beloved stories that have captured the hearts of readers for generations. From curious adventurers and magical creatures to brave heroes and imaginative dreamers, each character represents a tale full of wonder and life lessons. Can you find them all and uncover the magic of these timeless stories?



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MATILDA
GRINCH
MOWGLI
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MARYLENNOX
SARACREWE
ALICE
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DOROTHYGALE
PERCYJACKSON
THOMAS
TRISPRIOR



WORD SEARCH - ANSWER KEY

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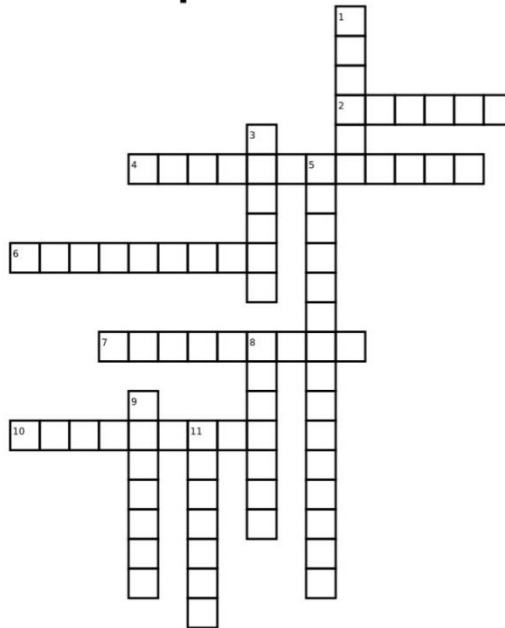
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- Zaara Shabab, IX D

CROSSWORD PUZZLE: MILESTONES IN SPACE EXPLORATION

Space Adventures: Key Moments in Exploration



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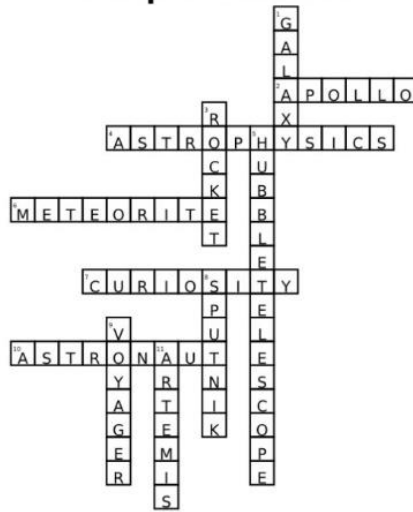
1. A massive collection of stars, planets, and dust held by gravity
3. A vehicle used to launch spacecraft into space
5. A telescope in orbit capturing images of distant stars and galaxies
8. The first satellite launched into space
9. A spacecraft exploring the outer edges of the solar system
11. NASA's program to send humans back to the Moon

Across:

2. The first human moon landing
4. The study of space and the universe
6. A piece of rock or metal from space that lands on Earth
7. A rover that explores the surface of Mars
10. A person who travels into space

CROSSWORD PUZZLE: ANSWER KEY

Space Adventures: Key Moments in Exploration



Down:

1. A massive collection of stars, planets, and dust held by gravity
3. A vehicle used to launch spacecraft into space
5. A telescope in orbit capturing images of distant stars and galaxies
8. The first satellite launched into space
9. A spacecraft exploring the outer edges of the solar system
11. NASA's program to send humans back to the Moon

Across:

2. The first human moon landing
4. The study of space and the universe
6. A piece of rock or metal from space that lands on Earth
7. A rover that explores the surface of Mars
10. A person who travels into space



-Samaira Tyagi, IX D

COMIC: MY IMAGINARY WORLD WHERE HUMANS AND NATURE THRIVE

TOGETHER



Sanvi Wadhvani, IX

THE QUIET HEROES: EVERYDAY PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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In a world often overshadowed by loud voices and grand gestures, it is crucial to shine a light on the quiet heroes—those everyday individuals who selflessly contribute to their communities while seeking no recognition or reward. These silent heroes reside in all parts of our world, entwining strands of love and concern into the society around us, unseen and yet deeply Significant. Imagine the neighbor who takes the time each week to check in on elderly residents, offering companionship and assistance with routine tasks such as grocery shopping or yard work. Simple actions of real affection, if underexplored, carry a bounty of warmth and happiness to those they serve and generate a strong feeling of community and connection. A strong commitment to teaching those who cross the classroom's boundaries to mentor and support students also illustrates this notion of quiet heroism. They invest their time and energy into raising the next generation, demonstrating that authentic learning can extend far beyond the walls of a classroom.

Quiet heroes, in the form of volunteers at local shelters and food banks, are another poignant. These people waste a great amount of time ensuring that people experiencing trouble get the help they need. They often work tirelessly behind the scenes, organize donations, prepare nourishing meals, and lend a compassionate ear to those in distress. Their relentless work throws a wave of

kindness back into the community, thereby helping create an atmosphere of empathy and solidarity.

Furthermore, grassroots environmental activists represent this quiet power as they fight like all of us to save our planet for our children. No matter whether they are spearheading community clean-up efforts, planting trees in civic spaces, or campaigning for environmental sustainability, their commitment to grassroots action is helping protect our environment. Every tiny, conscious action contributes to creating a big picture of environmental stewardship, leading to the involvement of others in this dream of a greener (and) richer soil. Even though the louder, more flashy people get the press (attention and fame), it is important to remember and celebrate the strength that it takes day in and day out in the most ordinary humans, who work quietly to improve the world. When we recognize and champion these silent heroes, we can build a culture of kindness and encourage others to do extraordinary things in their own way.

LESSONS LEARNT THROUGH CULTURAL EXCHANGES



Ishaan Galada
8A

In a world where globalization is increasing exponentially, it is crucial to practice tolerance. This is especially true for nations like the UAE, home to more than 180 nationalities. As a hub of trade, innovation, and culture, the UAE provides a platform for people to showcase their diverse traditions, creating opportunities for the exchange of cultures and ideas.

Cultural exchanges foster understanding and harmony, allowing us to learn valuable lessons from others' traditions. Traditions. For instance, chanoyu, Japan's tea ceremony, teaches mindfulness and respect, while Indian festivals such as Diwali, the Festival of Light, highlight the importance of community and togetherness. By embracing these values and traditions, we break stereotypes.



These exchanges also foster communication between communities and allow people to change their lives through these traditions for the better. The diversity seen between so many different communities is the strength. Diverse communities mean different ideas and increased opportunities. The Expo 2020 Dubai is an amazing instance of how cultural exchanges can empower cities, communities, and countries across and within borders.

To conclude, it is important to highlight the importance of cultural exchanges, which greatly enrich our lives, break stereotypes, and change our perspectives. These exchanges also provide us the opportunity to reflect on the amazing diversity of different cultures. By celebrating traditions from different cultures, we bridge divisions and work towards a more connected, united, and harmonious world.

THE LANGUAGE OF ART: HOW CREATIVITY SPEAKS
BEYOND WORDS



Aahana Samal

7I

Art is a powerful way to express thoughts and emotions without using words. A painting, a dance, or a song can convey feelings like happiness, sadness, or hope in a way everyone can understand, no matter where they come from or what language they speak.

Creativity gives life to ideas. A simple drawing or melody can tell a story or share an experience that words may not fully describe. Art invites us to imagine and feel, helping us see the world through different eyes.



Through art, we can connect with others and understand their emotions and culture. It teaches us that even

though we may speak different languages, we all share similar feelings.

Whether it's ancient carvings or modern designs, art continues to bring people together, showing us that creativity is a universal language that everyone understands.

Art also has the power to heal and inspire. Many turn to drawing, music, or dance to express emotions they cannot put into words, finding comfort and peace. Art therapy helps individuals cope with stress, trauma, and anxiety by channelling their feelings into creativity. Moreover, art inspires change by raising awareness about social and environmental issues, encouraging people to think, feel, and act. This makes art not just a form of expression but also a tool for growth.

Art encourages personal growth and reflection. Engaging with art, whether as a creator or an observer, allows us to explore our own emotions and thoughts more deeply. It challenges us to think critically, embrace new perspectives, and celebrate diversity. By sparking curiosity and encouraging exploration, art helps us grow not only as individuals but also as a community, fostering empathy and understanding in a world that thrives on connection.



OVERCOMING FEAR



Tanvi Venkata Naga Gundabathula

8E

What is the meaning of fear?

Many would describe fear as an emotion that arises when one senses danger. But what about overcoming it? Many dream of conquering their fears but never take the first step to try. Overcoming fear requires stepping out of your comfort zone, which can feel daunting at first. However, imagine the possibilities that lie beyond fear. Taking that step not only helps you learn new skills but also builds confidence and resilience.

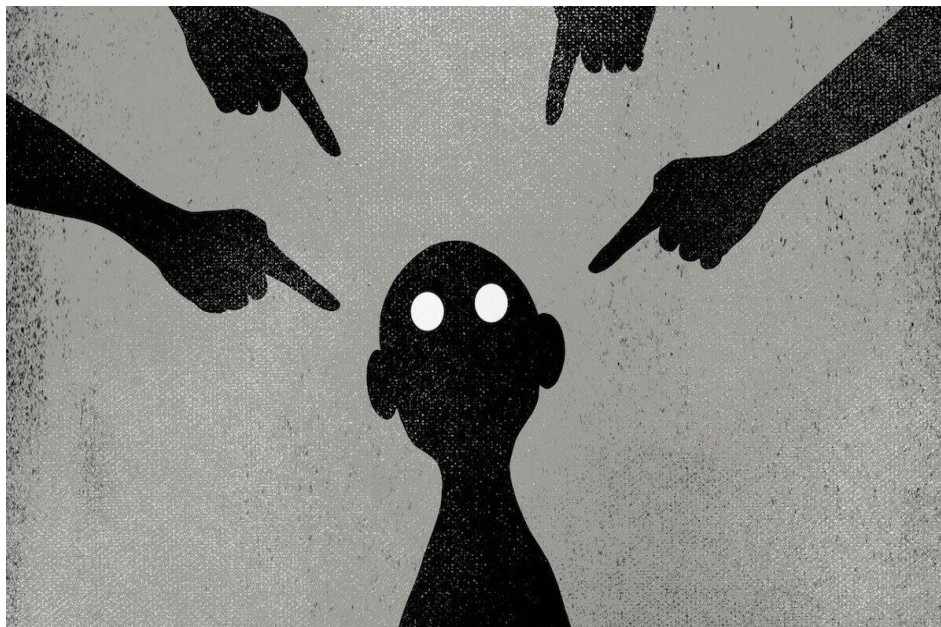
The idea of a successful life is often linked to happiness. But achieving such a life requires effort and determination. At first, you may find yourself making excuses to avoid challenges. However, if you shift your mindset and start looking for ways to improve, you begin setting new goals and moving toward success. If you don't confront your fears, you risk being confined by the boundaries they create. Overcoming fear is the key to breaking free and discovering your full potential.

In the journey of self-improvement, there are three key zones: the Fear Zone, the Learning Zone, and the Growth Zone. For example, consider someone who is afraid of social interactions. Initially, this person is in the Fear Zone, avoiding situations that make them uncomfortable. However, when they decide to take

small steps to address their fear—such as setting goals and gradually exposing themselves to social situations—they enter the Learning Zone. Here, they acquire new skills and begin to adapt. Eventually, as they persist and fully overcome their fear, they transition into the Growth Zone. In this stage, they thrive, having developed confidence and independence.

Those who remain in their comfort zones are often trapped by self-imposed boundaries, relying on others and missing out on opportunities for growth. In contrast, those who confront and overcome their fears enjoy the freedom of living an independent and fulfilling life.

In conclusion, overcoming fear is a transformative process that leads to personal growth and success. By moving through the Fear, Learning, and Growth Zones, individuals can break free from limitations, achieve their goals, and live a life of confidence and fulfilment. The journey may be challenging, but the rewards of courage and perseverance make it undeniably worthwhile.



Dawn of the New Year



Anvita Kulkarni

6D

*Dawn of a new year,
Here comes the new year,
Wiping out the fear
That we had in the old year.*

*Dawn of a new year,
It's the favorite of all,
Hoping for the best
And forgetting the rest.*

*Dawn of a new year
Is such a classic eve,
Where people come and give,
Sowing happiness in each being.*

*Dawn of a new year
Makes the past vanish fast,
Gives dreams that long last,*

*Ringing out the old.
Dawn of a new year,
Always equipped with courage and resilience,
Sowing the joyful moments of last year,
Beginning anew with cheer.*



BUILDERS OF THE FUTURE



Valli Nyayapati 6D

With pencils and dreams, plans are drawn,

Creating homes for every dawn.

Towers tall and streets so neat,

Designing places where people meet.

Bridges crossing rivers wide,

Connecting friends on either side.

Parks with swings and flowers bright,

Spaces filled with pure delight.

Cities glowing in the night,

Shining stars and glowing light.

Buildings reaching to the sky,

Architects dreams flying high.

Spaces where kids run and play.

Breathing fresh air every day.

Green parks and sunny days,

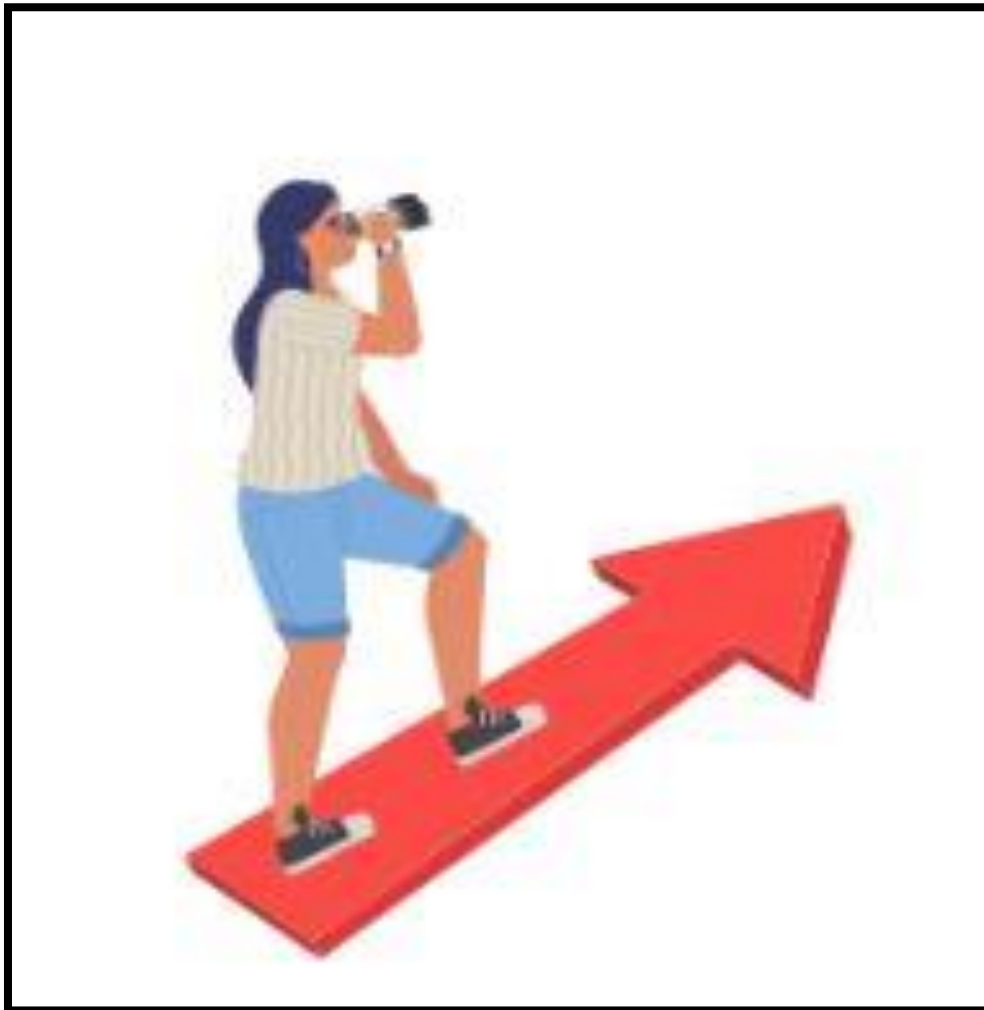
In every single way,

Architects with hearts so true,

Building dreams for me and you.

Creating wonders big and small,

Making a world that's fun for all.



URBAN GREEN SPACES. HOW PARKS AND GARDENS ENHANCE CITY LIFE

By Jonathan Bhattarai II E



Parks and Gardens are the heart of busy cities. They give us fresh air to breathe, beautiful trees to enjoy, and shade from the Sun. These green spaces make cities cooler and help clean the air. Parks are homes for birds, squirrels and butterflies. So, we can enjoy their chirps and colours. Families and friends can gather for picnics, play, or relax on the grass. In Dubai, green spaces are very important because they provide relief from the hot weather. They help to reduce heat, improve air quality and offer a peaceful escape from city life. Even at home, we can create a small balcony garden to grow flowers or vegetables, bringing nature closer to us. These green treasures make our daily lives healthier and happier.



The beautiful
thing about
learning is that no
one can take it
away from you.

B.B. King



URBAN GREEN SPACES: HOW PARKS AND GARDENS ENHANCE CITY LIFE



By Rishika Das Grade I A

Parks and gardens in cities are like magical places! They give us fresh air to breathe and pretty flowers to see. Kids can play, families can picnic, and everyone can relax. These green spaces are homes for birds, butterflies, and squirrels, making cities feel alive. Trees and plants also help keep the city cool on sunny days. Parks and gardens make people happy and healthy. That's why they are so important for city life!

HEARTBEAT OF THE EARTH

By Raunak Kumar Grade I F

The earth has a heartbeat, it's true
A thumping and rumbling, strong and new.
It's not like ours, inside the chest,
But deep in the ground, it puts us to the test.
Turn off the voice of those around you
And turn off your own voice
It's in the trees



And the breeze

And the birds around you.

It is a voice that you will only hear in silence.

Save our earth, Save our life.

The earth has a heartbeat too

THE HEARTBEAT OF THE EARTH

By Jonathan Bhattarai Grade II E



The Earth is alive, it hums so sweet,

In the soft green grass beneath our feet.

The Sun shines bright, the clouds drift slowly.

Helping the plants and trees to grow.

The birds chirp softly, the rivers run,

The Earth is a gift for everyone.

The sand, the seas, the stars above,

All are wrapped in natural love.

Let's plant a tree, let's keep it clean,

Protect the Earth and all it means.

It's our home, so big and bright,
Let's care for it with all our might.



SNIPPETS

MY SIMPLE STEPS TO SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT

We know we are ruining the Earth but are advancing on ways to protect it here are some pointers you should make a part of your life

Reduce Reuse Recycle

Following the 3 R's helps to conserve the trees and minimise your waste.

Reduce Reuse Recycle

Shop wisely

Don't buy extra clothes because you will waste them but if you do then donate them to charity.

Go organic

Use or eat organic foods as they shorten the use of pesticides, enhancing soil quality.

JAINAVI SAHOO 5-B



STUDENT PICTURE

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Grade: V-B

NATURE'S TOUCH AT LEGOLAND



THROUGH MY FAVOURITE FIELD TRIP, LEGOLAND, I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT HOW WE CAN BUILD AMAZING THINGS WHILE STILL TAKING CARE OF NATURE. I SAW HOW THEY USED PLANTS AND TREES TO MAKE THE PARK LOOK BEAUTIFUL AND FEEL MORE NATURAL. I ALSO NOTICED HOW THEY USED WATER FEATURES LIKE FOUNTAINS AND RIVERS, WHICH NOT ONLY LOOKED COOL BUT ALSO HELPED KEEP THE PARK COOL. IT SHOWED ME THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN BUILDING AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT. WE CAN FIND WAYS TO DO BOTH!

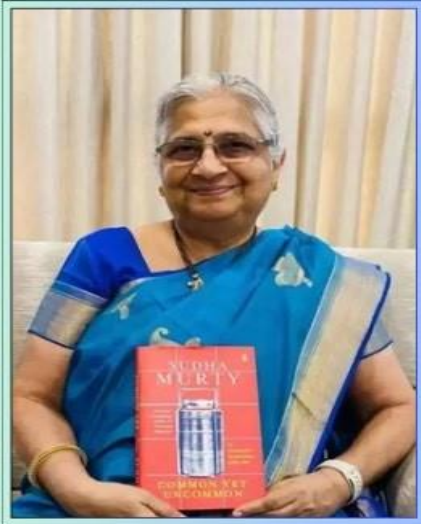


**BY : SWAYAMSIDDHA
DASH
5-B**



My favorite Author: How Sudha Murthy's Books Changed the Way I See the World

A Role Model



Sudha Murthy is my favorite author. Her stories are simple, sweet, and full of important lessons. She writes about kindness, helping others, and honesty. When I read her books, I feel happy and inspired.

Why I Like Her Stories

Sudha Murthy writes about everyday people—mothers, children, shopkeepers, and more. She shares their lives and teaches us to be kind and caring. One story I loved was about a little girl who worked hard to help her family. It taught me to work hard and help my parents too.

Her stories also talk about India and its villages. I learned to appreciate simple living and how small acts of kindness can change someone's life.

Sudha Murthy is not just a writer. She helps many people through her work. She donates money to schools and hospitals to improve lives. I want to help people when I grow up, just like her.

What I Learned

From her books, I learned to be nice to others, help those in need, and enjoy the little things in life. Her stories make me smile and teach me to be a better person.

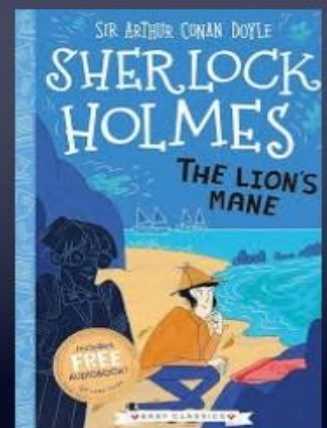
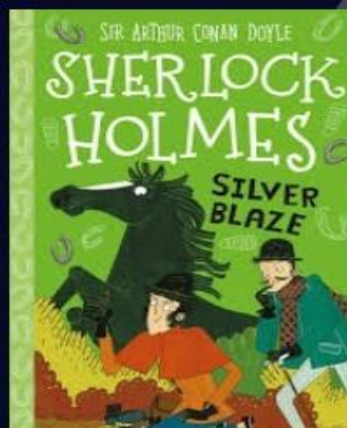
I love Sudha Murthy's books because they are simple and full of love. She is my favorite author, and I want to read all her books!

Michelle Alyssa Philip 4D

My favorite author : How Their Books Changed the Way I See the World

Zaid
3C

My favorite Author Is Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, The creator of Sherlock Homes, Sherlock has a friend who accompanies him in all of his adventures,His name is John Watson, He is a doctor so he is called Doctor John Watson. From my perspective they always have solved every mystery of their client some mysteries of Sherlock and doctor Watson are the blue carbuncle, sliver blaze and more. I learned that like Sherlock we have to learn new things and always think outside the box and solve brain tests so we can solve the mysteries in real life so we can be good as Sherlock.



Name of the student: Zaid Malek

Grade: III-C

The Power of Planting: How Trees Are Shaping the Future of the UAE

Growing plants and trees can be beneficial for a number of reasons, including reducing carbon emissions and improving air quality, increasing biodiversity, raising awareness about environmental issues, and providing shade.

The UAE has implemented innovative strategies such as desalination plants, wastewater treatment, and smart irrigation systems to optimize water usage and do efficient irrigation.

Total number of trees reached 5.36 million trees in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Global Tree-planting Campaign spearheaded by the UAE to collectively and transparently Plant One Billion Trees around the world by end of 2025.

Samarth Sharath IV I

Name of the student: Samarth Sharath

Grade: IV-I

Urban Green Spaces

HOW PARKS AND GARDENS ENHANCE CITY LIFE

Biodiversity and Sustainability:

Urban parks and gardens support biodiversity by offering habitats for birds, insects, and small mammals. They also encourage sustainable practices like urban gardening and composting, contributing to greener cities.



Urban green spaces, such as parks, gardens, and green rooftops, are essential components of city living, offering benefits that extend far beyond aesthetics. These spaces not only improve the environment but also enhance the quality of life for urban dwellers.

Proximity to parks increases property values and attracts businesses, while iconic green spaces boost tourism. Additionally, they beautify cities by offering a refreshing contrast to urban concrete, enhancing the overall charm and livability of urban areas.

"Discovering Creative Ways Urban Green Spaces Transform City Living for Every Lifestyle."

Environmental Benefits

- 1. Air Quality Improvement:** Trees and plants in urban parks filter pollutants and produce oxygen, leading to cleaner, healthier air.
- 2. Temperature Regulation:** Green spaces mitigate the urban heat island effect by cooling surrounding areas, especially during hot summers.
- 3. Water management:** Vegetation absorbs rainwater, reducing urban flooding and improving stormwater management.



Investing in urban green spaces is crucial for creating sustainable, livable cities. By integrating more parks and gardens into urban planning, cities can ensure a healthier, happier, and more vibrant environment for everyone.

Netana Mariel 5F



Name of the student: Netana Mariel

Grade: V-F

THE RISE OF URBAN GREEN SPACES: A PATH TO SUSTAINABLE CITIES

Since Global warming has put a massive change on our planet by melting icebergs and increasing temperatures, everybody has started to take a step to eliminate Global warming. Everybody's planting trees and even switching to electric cars and renewable resources.

A big change is building parks, gardens and planting trees in cities. Green spaces improve the air quality of urban areas and provide habitat for wildlife, improving the overall health of urban environments. A way that even can help are green roofs and walls. A green wall is a vertical built structure intentionally covered by vegetation.

Global warming has caused significant changes to our planet, including melting icebergs and rising temperatures. In response, cities worldwide are embracing urban green spaces as a key strategy to combat climate change and improve urban living. These spaces, which include parks, gardens, and tree-lined streets, play a crucial role in enhancing air quality, reducing urban heat islands, and providing habitats for wildlife.

Urban green spaces also offer social and health benefits, creating peaceful areas for recreation, exercise, and relaxation, which improve the mental and physical well-being of residents. An innovative addition to this movement is the adoption of green roofs and walls—structures covered with vegetation that not only reduce energy consumption but also add a natural aesthetic to urban landscapes.

By prioritizing the development of green spaces, cities are paving the way for a more sustainable future, where urban living and nature coexist harmoniously, contributing to healthier and more resilient communities.



Name of the student: Kaaunteya Ahire

Grade: V-B



**The Heartbeat of the Earth: A Celebration of Nature's
Beauty**

I love sitting under the trees

On my knees

Watching the clouds

It makes me proud

Oh, the earth is so wonderful

So bright and so colourful

It's so easy

Better than watching TV

Appreciate the earth's beauty

It's for sure a duty

Use your free time

It'll benefit your mind.



Name of the student: Mayank Ratnani

Grade: V-B

NATURE'S PALETTE

Summer. Autumn, Winter
and Spring,
are the earthy color palette
the Mother Nature brings.

First comes Yellow, the color of delight.
Longer are the days and the sun shines bright.
Like the ants, the bees, and the squirrels,
work through the day, until night.

Autumn brings the color orange,
the color of harvest and feast
The mischievous wind blows cheerfully.
while the leaves go on trick and treat.

Soon dawns the taunty blue,
the color of ice and frost.
Swish swoosh!! the snow then falls,
reminding us to take a halt.

The final display is the warmest green.
When the trees prosper, the cuckoos sing.
In pink, red, and purple, the flowerbeds gleam
Marking the season of a new beginning.

Summer. Autumn, Winter
and Spring,
the earthy color palette
the mother nature brings.

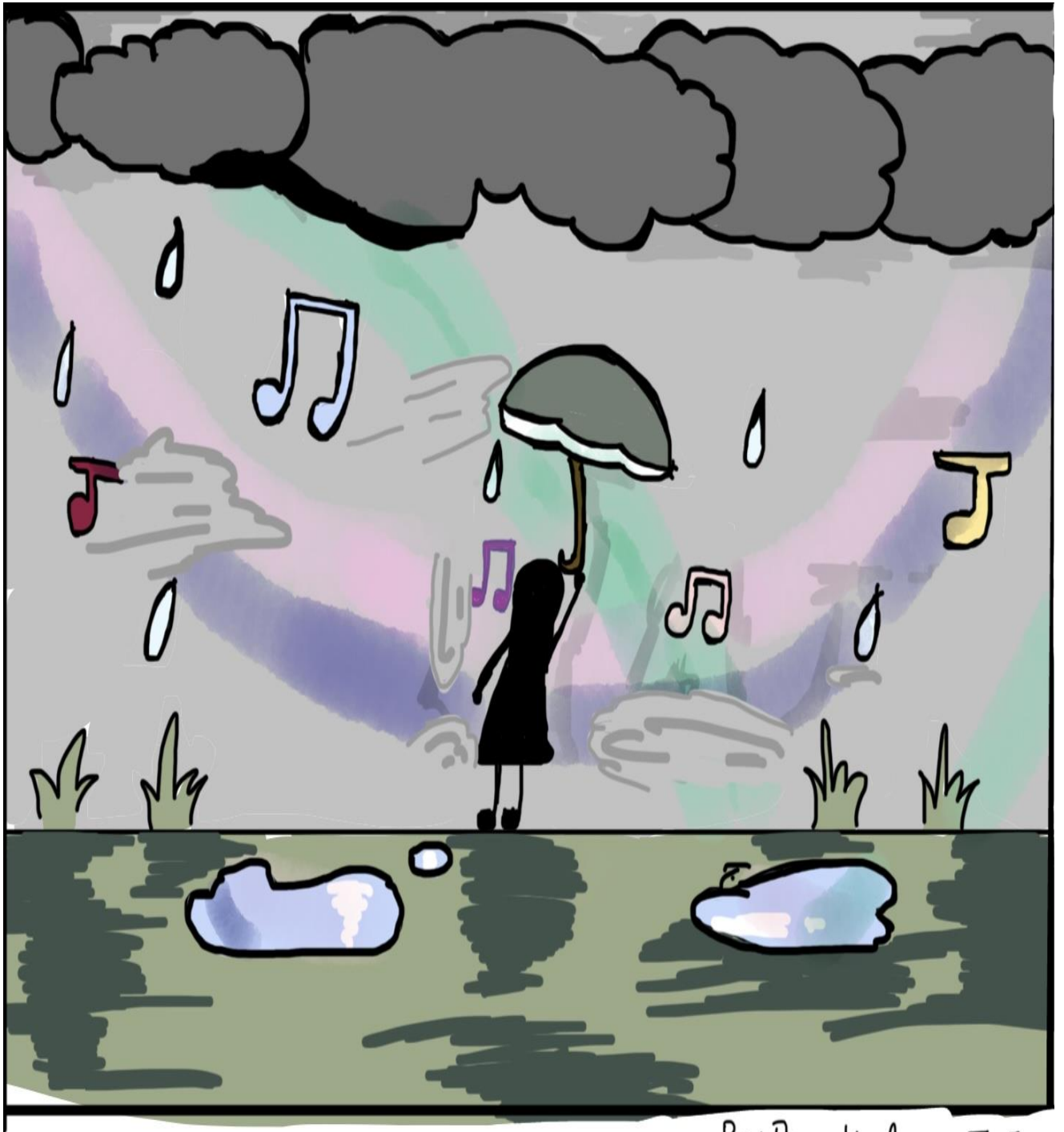


Name of the student: Shriya Gleeson

Grade: V-B



THE RHYTHM OF THE RAIN: A STORY TOLD BY WATER



By: Priyanshi Arora 5-F

Interesting word search

Heidi/ Peter Pan/ Moana/Beauty/ Jasmine/ Aladdin/ Cinderella/
Matilda/ Snow White/ Belle/ Spider Man/ Minnie Mouse/ Black Beauty/

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Name of the student: Niha Alice Silson

Grade: 5-G

HOW FAMILY READING TIME STRENGTHENS BONDS AND BUILDS CURIOSITY

In today's world where screens often govern our attention, finding meaningful ways to connect as a family is very crucial. The simple act of gathering around a book creates a special bond among family members. The family reading time educates, builds empathy, and facilitates an emotional connection between parents and children. It should be a ritual practiced at home, creating a consistent and enjoyable experience that everyone looks forward to.

Here are some of the best ways books can bring families together: -

Enhances Literacy Skills: Reading books with your children not only sharpens their reading abilities but also their comprehension, vocabulary, critical thinking, communication and understanding of language.

Spark Meaningful Conversations: Stories offer a unique way to approach complex topics like friendship, empathy, loss and resilience, allowing children to express their thoughts and emotions and how it's okay to express themselves and share what's on their hearts.

Encouraging Critical Thinking: Reading is one of the most powerful tools for developing critical thinking skills. Reading kindles the brain and boosts cognitive engagement. Books from different genres such as fiction and non-fiction offer opportunities to challenge prevailing views and consider new notions.

These books help to challenge our perspective in ways like questioning the text, making predictions and analysing the character's strengths/weaknesses and evaluate the logic used by the author.

Develops Love of Learning: By sparking children’s curiosity and imagination, they will develop a passion for learning that will last a lifetime.

Creating Moments of Happiness: Books can bring joy and comfort to everyone, creating an atmosphere of cheerfulness and making reading feel like a celebration. A shared story creates a sense of unity and strengthens the family bond, showing that books can bring not only lessons and wisdom but also joy and happiness.

Reading is a transformative experience for both you and your children. From enhancing literacy skills, increasing empathy and understanding, nurturing a love of learning to building confidence, critical thinking and encouraging family bonding.

Spending quality time together is one of the greatest gifts families can give one another. You don’t need a ton of free hours or a huge budget to bond and spend time together – all it takes is a *Good Book* and a *Family Reading Time*.

Linu Cherian James

Parent of Ashlin James

Grade 3-F

TEACHING STUDENTS ABOUT BIODIVERSITY: **PROTECTING ENDANGERED SPECIES**

Teaching students about biodiversity and the protection of endangered species is essential for fostering environmental stewardship. Biodiversity refers to the variety of life on Earth, including plants, animals, and microorganisms, and the ecosystems they form. It is crucial for maintaining ecological balance, supporting life processes like pollination and nutrient cycling, and providing resources like food, medicine, and clean air.

By introducing students to the concept of biodiversity, educators can highlight the interconnectedness of all living things. Lessons on endangered species emphasize how human activities such as deforestation, pollution, and climate change threaten the survival of countless species. These discussions can help students understand the importance of conservation efforts and inspire them to take action. Interactive activities, such as researching local endangered species or simulating habitat loss, make learning engaging and impactful. Field trips to nature reserves or virtual tours of wildlife sanctuaries provide firsthand exposure to the importance of protecting habitats. Encouraging students to participate in projects like planting trees or organizing awareness campaigns instils a sense of responsibility. Moreover, integrating technology, such as interactive apps and videos,

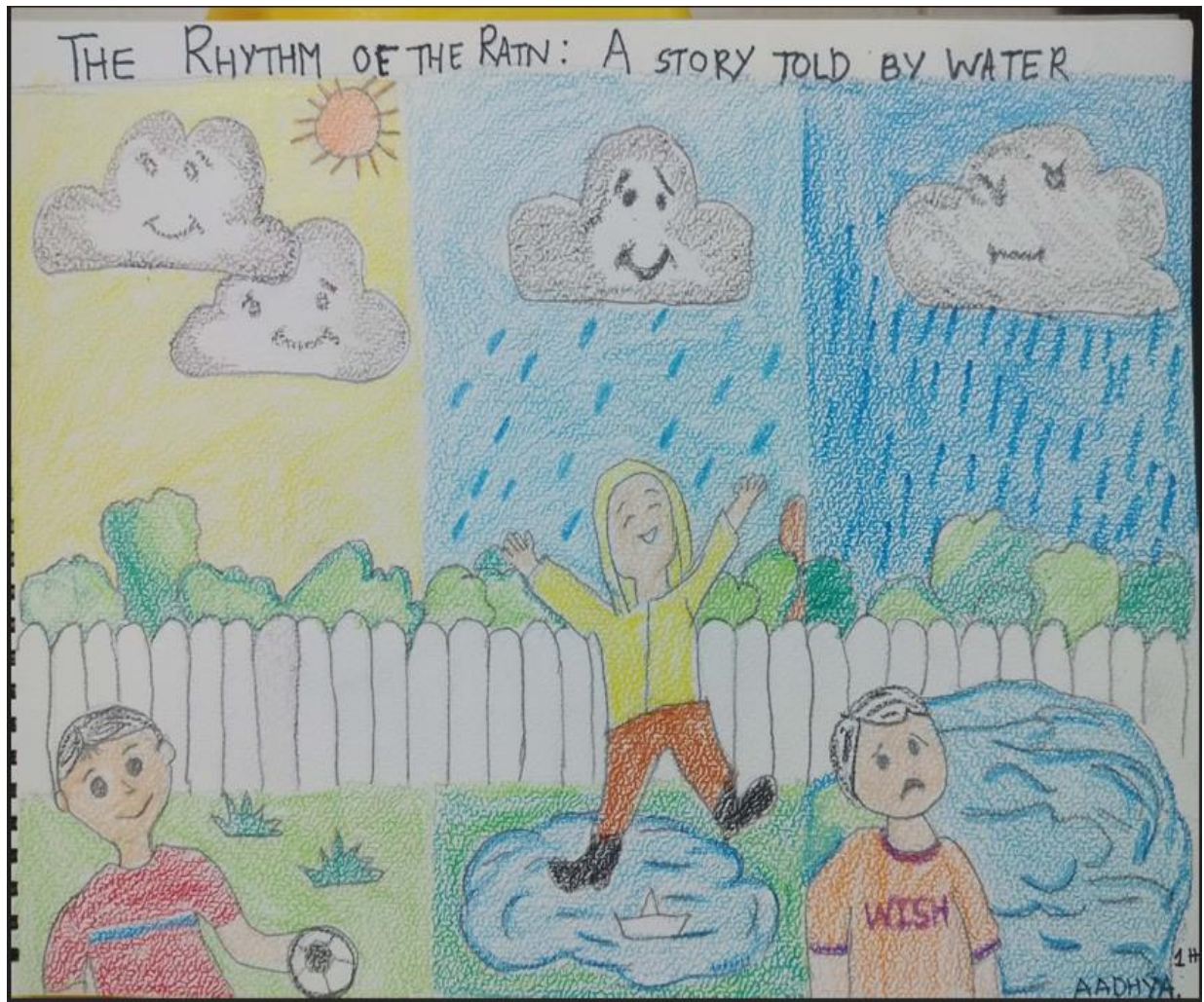
allows students to explore global conservation efforts and learn how they can contribute.

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THE RHYTHM OF THE RAIN: A STORY TOLD BY WATER

By Aadhya Pandya from Grade I H



WORD SEARCH

By Liana Susan Chandy Grade II C



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WORDS TO SEARCH:

1. Hansel
2. Gretel
3. Heidi
4. Clara
5. Alice
6. Weirdo
7. Tom
8. Snowqueen
9. Gopi
10. Jessi
11. Thumbelina
12. Goldilocks

THE POWER OF FAMILY READING TIME

By Veena Priyesh

Mother of Rudhraksh PV - Grade II G



In today's busy, screen-driven world, family reading time offers a meaningful way to connect, nurture curiosity, and foster a love of learning. Sitting down with a book creates shared moments that strengthen bonds, especially when parents and children engage in stories together. For younger kids, hearing a parent's voice provides comfort and security, while for older children, discussions about themes or characters deepen trust and communication.

Reading as a family also sparks curiosity. Books introduce new ideas, cultures, and perspectives, encouraging children to explore the world beyond their immediate surroundings. Asking questions like, "What do you think happens next?" or "How would you solve this problem?" inspires critical thinking and creativity. Family reading time also offers a welcome screen-free tradition, providing a calm space to reconnect and be fully present. The shared laughter, learning, and storytelling make lasting memories and instill a lifelong passion for books. Whether it's reading a bedtime story or diving into a novel, family reading time is an investment in relationships and growth. So, grab a book, gather your loved ones, and let the stories unfold. One page at a time, you'll strengthen bonds and inspire endless curiosity.



THE POWER OF PLANTING

How trees are shaping the future of the UAE



Trees are home to the birds

Trees give us food

Trees give us shade

Trees give us medicine

Trees keep the air clean

Trees protect the soil

We Can Plant More Trees to make UAE Happy!

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Class: K/2 - A

Urban Green Spaces

How parks and gardens
enhance city life

1. Fresh air to
breathe.



2. Fun places to
play.



3. Cool and shady
spots.



4. Happy homes for
animals.



5. Pretty flowers to see.



6. Time with family.



7. Good for the planet.



Zane Joe Febrish
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HOW FAMILY READING TIME STRENGTHENS BONDS AND BUILDS CURIOSITY

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Family reading time is a wonderful way to bond with loved ones while fostering a love for learning and exploration.

Here are some ways family reading time can strengthen bonds and build curiosity.

→ Strengthens Bonds:

- 1. Quality time together:** Reading together provides an opportunity to spend quality time with each other, free from distractions like screens.
- 2. Shared experience:** Reading the same book creates a shared experience, allowing family members to discuss and connect over the story.
- 3. Emotional connection:** Reading together can evoke emotions, empathy, and understanding, bringing family members closer.

→ Builds Curiosity:

- 1. Expands knowledge:** Reading exposes family members to new ideas, cultures, and perspectives, broadening their understanding of the world.
- 2. Encourages questioning:** Reading together stimulates curiosity, encouraging family members to ask questions and seek answers.

3. Fosters critical thinking: Discussing books together promotes critical thinking, analysis, and evaluation

THE QUIET HEROES: EVERYDAY PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



In a world that only celebrates grand achievements and public recognition, we often overlook those unsung heroes who work silently and tirelessly without the spotlight. Their small, consistent acts of service are just as essential to our day-to-day lives as monumental accomplishments. The essence of their heroism lies in their selflessness. Their impact might not make headlines, but it shapes the lives of countless people in significant ways.

Consider how different our lives would be without them. A clean street might seem ordinary until it's gone. A well-organized classroom or a smoothly functioning day might seem like the norm, but it often results from the quiet efforts of people who remain invisible.

Our teachers and parents are examples of unsung heroes as well. Teachers dedicate themselves to shaping young minds, often going beyond the call of duty to nurture and inspire. Parents, on the other hand, make countless sacrifices, providing us with unconditional love, guidance, and support. Their relentless efforts ensure that we grow into capable, compassionate individuals. Yet, the contributions of these heroes often go unnoticed. Why? Perhaps it's because their work blends into our routines, making us take it for granted. Or perhaps we've grown so accustomed to a fast-paced life that we forget to pause and reflect on the interconnected web of efforts that sustains us.

It's time to change that. Recognizing and appreciating these everyday heroes is not just an act of kindness but a way to cultivate gratitude and empathy in our communities. Unsung heroes show us that it's not fame but purpose and dedication that leave a lasting legacy.



- Aaliya Hafis, XI F



BEYOND BORDERS: LESSONS LEARNED FROM CULTURAL EXCHANGES

Cultural exchange is a transforming experience that crosses geographic and social borders, teaching lessons about empathy, flexibility, and global awareness. Engaging with people from various cultural origins allows us to gain insight into their values, customs, and viewpoints, challenging our preconceptions and broadening our understanding of the world.

One of the most significant lessons gained from cultural exchange is the universality of human experiences. While traditions and customs vary, the underlying feelings and aspirations—such as love, ambition, and resilience—are remarkably comparable. Recognizing these common characteristics fosters a sense of global oneness. Cultural exchange teaches adaptability. Exposure to unfamiliar customs and languages necessitates a willingness to venture outside one's comfort zone. This adaptability not only enriches the person but also encourages cross-cultural collaboration and problem-solving in globalized communities.

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adaptability not only enriches the person but also encourages cross-cultural collaboration and problem-solving in globalized communities. Furthermore, cultural exchanges highlight the richness of diversity. Experiencing other artistic expressions, cuisines, and ways of life fosters creativity and increases our respect for humanity's complex heritage. Cultural exchange is essential to fostering a society marked by peace and prosperity in a world split by war and strife. The power of cultural exchange to foster a common humanity that cuts across boundaries and divides to make tworld more connected, inclusive, and peaceful for both current and future generations is ultimately what makes it phenomenal.



-Devangana Theeyancheri, XI F

THE LANGUAGE OF ART: HOW CREATIVITY SPEAKS BEYOND WORDS

Art is often described as a universal language, transcending boundaries of culture, geography, and even time. It has the unique ability to connect people, evoke emotions, and communicate ideas without the need for words. Whether through a painting, a melody, or a dance, art speaks directly to the human spirit, offering a medium of expression that is both profound and inclusive.

Art as a Universal Language: One of art's most remarkable qualities is its ability to communicate without relying on spoken or written language. A powerful painting can tell a story or evoke a specific emotion, while a piece of music can resonate with listeners across the globe, regardless of their native tongue.

For instance, Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona Lisa continues to inspire awe and reflection centuries after its creation. Similarly, music—whether it's Travis

Scott's deliveries or Beyonce's lyrics — they transcend barriers, uniting people in a shared emotional experience.



Creativity as a Form of Expression: Art is a medium through which individuals express what words cannot. It provides a canvas for personal narratives, cultural identities, and universal truths. This creative freedom allows artists to delve into their innermost thoughts and emotions, inviting others to do the same.

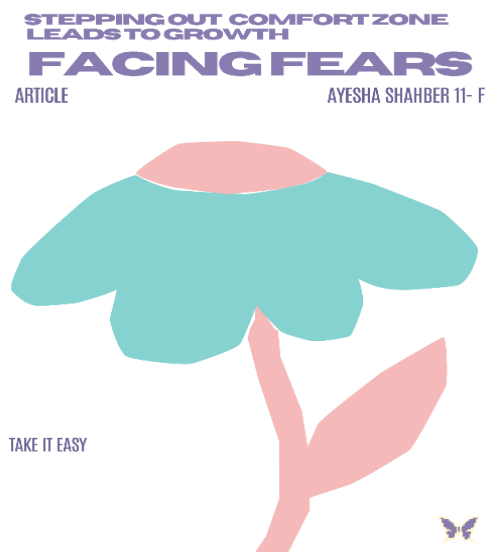
A dancer's movements might reflect joy, grief, or resilience, while a poet's words can capture the intangible beauty of fleeting moments. Creativity transforms personal experiences into something universal, enabling others to find their own meaning within the work.



- Barkha Nair, XI F

FACING FEARS: HOW STEPPING OUT OF OUR COMFORT ZONE LEADS TO GROWTH

Fear is natural. In fact, fear helps you protect yourself from harm. Although this is true, most of the time the things we fear most are not worthy of such fear. For example, a tremendous amount of people are afraid of public speaking and think



of it as a daunting and unachievable task even though it really is not. The main reason we fear some things irrationally is because of the pressure society puts on people to be perfect. It is impossible to be perfect. The only way to get over these anxieties is to step out of our comfort zones and put ourselves out there. After all, nothing makes progress like practice. Overcoming fear unlocks potential. Fear is often a barrier to growth. Each time someone faces a challenge, and comes out on the other side, that person builds confidence in their skills and abilities to handle such a situation. This sense of accomplishment helps people take on bigger, more adventurous challenges. Growth comes from learning new skills and perspectives. A simple way to accomplish this is to surround oneself with confident people. Doing so, subconsciously, we take risks. Trying something new can feel extremely formidable. What makes it worse is to compare oneself to someone who has

been practicing it for years and thinking they must perform at the same level. To combat this, break down a new task into several small steps. Focus on completing each step instead of perfecting the product.

“May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.” This quote was coined by Nelson Mandela. Just shifting our mindsets slightly, we can grow as human beings. ‘Amateur’ is a beautiful word as it originally means to do something for the love of it. It is not something to be ashamed of being. Even the greatest of people started somewhere.



- *Ayesha Shahber, XI F*

THE DAWN OF A NEW YEAR

A golden glow lights up the sky,
As the old year whispers its goodbye.
Dreams awaken, hopes take flight,
With promises born in the morning light.
Each moment fresh, a page so white,
A canvas painted with pure delight.
Paths to wander, stars to steer,
Boundless is the dawn of a new year.
Let kindness grow, let love remain,
Through joy and sorrow, loss and gain.
A brighter world lies ahead to cheer,
With courage we greet this new frontier.



- Ashutosh Dash, IX

THE ARCHITECTS OF TOMORROW



- Tanmay Kapil, XI A

We are the sculptors of the unseen,
chiselling the void to uncover meaning.
The ground beneath us whispers of roots,
yet we look beyond the horizon,
where the sky is bare,
a canvas waiting for new constellations.
The seed of thought carried through the breath of air,
invigorates the atmosphere.
Our vision moulded and free
from perplexity of influence and deterrents.
We are the prospectors of the unexplored,
discovering our passions, and shaping the future with our endeavours
The lands beyond lay bare with ruins
waiting to be rebuilt through our visitant.
The visage of the future is here.
We are the governors of the future,
Our society lies ahead,
a caravan laden with our perspectives and mission,
to help maintain this diaspora.
We are the architects of the future unseen,
not bound by boundaries,
nor hindered by doubt.

We are the weavers of progress,
the poets of innovation,
the unseen hands that sculpt the destiny
we will one day call home.



HOW FAMILY READING TIME STRENGTHENS BONDS AND BUILDS CURIOSITY

Parent Article

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Family reading time is a wonderful way to bond with loved ones while fostering a love for learning and exploration.

Here are some ways family reading time can strengthen bonds and build curiosity.

→ Strengthens Bonds:

- 1. Quality time together:** Reading together provides an opportunity to spend quality time with each other, free from distractions like screens.
- 2. Shared experience:** Reading the same book creates a shared experience, allowing family members to discuss and connect over the story.
- 3. Emotional connection:** Reading together can evoke emotions, empathy, and understanding, bringing family members closer.

→ Builds Curiosity:

- 1. Expands knowledge:** Reading exposes family members to new ideas, cultures, and perspectives, broadening their understanding of the world.
- 2. Encourages questioning:** Reading together stimulates curiosity, encouraging family members to ask questions and seek answers.
- 3. Fosters critical thinking:** Discussing books together promotes critical thinking, analysis, and evaluation of information.
- 4. Develops imagination:** Reading together sparks imagination, creativity, and innovation, essential skills for problem-solving and success.
- 5. Creates a love for learning:** Family reading time instils a love for learning, making education an enjoyable and lifelong pursuit.

→ Tips to Make Family Reading Time a Success:

- 1. Choose books together:** Select books that interest everyone, making reading a collaborative and enjoyable experience.
- 2. Set a regular schedule:** Establish a regular reading time, making it a consistent and anticipated part of your family's routine.
- 3. Create a cozy atmosphere:** Make reading comfortable and inviting by creating a cozy atmosphere, free from distractions.
- 4. Discuss and engage:** Encourage discussion, ask questions, and engage with each other about the book, making reading an interactive and enjoyable experience.

By incorporating family reading time into our daily routine, we can strengthen bonds, build curiosity, and create a lifelong love for learning.



NURTURING LITTLE LEADERS



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"The greatest leaders are not born; they are nurtured in the warmth of love and guidance."

Shaping Tomorrow's Leaders: The Role of Parents in Developing Leadership Skills in Children

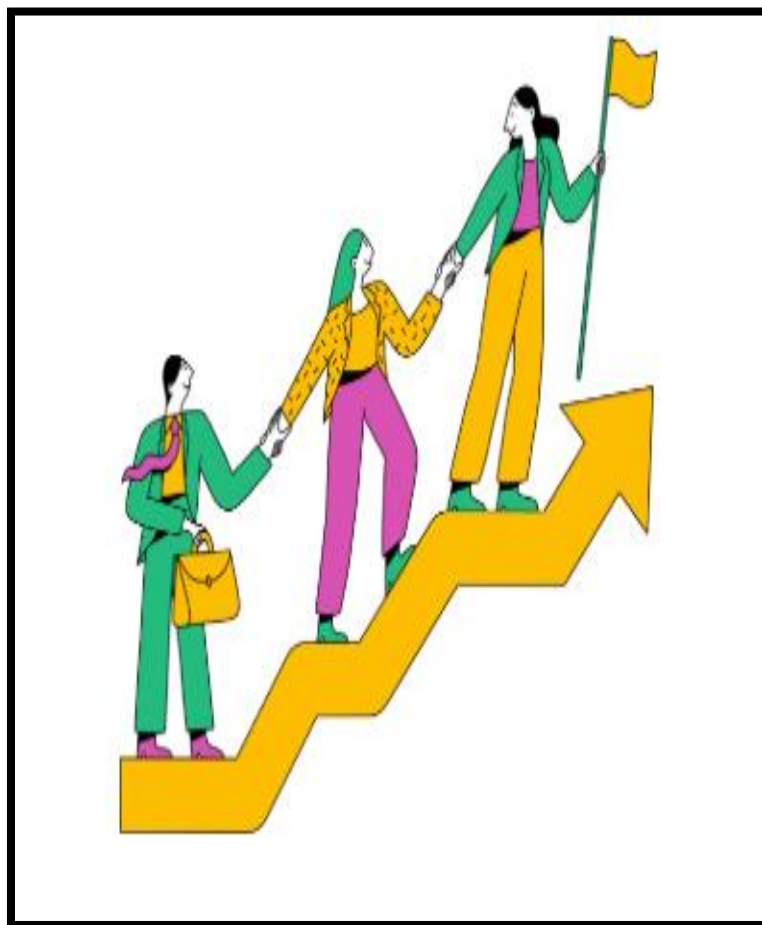
Leadership is not an innate trait but a skill that can be cultivated over time. As parents, we have a unique opportunity to guide our children toward becoming the leaders of tomorrow. Leadership isn't about dominating a room, but about inspiring others, making thoughtful decisions, and fostering positive change.

Here's how parents can shape leadership qualities in their children:

1. **Be a Role Model:** Children learn by observing their parents. Lead by example with patience, problem-solving, and decision-making, inspiring your child to emulate these qualities.
2. **Teach Resilience:** Help your child view failure as a learning opportunity, not something to fear. Resilience is key to leadership and teaching them to handle challenges gracefully builds confidence and strength.
3. **Encourage Responsibility:** Give your child responsibilities at home or encourage them to help others. These tasks teach accountability, decision-making, and leadership skills.
4. **Promote Critical Thinking:** Encourage your child to think critically and creatively by engaging with books and new ideas. Intellectual growth fosters innovative thinking, a vital skill for leaders.

5. **Instill a Growth Mindset:** Teach your child that challenges are opportunities for growth. A growth mindset builds perseverance, a crucial trait for future leaders.
6. **Support Risk-Taking:** Encourage your child to take risks, step out of their comfort zone, and pursue their passions. Leaders often succeed by embracing uncertainty.
7. **Encourage Accountability:** Teach your child to take ownership of their actions. This sense of accountability strengthens their leadership potential.

Parents are the architects of their children's futures. By fostering leadership skills today, we empower them to become tomorrow's innovators, risk-takers, and leaders who will inspire others.



THE ROLE OF SCHOOLS IN PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE LIVING

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In the aspect of climate change and environmental degradation, schools have a crucial role to play in shaping the next generation of responsible global citizens. By integrating sustainability into the curriculum and daily practices, educational institutions can foster an awareness of the planet's challenges and encourage students to adopt eco-friendly lifestyles.

Schools are not just places for academic learning but also for instilling values. By incorporating sustainability into lessons, students learn the importance of reducing waste, conserving energy, and protecting natural resources. Subjects like environmental science, social studies, and even mathematics can highlight the impact of human activities on the environment, thus nurturing eco-conscious mindsets.

Beyond the classroom, schools can lead by example. Encouraging practices such as recycling, composting, and energy conservation within school grounds shows students that sustainability is not just theoretical but practical. Green initiatives, like planting trees, creating gardens, or using renewable energy sources, teach hands-on lessons about the environment.

Additionally, schools can collaborate with local communities to implement sustainable projects, enhancing the learning experience and reinforcing the importance of collective action in addressing environmental challenges. By organizing workshops, clean-up drives, and sustainability-themed events, schools can further engage students and families in a dialogue about eco-friendly practices.

Ultimately, schools have the unique opportunity to mould the behaviour and attitudes of future leaders, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to champion sustainable living and protect the planet for generations to come.



Mindful reading fosters emotional resilience in students by encouraging focus, self-awareness, and emotional regulation. When kids read about characters facing problems that are like their own, they realize that things can get tough for anyone. Engaging deeply with the text allows students to recognize and process emotions, building empathy and understanding so kids are less likely to get overwhelmed by their emotions. Having youngsters read about different kinds of people and how they live, will help them understand the world and be more accepting of the path it defines. By reflecting on characters' struggles and triumphs, they can also develop coping strategies for their own challenges. Mindful reading significantly reduces stress by promoting relaxation and enhancing emotional stability. Additionally, it fosters a sense of connection to diverse perspectives, increasing adaptability and resilience in the face of adversity. Last but not least, books can help us realize that even when things are tough, there is always light at the end of the tunnel.

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SEND: GARDENING FOR GROWTH – A THERAPEUTIC APPROACH **FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS**

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Providing an inclusive and supportive environment for students is essential in fostering their growth and success. Every student deserves an equal opportunity to explore their potential and fulfil their dream. Every child has a different way of learning, the school must cater to their learning style so that they can excel beyond bounds. Beyond academics, a well-rounded atmosphere prioritising emotional, social, and physical development is key in helping them thrive. At DPS Dubai, inclusivity lies at the heart of education. The school is committed to meeting the needs of every child through specialized programs and a culture of acceptance. The RAHHAL programme is one such initiative, offering personalized learning pathways for students with diverse abilities. Every student is given a platform to showcase and foster their talents. Disabilities and learning disorders aren't seen as setbacks, students are provided with all resources that allow them to overcome challenges and spread their wings. An environment is created where the creative skill of each child is nurtured and their skills and talents are focused on. Interactive projects, art, dance, music, sports are used to help students learn and flourish. These activities not only improve skills and focus but also instill a sense of accomplishment and belonging. Our school's outreach programs, such as The Art and Science of Parenting and The Enduring Edge, extend support to families and empower students with the tools to face real world challenges. These initiatives, combined with training of teachers to provide professional support and awareness campaigns to help students understand and empathise helps uplift the community spirit.

At DPS Dubai, we strive to create a space where all students, especially those with determination, are empowered to succeed. By building an inclusive atmosphere, we ensure that every child's ability is celebrated, and their journey is supported.

COP 28 AND EDUCATION: EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO DRIVE CLIMATE ACTION

The 28th Conference of the Parties (COP 28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) took place in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) between Nov 30-Dec 13,2023. This crucial event highlighted the urgent need for global action on climate change and emphasized the role of education in empowering the next generation to become proactive climate advocates.

Education is pivotal in fostering environmental stewardship and sustainability. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4) emphasizes the importance of quality education in promoting sustainable development, including climate action.

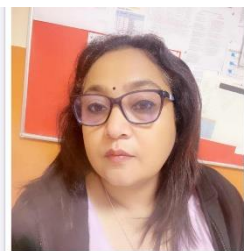
In the UAE, the government has recognized the importance of education in addressing climate change. The UAE's National Climate Change Plan aims to enhance the country's resilience to climate impacts while promoting sustainable practices. Schools in the UAE are increasingly incorporating climate education into their programs. According to the UAE Ministry of Education, over 90% of public and private schools have integrated sustainability and environmental education into their curricula.

Delhi Private School (DPS) Dubai is leading the way by incorporating COP 28 as a central theme in its multidisciplinary annual day celebrations and various educational initiatives. Through innovative projects and engaging activities, DPS Dubai is empowering students to become proactive advocates for climate action. Through performances, presentations, and displays, students have highlighted the significance of COP 28 and its implications for the future of our planet.

To create an engaging learning environment, in our school the passive boards serve as interactive displays that educate students about climate change, its impacts, and the importance of COP 28. They feature informative content, visuals, and student-generated artwork, fostering an atmosphere of awareness and engagement.

The theme of COP 28 is seamlessly integrated into weekly class activities, allowing students to explore climate-related topics across various subjects. From science experiments that demonstrate the effects of pollution to art projects that promote sustainability, students are encouraged to think about their role in addressing climate challenges. Many projects extend beyond the school, involving the local community in discussions about climate change and sustainability. Recently DPS Dubai team won accolades in SUSTAIN X, is an example of the inspiring display of innovation and commitment to climate action.

Students have come up with creative solutions to combat climate change, such as developing models for renewable energy sources, designing eco-friendly products, and proposing community awareness campaigns. By fostering creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration, the school is empowering its students to become informed and active participants in the fight against climate change.



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GREEN JOBS FOR A GREENER TOMORROW

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THE NEED TO FIND NEW SOLUTIONS TO PROTECT OUR PLANET HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER, AS POLLUTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE PRESENT MORE PROBLEMS THAN EVER BEFORE. INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF GREEN JOBS THAT FOCUS ON PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND CREATING A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE IS AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION. THESE CAREER PATHS, WHICH RANGE FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT TO RENEWABLE ENERGY, OFFER OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE THE WORLD WE LIVE IN AS WELL AS EARN A LIVING.

AS THEY FOCUS ON REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL HARM WHILE ALSO IMPROVING LOCAL ECONOMIES, GREEN JOBS ARE IMPORTANT FOR CREATING A MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE. THESE JOBS COVER A RANGE OF INDUSTRIES, LIKE RECYCLING, GREEN CONSTRUCTION, SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY, ALL WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO RESOURCE CONSERVATION, POLLUTION REDUCTION, AND CLIMATE CHANGE PREVENTION. IN ADDITION TO PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, GROWING THE GREEN JOB MARKET OFFERS PEOPLE NEW CAREER OPTIONS. HOWEVER, WE MUST ALSO HANDLE CHALLENGES SUCH AS THE SKILLS GAP, ASSIST WORKERS IN LEAVING TRADITIONAL SECTORS, AND PROVIDE STRONG GOVERNMENT SUPPORT THROUGH INCENTIVES AND REGULATIONS. GREENER JOBS CAN GREATLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MORE SECURE AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT IF ENOUGH RESOURCES ARE GIVEN TO SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIES, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING.

HENCE IN CONCLUSION, GREEN JOBS CAN BE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE MORE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL AS CREATE A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE. BY EXPANDING JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN AREAS OF RENEWABLE ENERGY, WASTE MANAGEMENT, AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY INDUSTRIES, WE CAN PROTECT OUR PLANET, STRENGTHEN OUR ECONOMY AS WELL AS CREATE NEW CAREER PATHS. THOUGH A FEW CHALLENGES LIKE THE SKILL GAP, AND POLICY SUPPORT REMAIN IN THE WAY OF ACHIEVING THIS, THEY CAN BE SOLVED THROUGH EDUCATION, PUBLIC AWARENESS AND SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT. GREEN JOBS WILL NOT ONLY BENEFIT AND PROTECT OUR PLANET BUT WILL ALSO ENSURE A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS.





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"The power of
education lies in
its ability to
transform lives."
— Unknown

