

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT  
PUSA ROAD CAMPUS

**Summer Reading Programme – Classes I,II and III**

Reading plays a crucial role in primary classes as it develops foundational literacy skills, enhances vocabulary, improves comprehension, and fosters a lifelong love for learning. It empowers children to access knowledge, stimulates imagination, and cultivates critical thinking abilities.

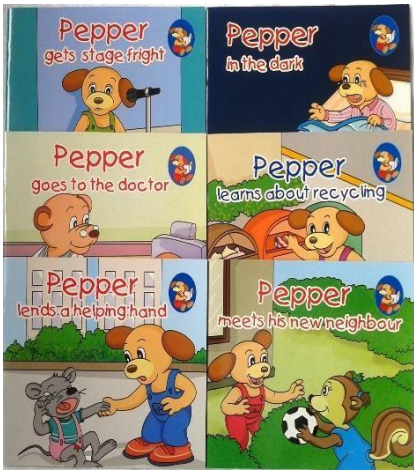
Through the Reading Programme initiative, we aim to address the pressing need for enhanced literacy skills among young learners which is crucial for academic success and future endeavours.

We have designed a Summer Reading Programme specifically crafted to inspire children to embark on their path to become accomplished readers. We will be suggesting some captivating book titles for them to explore during their vacation. We recommend that each child should read at least one book to begin with.

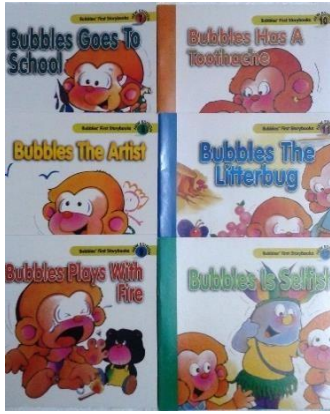
The programme begins with guided reading, where children receive support and guidance while reading. As their confidence grows, they can move to independent reading aloud. After completing a book, we encourage discussions to delve deeper into the story, helping children highlight key points and articulate the narrative in their own words. This interactive approach aims to foster comprehension, critical thinking, and language skills while instilling a love for reading in every child.

The following are the books recommended for the students.

**Class I**

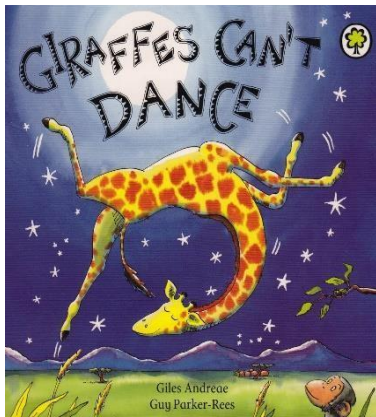
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| 1    | <p><b>Pepper Series Set 3 (Set of 6 Books)</b></p>  | <p>Pepper is a young pup who goes to school, makes friends and he faces situations just like other children. Every book has a theme where Pepper deals with a day-to-day situation. It can be used as a tool for managing children's behaviour. The lively illustrations and the simple text make it appropriate for beginners.</p> |

2 The Bubble Series (Bubble Goes to School)



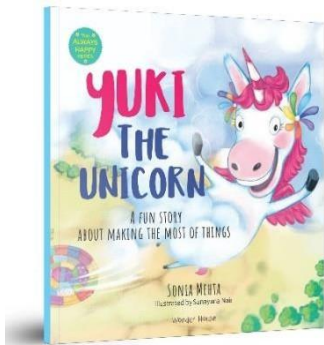
With the idea of making children read as they grow, the book shows them that school is a place where they can learn new and interesting things while having fun too. The Bubbles series has been designed to enhance the creative horizons of young minds and inculcate reading habit in them. Each story features Bubbles in everyday adventures which are told in simple language and with bold, appealing illustration. Children will have a good time reading these stories and learning the essence of good behaviour.

3 Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae



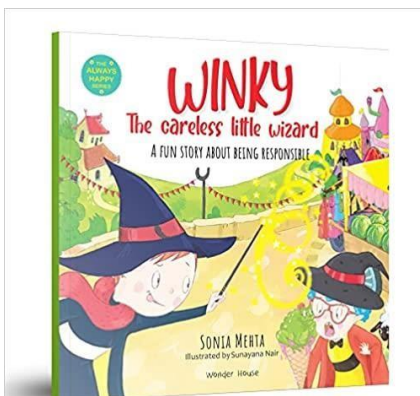
Gerald is a clumsy giraffe who would like to be able to dance but cannot. 'Giraffes Can't Dance' is an important story for teaching children about accepting that everyone is different, embracing their own differences, and building confidence and self-esteem. With light-footed rhymes and high-stepping illustrations, this tale is gentle inspiration for every child with dreams.

4 The Always Happy Series-Yuki the Unicorn

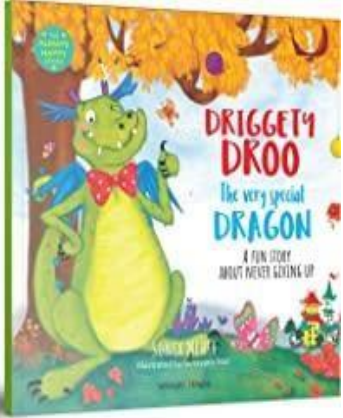
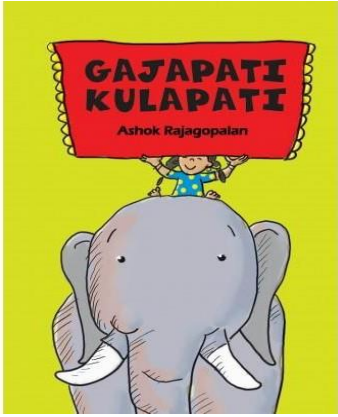


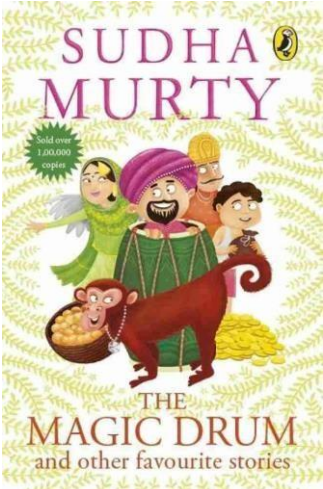
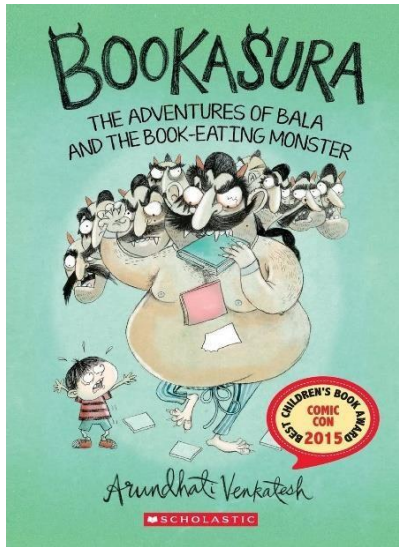
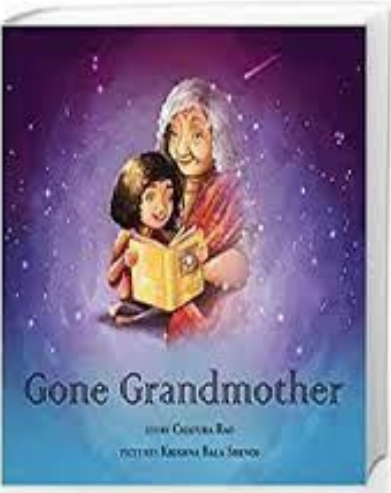
Yuki the unicorn is feeling left out. She's the only winged unicorn who can't fly. All her unicorn friends are off on a picnic in the sky and she can't go. Her kangaroo friend Skippy sees how sad she is and decides to do something to cheer her up. This book imparts moral lessons through an adventurous story and highlights the importance of friendship. The book has extremely relevant topics to teach important life lessons to our little ones.

5 The Always Happy Series - Winky the Careless Little Wizard

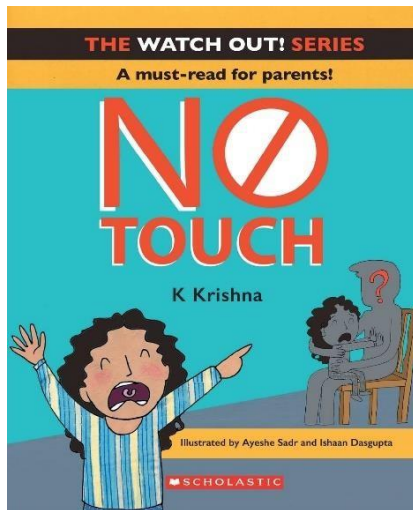


Winky is the best spell caster in the land of Dumble-dee-dim. But he's also the naughtiest, always using his magic to play tricks on everyone. One day he goes too far — and gets everyone into a fix. It is a beautifully illustrated fun story about being responsible.

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| <p>6</p> | <p><b>The Always Happy Series: Driggety Droo The very Determined Dragon</b></p>  | <p>Driggety Droo is a petrifying dragon who looks very fearsome with razor-sharp teeth, dagger like toes and knife-like scales. He is a dreadful looking beast but he cannot breathe fire like other dragons. He eventually learns to be a true fire breathing dragon. The story is about determination and hard work which is something that we all must learn in life.</p>   |
| <p>7</p> | <p><b>Gajapati Kulaati - by Ashok Rajagopalan</b></p>                           | <p>This is a story about a big elephant Gajapati Kulapati, who got wet in the rain and caught a big cold. The villagers are really worried for him as he sneezes too much and way too loud. With repetitive sounds and words that rhythmically roll right through the pages, this story puts the zing back into storytelling and reading aloud. Bright, zesty pictures and dynamic visual text echo the lilt, making it one big book of fun.</p> |
| <p>8</p> | <p><b>The Sweetest Mango by Malavika Shetty</b></p>                            | <p>Raw, green, sour, crunchy or ripe, golden, plump and soft, summertime is mango time, a time children wait for. The sweet, simple story and luscious pictures evoke delicious flavours of hot days, warm friendships and the smell of mango in the air. The story, woven around the fruit talks of friendship, caring, sharing, greed and selfishness.</p>   |

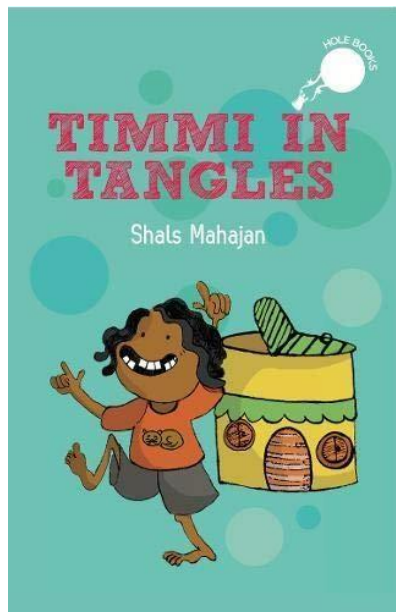
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| 1    | <p><b>The Magic Drum and Other Favourite Stories by Sudha Murty</b></p>                               | <p>The book is a collection of folk tales and stories. Each story has a very simple lesson to learn in a funny and engaging way. The stories revolve around morals, urging people to be and do good.</p> <p>Some of the stories in this book are about a princess who thinks she is a bird, a coconut that costs around a thousand rupees, a shepherd who has a bag of words and more such funny yet clever characters. The language is simple and easy to comprehend which makes it children's favourite.</p> |
| 2    | <p><b>Bookasura – The Adventures of Bala and the Book-eating Monster by Arundhati Venkatesh</b></p>  | <p>Bookasura is a fun adventure for younger readers to giggle their way through. It is a story about a boy named Bala, who goes to visit his grandparents and meets a book-eating monster Bookasura. Bala has to keep on supplying the demon books but when he is left with no books, he outwits the book-eating monster with his clever plan.</p>   |
| 3    | <p><b>Gone Grandmother by Chatura Rao</b></p>   | <p>In this book there is a girl named Nina. She always asked her mother about her Nani but her mother however grapples with her answer. Nina's Nani was her fast friend. She however gets the answer on her own and remembers the special memories and emotional moments with her Nani. It is a book which deals with and beautifully explains Life's biggest lesson.</p>  |

No touch by K . Krishna



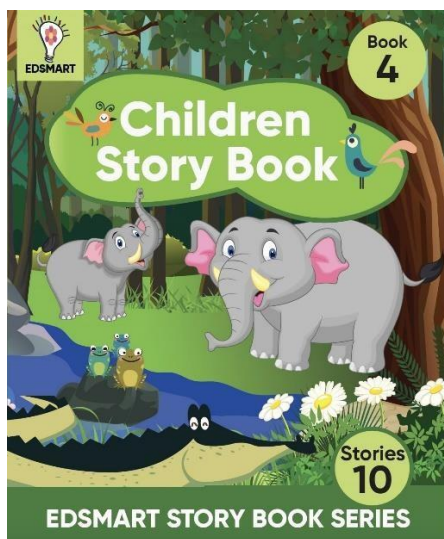
The story is of a little girl Sargam, who loves playing mystery games. One day while playing the game she finds out that her friend has been inappropriately touched and has been asked to keep it a secret and not share with anyone. Sargam then helps her friend and tells her "To Yell and Tell" and never keep secrets from parents.

Timmy in Tangles by Shals Mahajan



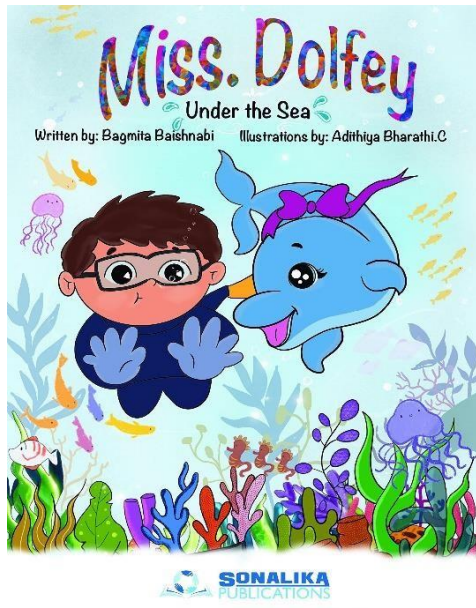
The book has four short stories and all four are filled with the warmth of love, humour and innocence. In the first story, Timmi decides that she would prefer being a raja than go to school. In another story she is longing to play in the rain which her mother does not allow so she summons her friend Juju, the giant, to lift up the roof and let the rain into the house. The stories are set in contemporary Indian homes, that children will easily identify with and thus enjoy reading.

Edsmart Children Story Book 4



Edsmart children's story book has a comprehensive collection of stories that are based on skills, values, and empathy. This book covers ten that teach the importance of friendship, building connections with nature around us, tales of Panchatantra, Tenali Rama and more. The book is richly illustrated according to the story plot to keep the children engaged in the story. The stories help children to develop their vocabulary and build on their language skills, improve their listening skills, foster imagination and build a strong foundation for communication skills.

**Miss. Dolfey – Under the Sea**

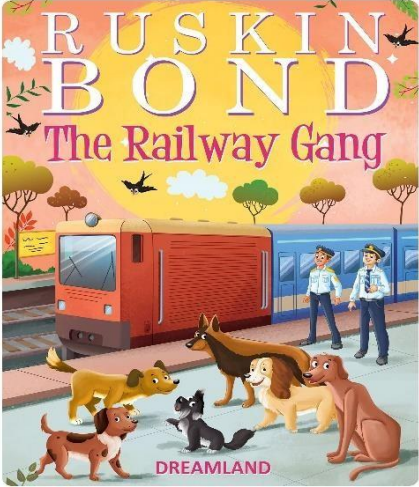
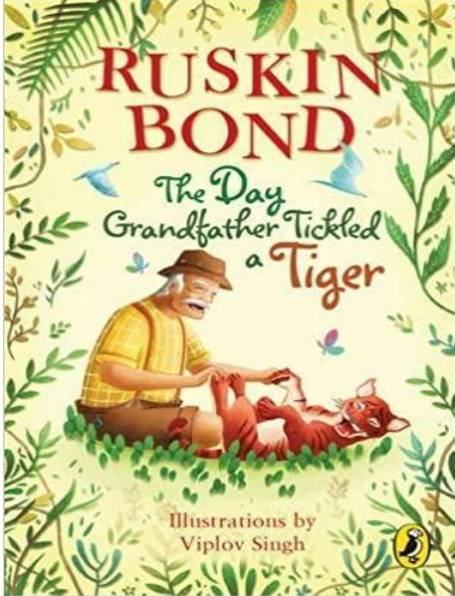
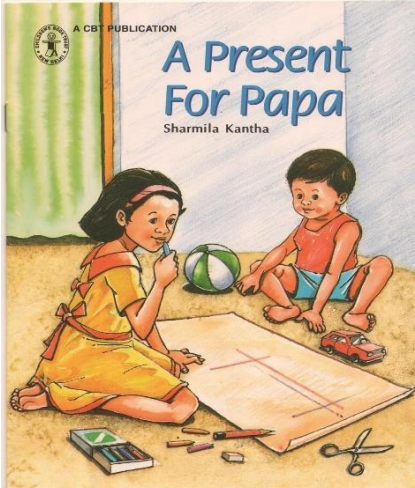


The human and marine worlds are represented in this story by two friends, Paul and Dolfey. Dolfey is a calf dolphin that enjoys chatting with her human friend Paul. Dolfey once invited Paul to meet her the following morning, but she never showed up. This story helps children explore the world of sea.

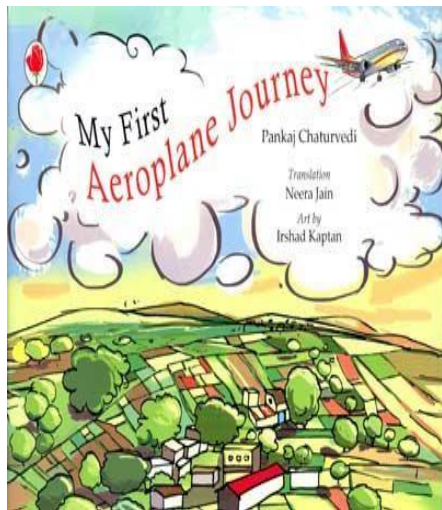
**Mira and the Recitation Competition** By Charulatha C



Mira is a bubbly eight-year-old girl who is normally quite talkative but is very scared to speak in front of an audience. So it is not surprising that she gets goosebumps on her stomach when her teacher enrolls her for a poetry recitation competition. She tries to get out of the situation but eventually Mira's plan does not work and she has to take part in the competition.

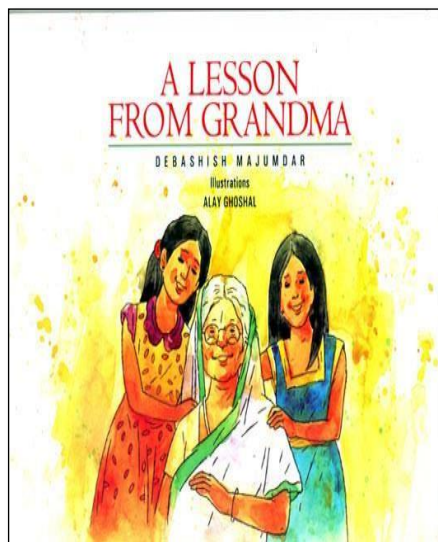
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| 1.   | <p>The Railway Gang by Ruskin Bond</p>                       | <p>The captivating story 'The Railway Gang' is an entertaining story revolving around trains, railway platforms, and stray dogs. The story reminds us of warmth of home and friends. It is about a cute dog, Chotu who lives at a railway station. The dog is lost and tries to find its way back home. The story is narrated from a dog's perspective, how they feel when people care for them, or ignore them.</p> |
| 2    | <p>The Day Grandfather Tickled the Tiger – Ruskin Bond</p>  | <p>The narrative depicts the grandfather's love and affection with Timothy, the small cub he took from the Shivalik Jungles. The grandfather brought home the young tiger cub, who grew into a nice tiger and began to live with a monkey and a mongrel. But some strange circumstances lead Grandfather to take Timothy away to a zoo, with an ambiguous ending. Will they ever meet again?</p>                     |
| 3    | <p>A Present for Papa by Sharmila Kantha</p>               | <p>A little girl and her baby brother spend amusing moments while shopping for a present for papa.</p>   |

**My First Aeroplane Journey by PankajChaturvedi**



A beautifully illustrated story of a little girl who shares her first air journey. Her step-by-step journey starts from taking an auto to airport and ends at her aunt's home, in between what she sees, and experience is what needs to be read in this book.

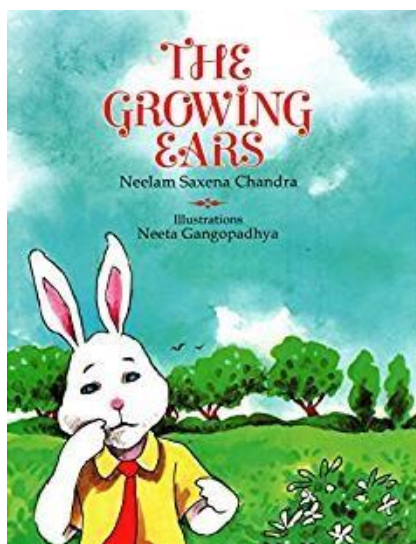
**A Lesson from Grandma by DebashishMajumdar**



A heartwarming picture book, "A Lesson From Grandma," teaches core values to children. Power-packed with Granny's love and empathy, the story highlights how rival cousins Nisha and Anita, who is initially jealous of each other, learn the art of appreciation, with Grandma playing the stellar role of an ingenious peacemaker.

A fast-selling weaver that is traveling across the continents.

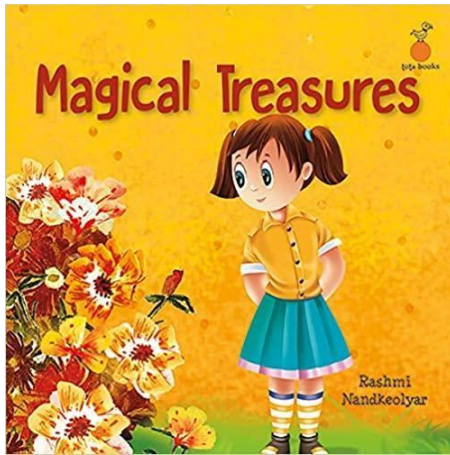
**The Growing Ears – Neelam Saxena Chandra**



Rimi, a rabbit, has a habit of not only telling lies, but also playing naughty pranks. Despised not only by friends, but also by everyone around her, she does not repent and think that others are simply jealous. The efforts of parents, teachers as well as friends fail. The Fairy Viola, help her change for good.

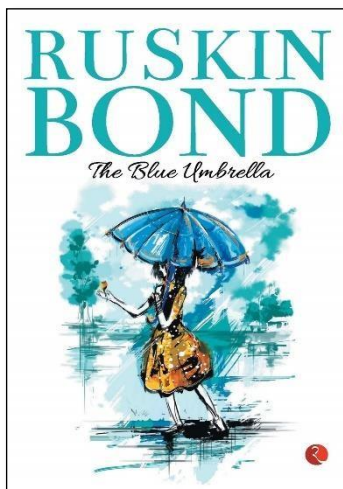


**Magical Treasures - Rashmi Nandkeolyar**



It's Rhea's first day of school and she feels very shy and nervous. She spends her day discovering the new classroom and playground, where she finds many magical treasures! Rhea soon discovers that school is a marvellous place filled with good friends and kind teachers.

**The Blue Umbrella – Ruskin Bond**



The Umbrella was like a flower, a great blue flower that had sprung up on the dry brown hillside. In exchange for her lucky leopard's claw pendant, Binya acquires a beautiful blue umbrella that makes her the envy of everyone in her village, especially Ram Bharosa, the shop-keeper. Ruskin Bond's short and humorous novella, set in the picturesque hills of Garhwal, perfectly captures life in a village, where both heroism and redemption can be found.

**Post Reading Follow-up Activities to be conducted in July 2023**

- 1. Story Narration**
- 2. Role Play**
- 3. Picture Reading**
- 4. Character Sketch**
- 5. Art Integrated Activities**
- 6. Story Dramatization**
- 7. Writing Story Summary with pictures**

**Regards**