

National Book Trust of INDIA (DELHI)

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Koels were excited about their trip. They all sat for a circle time to understand what they needed to do during the trip. There was a discussion on being the best we can and not break any rules. Soon koels lined up with bags and bottles to board the buses.

Upon reaching the National Book Trust premises, the children received a warm welcome from the NBT staff. The environment was peaceful, colourful, and inviting, with posters and displays highlighting various children's books and authors. The friendly staff guided the students and teachers to the activity area.

A day to ruminate at NBT with the Koels (Prep) of Santa Maria Integrated Learning School. I have been a member at NBT library and have visited this place often, yet this visit was worth recalling. I enjoyed it thoroughly watching Seema an education consultant, storytelling coach, puppeteer and puppet maker. Seema did an excellent work in engaging our young minds with creative story. The voice modulation, actions and her wide facial expressions

were hard to overlook, right from the beginning the kids were engaged and receptive. There was not a dull moment with her. The show was creative, lively, and full of imagination. The puppet show not only entertained the children but also helped them understand moral values in a fun and light-hearted way. The students laughed, clapped, and actively responded during the performance, making it the most memorable segment of the day.

An exciting part of the visit was the opportunity for each child to **select a book worth ₹50**.

The students enjoyed browsing the colourful collection and happily chose books that matched their interests. This activity encouraged early reading habits and gave the children a sense of independence and joy in choosing their own book.

The visit to the National Book Trust of India was **informative, enjoyable, and enriching** for the Koels. The puppet show, in particular, left a lasting impression on the children and sparked their curiosity about stories and imagination. Overall, the visit fulfilled its objective of nurturing early reading habits and exposing children to creative educational experiences.

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