

Story of Dussehra

Santa Maria celebrated 'Dussehra' with great enthusiasm and grandeur on 11th October.

The children and teachers engaged meaningfully to understand the significance of the festival and other important aspects related to it through discussions focussing on critical thinking and problem solving.

We started with the narration of the story of Ramayan in three parts.

Finally prep's presented a short but vibrant dramatization of the story. It was a proud moment for everyone to watch children enacting there characters with confidence and joy. Every child made his/her role important through an active participation.

Part 1- The obedient children



Part 2- Friends in the forest



Part 3 - All is well in the end



The experience became wholesome as the Ramleela was followed by interesting and thought provoking activities.

Reflection 1 - 'Do I find any character in the story of Ramayan similar to me?'

Here are some interesting responses by children:-

- Pankaj - Hanumanji used to jump very high and I like jumping too.
- Eva - Eva Manasvi is intelligent and Ravan was also very intelligent he had ten heads.
- Ian - I am like Ravan because he sometimes listen to others and sometimes he does not. I do the same.

Reflection 2 - 'Am I an obedient child?'

- Aashi - I am not, I don't listen to my mom and dad. When I play in the balcony, they call inside, I don't come, one or two times only I come.
- Aaradhya- When my daddy tells me to stop watching my laptop at night I don't listen to him. But when he calls me to study I go and study with him.
- Marcellinus- When my sister gives me my breakfast I eat my food on my own. But when mummy tells me stop playing games on her phone .I keep playing.

Reflection 3 - Which is my favourite character and why?

Children made beautiful masks and dressed up as their favourite character from the Ramayana and spoke about why have they chose the character?



- Manveer - Hanuman kyonki woh powerful tha aur mujhe power acchi lagti hai.
- Neel- I like Hanuman because I am strong, can jump like a monkey and I am brave.
- Dira - I have come dressed as Hanuman because he can jump very high he is fun loving and helps others.



Reflection 4: In the Ramayan all animals were helping human beings but why do you think animals attack us now?

Kabir - We are cutting trees of the forest, so they are attacking us. We are breaking their home.

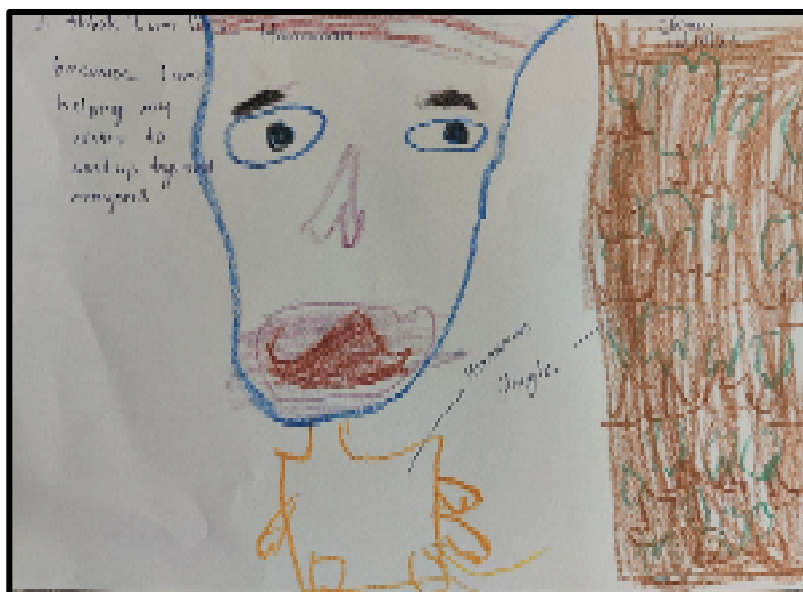
Setu Bandhan - Understanding the importance of working in a team.

Lastly the children build the 'Ram Setu Bridge' with the help of their parents/siblings/grandparents using household materials to understand the importance of group work. They enjoyed enacting the scene of crossing the bridge and reaching lanka.



Ian made the setu bridge using all his stuffed toys

- Sajal - When asked where will you go after making the bridge, he said " I will cross the bridge and go to my papa's office to help him
- Daniel - When asked where will you go after making the bridge, he said " I will cross it and go to my hometown Nagaland."





Happy Dussehra