

Communication Skills – December– 2023

“Language shapes the way we think, and determines what we can think about.” – Benjamin Lee Whorf

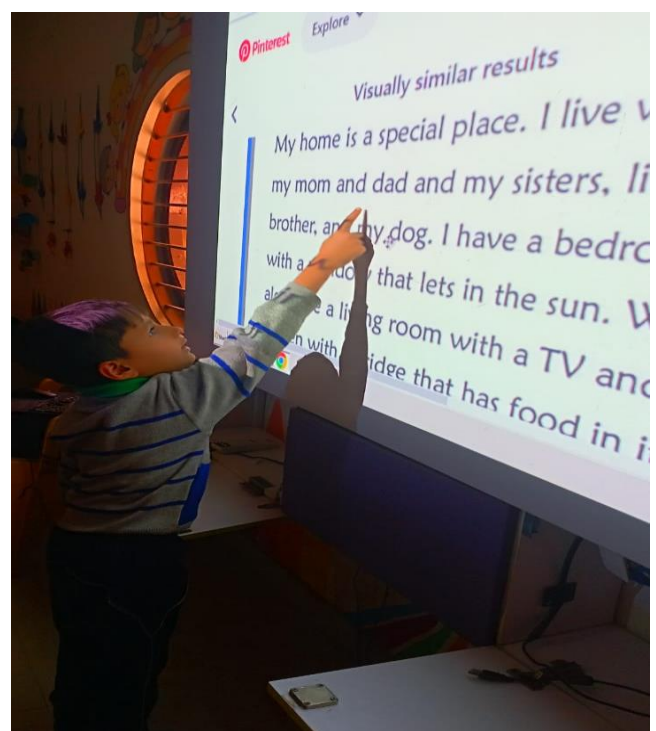
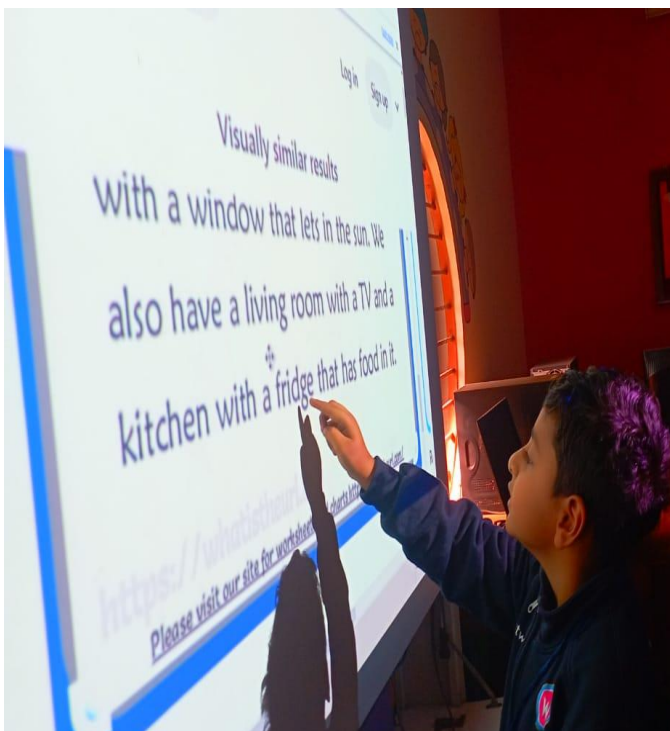
Speaking is a fundamental aspect of effective communication, and honing language skills. This month, interesting speaking activities were carried out.

Weekly New Word – Synonym – Antonym

Every week a new word along with its synonym and antonym is introduced grade wise. The definition of the unfamiliar word, its synonym and antonym is explained to the class and the students are encouraged to adapt the new words in their daily conversations which is beneficial in their vocabulary upgradation.

Read Aloud

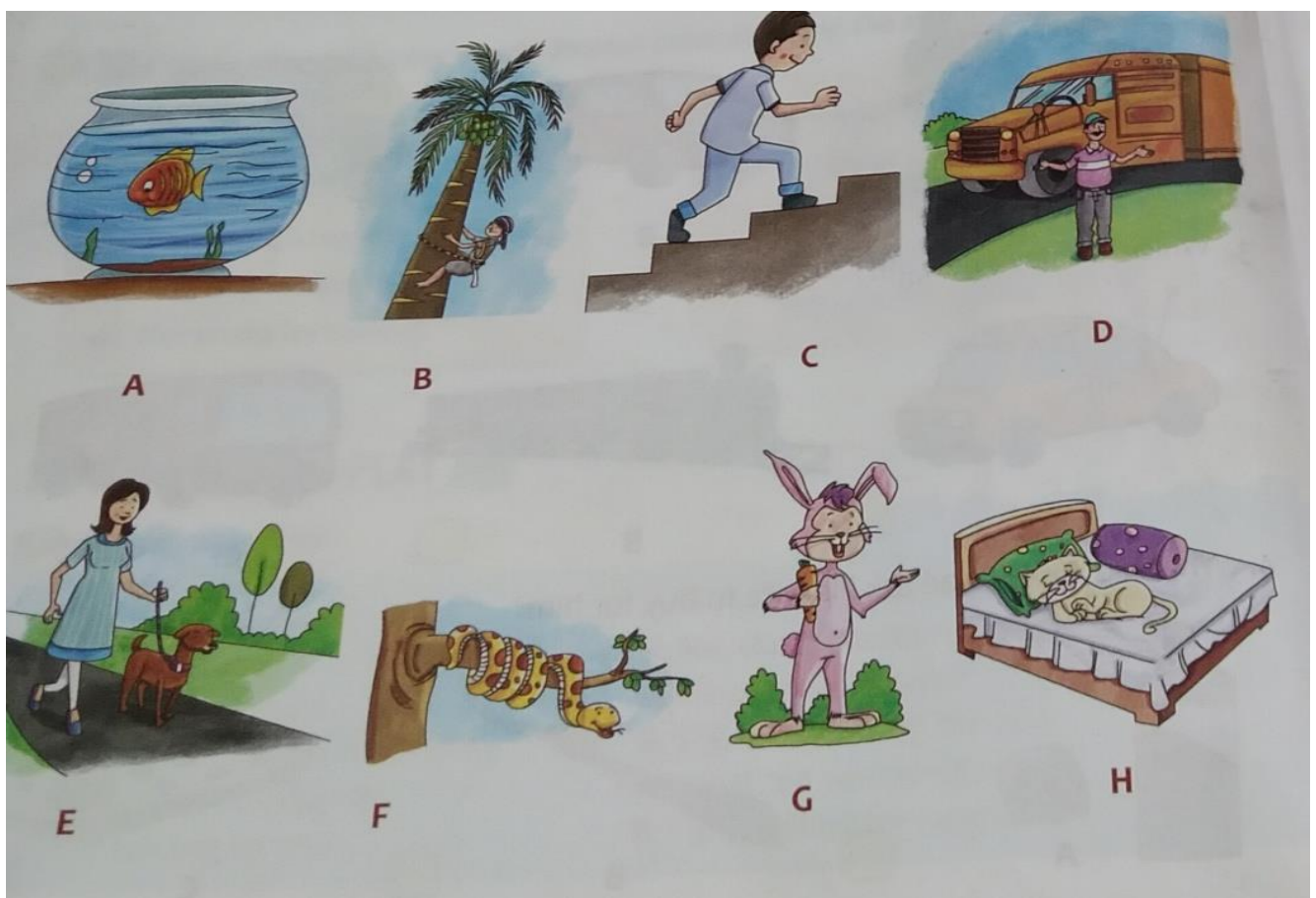
Students of Grade I - III were encouraged to read short stories and sentences to build their reading skills.





Picture Stories and Sentences

Students of Grade II were shown a series of pictures which they had to observe and complete the story in continuation. Alongside this, various pictures were shown to different group of students from which they had to make sentences. To make sentence making more fun, each group of students were given pair of words which were to be included in forming a single sentence, helping students structure their sentence making skills.





Pronunciation of Commonly Used Words

A few words were written on the board which the students were taught to pronounce correctly, polishing their pronunciation skills.

Word Tennis

Continued from last month for Grade III.

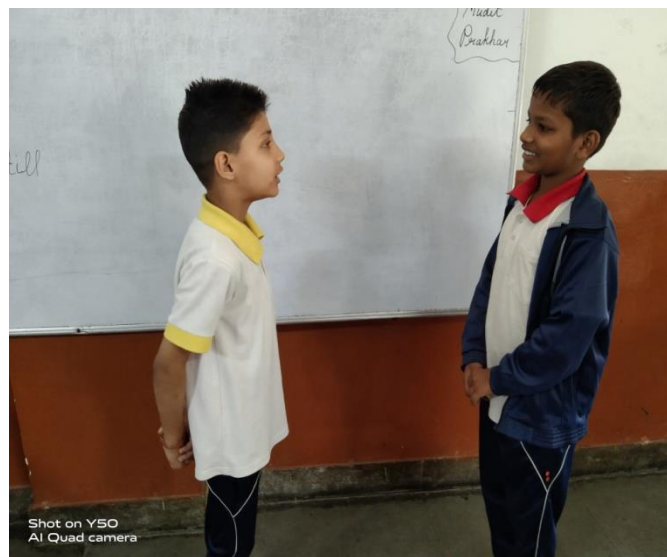
Role Play on the Topic Abilities

Students of Grade III were given a brief introduction on Abilities, and then had to role play in groups with different conversation starters based on abilities. This fun activity helped students discover various aspects of abilities while enhancing their speaking skills.



Speaking About Best Friend and Favorite Cousin

Conversing about one's favorite person is the most engaging topic to have a discussion on, and so, amongst III graders, pair of students were called out from each group to alternatively ask and converse about their Best Friend and a Favorite Cousin, elevating their conversational skills.



Making Offers

Students of Grade IV were emphasized on the importance of making various offers to others and had to present a role play presenting different offers based on conversation starters enhancing their empathetic and communication skills.



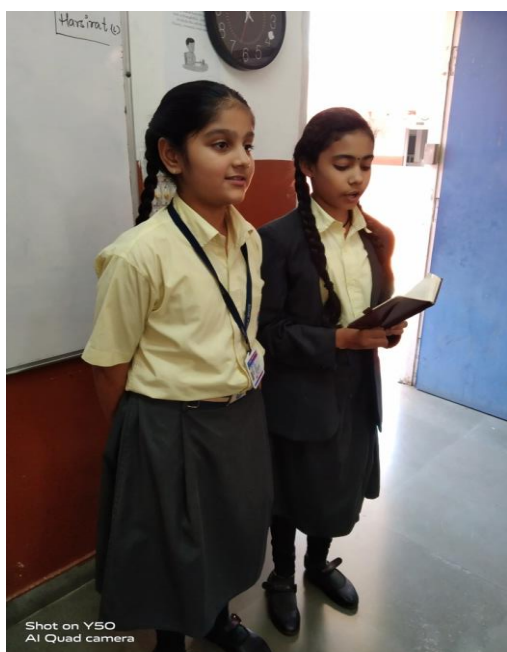
Question Role Cards

Building students' questioning skills is an important part of the English language, for which, a pair of role cards were given to pairs from each groups holding different questions which they had to ask and answer alternatively. The students of Grade IV enjoyed asking questions from the role cards, improving their questioning skills.



Invent a New Festival/Holiday

Students of Grade IV and V did this fun activity, where they had to completely invent a new festival or a holiday and highlight the ways it can be celebrated, igniting their creativity and speaking skills.



Talking in Past Tense – Time Activity

Students of Grade IV practiced speaking in the Past Tense with an interesting activity, where different times were written on the board and each student had to come out and ask three different students what they had been doing at the selected times on last Sunday and had to only converse using the Past Tense enhancing their grammatical skills.



Question Tags

Question Tags are a conversational tool for seeking confirmation, and grade V practiced this conversational skill with a short role play where they had to include at least 3 Question Tags in their conversation.





Debate

Continued from last month for Grades IV to VII.

Conversation Starters

Conversation starters enhance communication by fostering engagement, sparking interest and aids in practicing to keep the conversation going. Grade VI to VIII engaged themselves in different conversations and discussions, building rapport and enhancing their overall communication experience.



Invent a New Game/Sport

Students of Grade VI and VII did this fun activity, where they had to completely invent a new game or a sport and also brief the rules of the game, igniting their creativity and speaking skills.



Memorable Incident

Sharing a memorable incident with the class builds connection. Students of Grade VII shared their memorable incidents with their friends, captivating everyone's attention and teaching them how a fun and a suspense element can keep the audience engaged.



Creative Use of Objects

Students of Grade VIII picked out an object that they had with them in the class and had to give a creative use of it. Magical Pen, Invisible Cloak, Time Travelling White Board, Magic Cap, etc. are some of the things innovated by the students, fostering creativity and spontaneous speaking.

