

VISIT TO A MOSQUE

I recently got the opportunity to visit a mosque with preps and it was a truly an enlightening experience. The purpose of the visit was to expose children to a place of worship and become aware of the practices followed there.

Upon arrival, I was greeted by a friendly staff of the school. And soon, we boarded the bus for our visit to a mosque situated in Green Park, New Delhi. The kids had fun time in bus singing rhymes and enjoying their ride and soon we reached the destination.



During the visit, children observed and learn about the rituals, customs, and practices of Islam. They saw the architecture of the mosque, such as the minarets and domes.



Furthermore, the visit allowed children to interact with members of the mosque community, such as the Imam Saheb, who shared his piece of thoughts on raising the kids and teachings for nurturing young minds.



Kids also performed the ritual of cleaning hands and face known as 'vazu'. The teachers drew the children's attention to the prayer room rosaries and other things unique to the mosque. Children were then taken to the kitchen and dishwashing area where meal is prepared. They met the children who study in the madrasah and interacted with them freely. The kids were then offered refreshment by Maulvi ji.



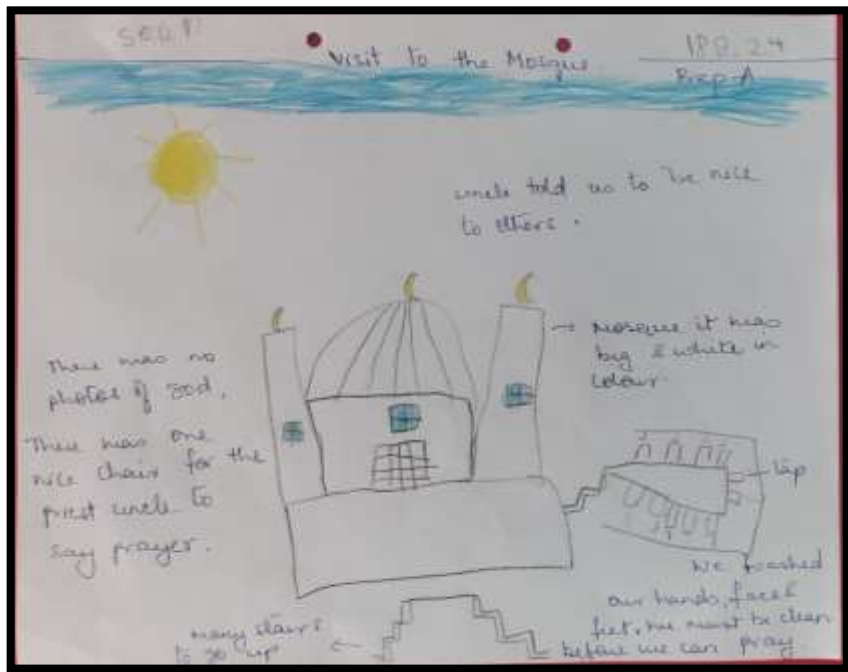
And the visit came to an end with lovely photographs of children with Imam Saheb and teachers.



Overall, visit to a mosque helped children develop an appreciation for diversity and multiculturalism, as it promoted interfaith dialogue and understanding. It also helped to cultivate empathy, compassion, and respect for others, which are essential values for living in a diverse and globalized world.

The visit was followed by an illustrative recall. Children thought deeply about the visit and made an illustration bringing all their experiences on the paper. One could see how impressionable the visit was as children captured minute details in their drawings.





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