

Visit to National Book Trust (NBT)

Date of Visit: 13th November 2024

Class: Prep Students

Organized by: Santa Maria Integrated Learning Environment School in collaboration with the National Book Trust.

Venue: National Book Trust (NBT), New Delhi

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Introduction:

On the 13th of November 2024, the Prep students of Santa Maria Integrated Learning Environment School visited the National Book Trust (NBT), New Delhi, for an exciting and educational outing. The purpose of the trip was to expose young children to the joy of reading, encourage them to choose books of their interest, and participate in an interactive storytelling session. The children were accompanied by their teacher, who guided them through the visit.

Pre-Visit Preparation:

The day began with a *Circle Time* session at school. Circle time discussion focused on the place of visit, the good practices to be followed. Children were told that they will get an opportunity to go in the children's section and select and buy a book for themselves. The teacher made them aware of the money they were going to give in exchange of the book. Children were reminded of the shop play activity in which they had done the same. This pre-visit preparation helped set the tone for a smooth and enjoyable experience.



Activities at NBT:

1. **Book Shopping:** Upon arrival at the NBT, the children were excited to explore the vast collection of books. The NBT offered a wide range of children's books, including colourful storybooks, picture books, and educational books. The Prep students enthusiastically selected books of their choice, carefully picking out stories that interested them. It was heart-warming to see the children's faces light up as they explored different books, some choosing their favourite characters, while others gravitated towards animal stories and fairy tales.



2. **Storytelling Session:** After shopping for their books, the children proceeded upstairs to a dedicated area where a special storytelling session had been arranged for them. The session was led by a professional storyteller MS. **Neeta Joshi**, who engaged the young audience with expressive narration and animated storytelling techniques. The children listened with rapt attention as the storyteller brought the stories to life, creating a magical atmosphere filled with excitement and wonder. The session was not only entertaining but also encouraged the children to use their imagination and sparked their interest in reading more stories.



- 3. Refreshments:** Following the storytelling session, the children were treated with some light refreshments. They were happy and excited after getting this filling treat.

Conclusion:

The visit to the National Book Trust was a memorable and enriching experience for the Prep students of Santa Maria Integrated Learning Environment School. The children not only had the opportunity to select books that fascinated them, but they also experienced the magic of storytelling, which fuelled their imagination and creativity. The storytelling session was a highlight, allowing the children to connect deeply with the stories and characters, making the trip both educational and fun.

This visit was a great learning opportunity for children. The experience was carefully planned and executed, leaving the students with a sense of excitement about books and gave them a sense of achievement when they bought it themselves. As the children returned to school, they carried with them a new appreciation for literature and a renewed interest in exploring the world of books.

