

AVANTI COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to our second edition of our PRE newsletter!





The month of Purshottam started with an assembly to explain it's importance. This is Lord Krishna's favourite month and shows how compassionate he is. During this month the PRE ambassadors have been running a Kirtan club at lunch time with Year 6 children giving classes from the Srimad Bhagvatam. We have created special leaves to go on our value tree in the hall, which have been given to those who have been role models in showing these values. It has been lovely seeing so many children making an effort to do something special for Krishna such as chanting, offering flowers and fruit to deities in the class and talking to the deities.



Lunch time kirtan club

Reception

Children in Reception have been learning about Courage. They have been reading stories about bravery. 'Courage is when you are brave and you do not cry' by Rivamai



Year 1

We have been learning about Prahlad's story. I liked it when Prahlad prayed to God. He kept calm and showed courage. I liked it when Narshimha dev jumped out from the pillar. By Rian and Anaya

Our value this term is Courage!

Year 2

First, we learnt about journeys, which is when you go from one place to another or visit a place in your dreams. Our learning journey is the journey of life. Next, we learnt about places of worship where people of different faiths go to pray to God. Then we learnt that pilgrimage is a special spiritual journey. You can go to a place of pastimes of your God or place of worship or where your God lives. We learnt about Krishna's pastimes in Vrindavan. We made puppets and painted pictures to retell stories from Vrindavan. We go on a pilgrimage to get closer to God.

Aarshya, Sawoni and Aaliya























Year 3

In PRE we have been learning about karma. For example, if a person does something that is wrong a person should tell them. Karma is when you plant a seed and when you desire something it turns into a bud, then you decide to take action and it turns into a plant and finally when you do the act it grows fruit and that is the reaction. If you make good choices then you get rewards for example: you get a bronze or gold, but if you make the wrong choice you go on red. We can relate to this in real life, as in the laws of karma, whatever you do it will come back to you in this life or next.

By Rea

Year 4

We have been learning about the Ramayan and the values shown by the characters. Lord Rama obeyed his elders even when he had to go to the forest for 14 Years. He did it happily. We should be like Hanuman and serve Rama and not like Ravana who was taking away Rama's wife. I never knew that Bharat made such a vow risking his own life. We should learn to keep our promises just like the characters did. Although Sita was a princess she was happy to go to the forest with Rama. It was interesting to find out that some of the events had to happen because of what had happened in their past lives. By Shraddha



Year 5

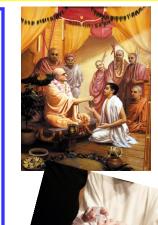
In our PRE learning, we have learnt about the epic Mahabharata. The discussion supports our learning in PRE and we got to showcase our opinions about the specific events in the story. Furthermore, we wrote about the characteristics of personalities such as Yudhistar's leadership qualities. I would like to demonstrate his quality of forgiveness. After all the suffering he forgave the Kurus. We debated about whether Yudhistar should have gambled and all agreed that it is not good to gamble. We felt empathy for Darupadi as no one helped her and she prayed to Lord Krishna in desperation.

Year 6

This term has been very excited as we have learnt about the rites of passage in different religions. In addition, we recapped Varna-Ashram; the Vedic way of life and the four ashrams. We need to apply this to our life because it will help us progress in our general and spiritual life. We learnt about the different samskaras people have and how each stage of life is celebrated, such as Hindus have ceremonies when babies first eat food-Upananyana, Christians get baptised and

this means a new start and I found the Vaishnava initiation amazing. All these help us on our spiritual growth.

By Rishab





Don't miss our next edition to find out what we have learnt in PRE next half term!