

AVANTI COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

sanskrit newsletter

Welcome to the first Sanskrit newsletter!

Sanskrit language is full of profound concepts and stands at the root of very many eastern and western languages, illuminating their grammar and etymology. Sanskrit is a beautiful language, written in a beautiful script.

By teaching Sanskrit at Avanti Court Primary School, we hope to instil a love of languages in our children, engaging them to explore the histories of different cultures through a rich and diverse library of texts.

Year 3

Year 3 pupils have been demonstrating excellent communication skills during Sanskrit lessons. Pupils have been using their knowledge of Sanskrit to construct a conversation in Sanskrit, lasting a few minutes. Students are able to greet one another, ask and respond to a range of questions and use the correct gender phrases.

Children have presented confidently, with a good level of pronunciation and clarity of Sanskrit words. Well done to Year 3 Sanskrit students!















<u>Year 4</u>

The Mahābhārata is one of the greatest and longest Sanskrit epics in the world. The most famous personality from the Mahābhārata is Kṛṣṇa and therefore His family members are also very famous. This term, children have been introduced to some members of Kṛṣṇa's family, where children have had the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the culture of Vedic India and also introducing the terminology for talking about child's own family and family members.



Students in Year 4 have been exploring Sanskrit grammar with focus on the genitive case. Children are able to distinguish third-person singular masculine and feminine genders respectively during Sanskrit lessons.

Children have been conversing in Sanskrit to describe their own family members. The grammatical point in this unit is the possessive form of the pronoun for his and hers – "etasya" and "etasyāh" respectively. Year 4 students have been working very hard to learn lots of new Sanskrit vocabulary and even some transliteration too.

Excellent effort from Year 4 children!

<u>Year 5</u>

Year 5 children participated in cross curricular lessons with Philosophy, Religion and Ethics during Divali themed week.

Children have been learning lots of new Sanskrit vocabulary. They are able to formulate sentences and communicate with each other using lots of new Sanskrit terminology. Children are able to recite a few Sanskrit mantras precisely and joyfully.

<u>Year 6</u>

Year 6 students have been demonstrating how to pronounce the beautiful soundings of vowels and consonants of the Sanskrit alphabet. Children have also been writing precise and elegant Sanskrit Devanāgari characters; including the vowels, consonants and conjunct consonants. Children have been exploring and comparing the structures of both Sanskrit and English alphabets.

Year 6 children have been learning about the International Alphabet of Sanskrit

Transliteration. This makes it possible for the reader to read the Sanskrit texts explicitly.

Year 6 have been very enthusiastic and hard working!

