

# JANUARY 2021

## NEWSLETTER



### 72nd Republic Day

ATS Valley School celebrated India's 72nd Republic Day virtually with great eclat. Some house competitions were organised for the students of grades 1 to 10 to mark the Republic Day. The students felt inspired and participated actively in the Republic Day celebration by showing their creative skills in Puppet Making, and Dancing to the rhythmic beats of patriotic songs. They sang some melodious patriotic songs in their soulful voices. The school authorities tried their best to make the virtual Republic Day celebration as lively as possible.

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### 'The Towel Folding'

Foundation kids took part in another life skill activity named 'The Towel Folding'. They learnt how to fold their own towels. For this purpose, the parents were requested to arrange one small sized towel. After performing this activity, the kids felt so enthusiastic that they started folding their handkerchiefs and other small clothes themselves only. The purpose of doing this activity was to make them independent while doing the daily chores.

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## 'Hand Puppet'

The students of grade 3 did an activity named, 'Hand Puppet'. In this activity, they made hand puppets using socks, buttons and wool. The purpose of doing this activity was making them learn that something useful can be made using waste material. They enjoyed the activity a lot.



## "Palm Printing"

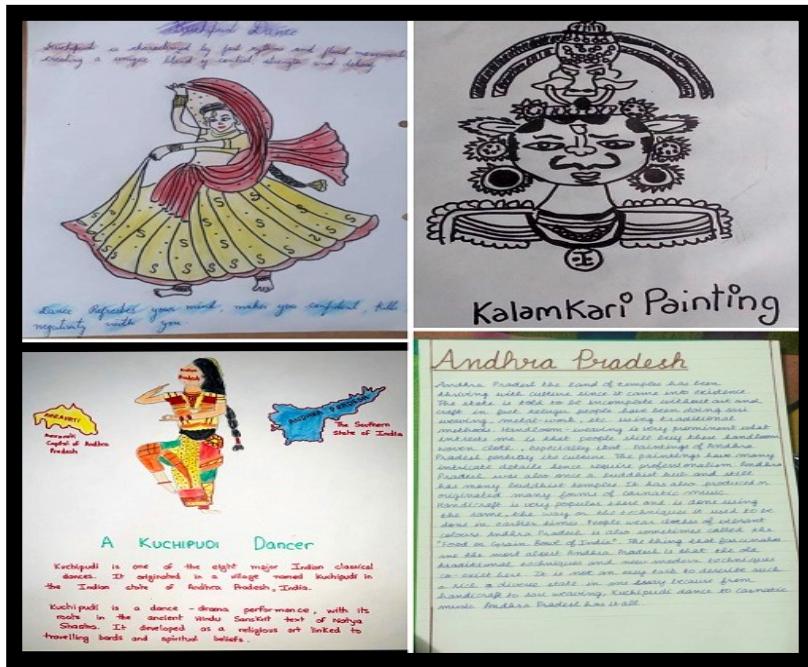


"The purest and most thoughtful minds are those which love colour the most." ~ John Ruskin

The students of grade 2 made various things by palm printing. They made beautiful and creative drawings of peacocks, trees, clouds, hens, butterflies, etc.

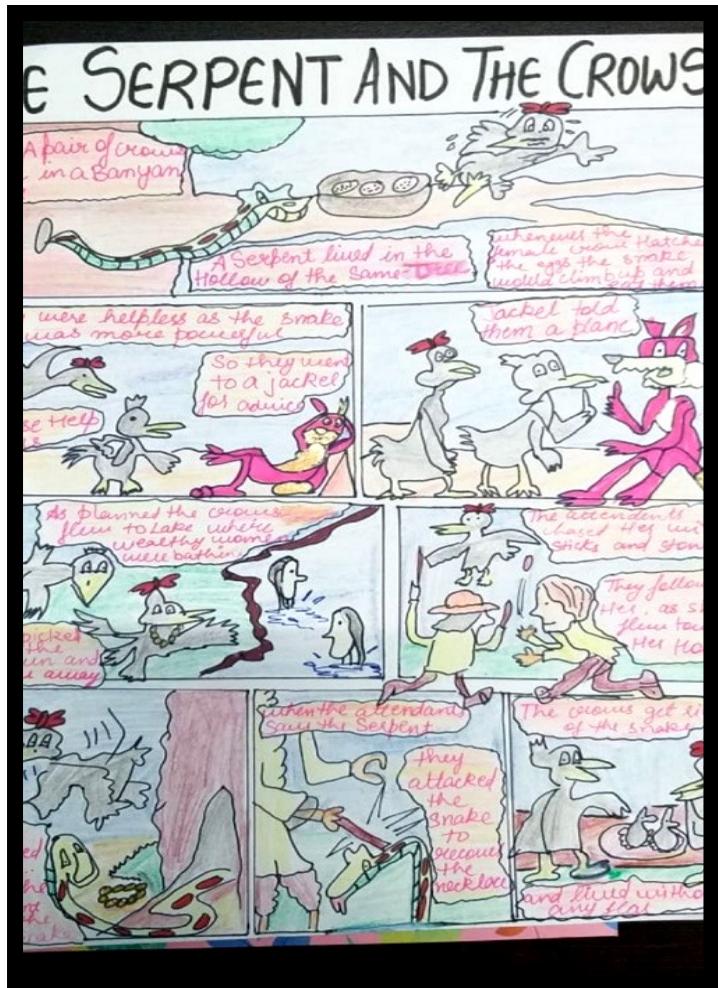
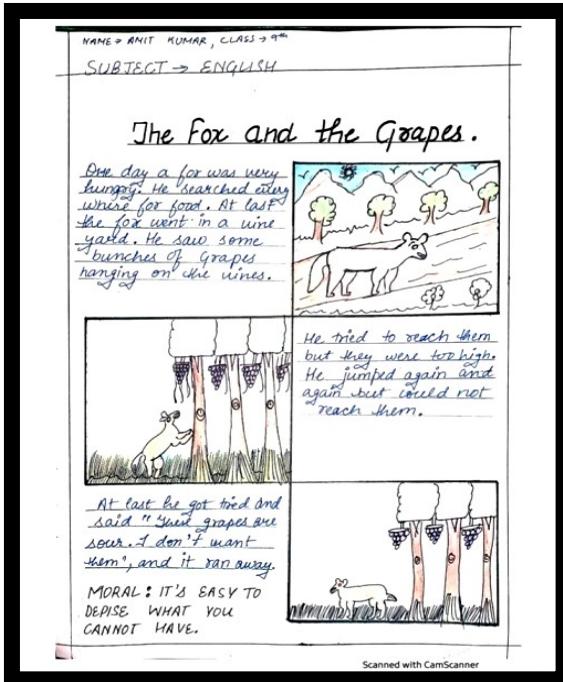
## Culture and Dance forms of Andhra Pradesh

The students of grade 8 enjoyed learning about our pairing state Andhra Pradesh (Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat mission). They wrote paragraphs and drew coloured pictures depicting the culture and dance forms of Andhra Pradesh.



## Creating a Story

The students of grade 9 enjoyed creating a story as a comic strip. It's a popular art form that not only entertains but also educates, as it can show or explain complex stories and concepts using images and dialogues.



## Lohri Celebration



ATS Valley School celebrated the Lohri festival at the school premises where all the students from Foundation to grade 10 also joined in virtually. The celebration started with the Lohri song sung by the teachers followed by their dance performance.

## 'We Love Birds'

The students of grade 2 performed a 'Show and Tell' activity in which they described different birds. They were shown the pictures and the toys of their favourite birds and were asked to speak 3-4 lines describing the birds. They were enthusiastic while performing the activity. Through this activity, they learnt more about different types of birds like parrot, peacock, owl, eagle, ostrich, etc.  
<https://youtu.be/dYtLIP7DimU>

## **True North- 'Character Building Programme'**

Through this programme, we focus on an education that incorporates values, ethics, emotional maturity and a sense of civics (through various activities/games/challenges). The following activities were done during the month of January. The character traits taken are 'Self-Control' & 'Honesty':

### **Self-Control:**

1. Word Chain: The teacher starts with word. The children must remember the words said previously and think of unique words to add.
2. Dance Party Freeze: One child is the leader and others follow his steps. When the music stops, everyone freezes and then, there is new leader and it continues.
3. Color Freeze: This is also similar to the very common 'Freeze Dance'. The only difference is that when the music stops, the teacher says a color and children have to quickly get anything of that colour within 10 seconds.
4. Guard Duty: One child becomes the (Queen's)guard for the palace. They have a mission to be as serious and guard-like as possible. That means using self-control and ignoring anyone who tries to distract you!

### **Honesty:**

1. Snakes and Ladders: This is a version of the ancient game of Snakes and Ladders, originally used as a moral teaching tool in India. This game is a playful way to initiate discussions on ethical issues, moral values, and behaviour.
2. Tell a truth and Tell a lie: For every question asked, the child will give one wrong answer and one right. The other children will guess which is correct/true.
3. Honesty Board Game (Name 3 things): Children roll a dice and answer the question given on the number they get.