

ASSIGNMENT: 13 DATE 15/5/2021

MY MINI SCHOOL STORY: TITLE IS MY NEW EXPERIENCE:

My name is Thenmozhi. I am working as an Asha regular teacher in Primary Thandalam school. When the covid-19 came in Tamil Nadu last year, the Tamilnadu government announced a Lockdown on 21st March 2020 . I had a new experience due to this lockdown. When the Tamilnadu government announced a lockdown ,the students had to stay at home. Even when I stayed in my house, I had been working on lesson plans ,worksheets,etc... .

Suddenly my MD Mr.Rajaraman conducted a google meeting with all asha teachers. I had also joined . My MD First asked me “ Can you start the mini school in your village in June?”

I replied to my MD “Sorry sir, I can’t start the minischool because my home is near Ariyapakkam primary school and main road, so some people may come to visit that school”.

I was repentant because I told my MD that I could not start a mini school. After a week suddenly I thought, “why not accept this as a challenge?”



I told my coordinator Mr.Srinivasan that I could start the mini school in my home with a minimum of 10 children. I did it starting on 8th June 2020. When the children came to my mini school, they washed their hands, wore masks and maintained social distance.. Asha sponsored masks, handwash, mat, worksheet, maths kits, English kits and snacks for children. Children came to our school with interest and excitement.

Then I taught the children only basic lessons. After that I taught



mostly activity based learning. I conducted the lessons sticking to the time schedule. Additionally I conducted Worksheets, Games, Drawing, Dance, Yoga, PET, Craft work and science Experiments every day.



Another 10 new children came to mini school. My MD and Coordinator visited my mini school -monthly once. The children were delighted when we celebrated Independence Day on 15th August.

They participated in a Dance and Leaders speech.

Asha conducted oral assessment for all the children three months later. Though the children had participated in the oral assessment I was very much afraid about their performance. When the Tamil Nadu Govt released the lockdown my MD arranged a general meeting for all the teachers in December. He announced the oral assessment results I was surprised the first place was obtained by my mini school at Ariyapakkam.

Then my lead teacher told me that we should work for 6 hours daily. When I went to Ellapuram village about 1Km away, I saw some students playing. I asked some parantes, “Can you please send your children to our mini school.” Some of them agreed. Then 10 more children came to our mini school On 8th January 2021.



So I called Ariyapakkam children Batch one and Ellapuram children Batch two. Another 20 children came to mini school in batch two . So I was glad. Further their parents too supported our mini school .

I taught mini school at my home . I must thank my husband who was cooperative in my running the mini school from my own small house. Suddenly the number of children went up to 40 in my batch 2. But I could not manage such a big class, So I informed my coordinator, “I cannot teach 40 children in batch 2, so please give me one additional teacher.” He replied, “Yes , I will give you one more teacher.”



After a few days he gave me Anushya teacher. She supported me fully. Further we celebrated Republic day on 26th January .The children participated in dance and speech, drawing and game. One day Ariyapakkam Govt School HM called me and told me that the coordinator spoke to her, The coordinator had asked her to arrange a room for Thenmozhi to start the mini school. Then we shifted our mini school to Ariyapakkam primary school.



Asha conducted a written assessment on 16th April . Then we celebrated Annual Day on 22 th April. We closed our mini school on 23 th April.

****My mini school journey will continue as long as the impact of this Covid-19 is on the world.**

The responsibility to save the world from the impact of this Covid-19 lies with humans and the God of nature.**

Thank you sir.