

## KAMAGARAM MINI SCHOOL

I am Nithya presenting you a report on Kamagaram Mini school. Kamagaram mini school was started by Vasugi teacher from NOVEMBER 2020. I Joined her in February 2021 and managed it together with ease and in a fun-filled manner. Our school has 50 students. Among them, many of the students are from the Government school and a few from Private school. We created an environment that gave equal opportunity for all the children to learn. The children were happy and enjoyed the process of learning.



We follow a well designed time table from morning 9.00AM to evening 4.00PM which was broken into two sessions. Morning sessions from 9.00am to 12.00 noon and the evening sessions from 1 to 4 pm with a brief break for lunch between the two sessions. The focus was on teaching the basics like reading and writing of language,. Tamil, English and also the numbers. We focused on holistic development. Hence we also focused on arts and craft, sports, games, dance are just a few to name.

Initially our minis school was started in the Government school building. But later as the number of Carona cases kept increasing, the school headmaster requested us to move our mini school to the temple premises. We then had to get permission from the panchayath to run the mini school at the temple.

However, we soon had to face objections raised by the localities. We had to take with a pinch of salt that even to this age, after more than 70 years of democracy, racism still exists. So we had no other choice but to shift the school outside the temple to a nearby tree near.

Despite many challenges at every point, we came out of them with the support of “Asha”. And we are proud to declare that there was not a single dropout from our mini school. Children did miss a proper school environment.

We ensured every student received individual attention and made learning fun for them. We identified the area/s that each child required some help to do better academically and



provided that, for each one of them.



Festival celebrations like Pongal were part of our activities in our Mini School. We also had the Annual day celebration. Written assessment was also conducted for our children. They took it seriously. We even taught them personal hygiene factors like washing hands, bathing everyday and wearing clean clothes and maintaining social distancing at all times. Awareness programmes on covid was also conducted.

Practical science experiments were conducted. Particularly washing hands regularly with

soap helps to avoid virus and germs. We did this experiment by using pepper powder as virus, we pour water in a vessel, put some pepper powder in the water. While touching it with empty hands, the pepper powder didn't move but when the child touch the pepper water with soapy fingers, the pepper powder moved away.

We also did other experiments like density of water, fire needs air to burn, air has weight, plants need water to survive, sand, air, sunlight to grow and so on. We created work sheet exercises for the students. Parents are very thankful to Asha for giving their children wonderful opportunity to learn during this pandemic period too. We as teachers are looking forward for the schools to reopen as soon as possible after the summer beak.