

Report of the Mini School
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The Covid-19 pandemic had badly affected the education system and created the largest disruption in its history. Lockdowns had been imposed in almost all countries to save the citizens from the virus. The state governments across the country started shutting down schools due to spread of coronavirus. The children got affected by it without education.

Some institutions started online classes to teach children. The lessons for students of Tamil Nadu government schools were taught through television channels. But most of the students didn't get this education due to lack of proper care or facilities at home.

Online classes are beyond reach for many where internet facilities are poor. Moreover, it was difficult to attend the class because some of them didn't have the necessary Phones and Computers.

Our Asha for Education, Chennai started the mini school to help the children to get the much needed education during this pandemic situation. In rural areas, they started the mini school concept from June 2020. Teachers took the classes near their house, public places or temples. However, in Chennai we didn't have those facilities to take the classes near our home or public places.

My Mini school:

In the month of January, I approached H.M. of TV Pet School and asked her to give me permission to run mini school in the school premises. We had a meeting with the parents to get support and asked them to send their ward to the mini school.

I started the mini school in St. Mary's Road in the month of January 2021. Initially 6 students came to school and it gradually increased to 12-15.

We provided masks and insisted the students to use sanitizer and wash their hands regularly. We maintained social distancing and wore masks in the class. The mini school ran for two and half hours in the morning.



I am glad for the opportunity to teach the children during the pandemic situation.



Streth in the beginning of January

I prepared timetable for the week and taught Tamil on Monday, English on Tuesday, Mathematics on Wednesday, Science on Thursday, Craft on Friday and gave some Activities on Saturday. I sent them with worksheets to their home to do homework.

We asked the children to tell us what they felt about the mini school.

Prithvi Raj, studying 6th class told that he was happy to come to school and also happy to see his friends. Coming to school he felt he could learn and be part of many activities, craft, yoga and play indoor and outdoor games in school.



Made Greeting card



Plant pot using coconut shell

Strength increased to 20 by the end of the January.



Reading English

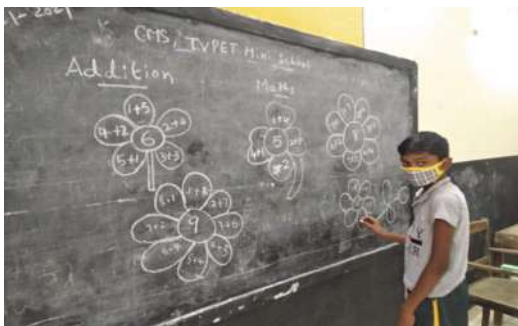


Writing English



Reading and Writing Tamil

Taught them maths activities and made them to do the sum by play way method. They were interested to do the maths by activity method.



Science activities and experiment were taught to students to understand the concepts well.



Learning about the digestive system

Mr. Rajaram and Ms. Purva visited our school. Purva explained about plants and taught them how to preserve the plants and leaves.



School garden tour and learnt about the parts of the plants.

Students doing density experiment.



Density experiment using lemon

We provided materials for craft work, painting and drawing. Students were very happy to make different things and we allowed them to take the things made by them to home. Parents were happy to see their craftwork. We encouraged the students to participate in painting competition. They got prize for their painting. Parents thanked Asha for running the mini school.



Activity on watercycle



drawing and painting



Paper flower



craft

Yoga and exercise were taught to the students and were told the importance of doing the exercises. They were allowed to play the games in the ground after the class time.



Yoga



games

In the month of March, the strength decreased to 5 due to fear of Corona. Parents didn't want to send their children to school because of increasing Covid cases. Some children were sent to the shops to earn and other works for their earnings. Our mini school students were safe and no one got affected by Covid. It was great challenge to us and our Asha team to run the mini school during the pandemic period. We are proud to say that we are one of the few organisations providing education to the children during these pandemic times in Chennai and other rural areas.

Photo gallery



exploring plants



roof gardening



Maths activities.



English activities



worksheets



Doing addition sums