

## GROUP REPORT – GRACE 2021-22



Grace group is a recent addition to the school. It primarily comprises of girls who are 10 or 11 years old and are coming to school for the first time. We normally take children between the age of 3 and 5 in the school. The starting of this group in September'21 can be considered more of an experiment than an exception.





In hindsight, it seems to be a good move as these children are gems. Everyone is having to work very hard with them, and they too have been working extremely hard, but it has been worth it.



A few children who had been in school for a while but had not been attending regularly were not being able to keep up in their groups. They too took the option of joining grace group. It is like



a crash course for them. Some are ahead of the newcomers, while others who were initially ahead are now behind them.





## MATHS

There are 8 children in Grace group. They joined the group in October 2021. Initially, we did some activities to develop their counting, reading of numbers and writing according to their place values. After these, they were given Book-two. They are



too old to be doing book-2, so we focused on covering up as fast as they could. They are clear in the following concepts: place value, face value, after, before, odd & even, time, addition with carryover and subtraction with borrowing and multiplication. They know plain and solid shapes with their names. They have problems in reading, but can understand word problems of addition, subtraction and multiplication if someone reads it out for them.





## ENGLISH

The Grace group consists of seven students —  
Pratibha,  
Sandhya, Pratik,  
Chandrika,  
Sasmita, Dhatri  
and Sabita.  
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Sasmita and Sabita came to the school very late. English as well as Hindi was not known to them. They used to talk in their village language. They learnt English by first getting familiar with phonetics. They had a lot of difficulties but still they tried their best to learn English. They can now read five-lettered words and can speak a little English. All the older students started interacting with the new ones, who also started learning.

All these children except Pratibha, Pratik and Chandrika, were older when they came to school. After learning the sounds, they started reading three to four letter words and when they became confident in reading the words, they started reading books with simple and easy sentences. And now they are reading different levels of “Ladybug” books. They have learnt songs like “I salute my flag”, “this old man”, “living water” and “every tiny star”.



## HINDI

They have difficulty in understanding words and sentences in Hindi. First, they started the class by speaking with action in Hindi. After this they started speaking in Hindi. They are able to catch Hindi language as they all can concentrate quite well. In eight days, they were clear in Hindi and could understand others. They started doing varnamala with songs, like ‘a’ for ‘anar’ and ‘aa’ for ‘aam’ etc. They could learn it very fast because they had the interest of learning with songs. Within 15 days, they were able to learn varnamala and could arrange the letters in the varnamala. They are able to capture everything very quickly.

They started writing within one month. Now they can write very beautifully and can read very well. Nowadays they have started writing their own stories in their own words. They can also do the grammar in Hindi. They have finished their third book of “Bhasha Drishti” and now they have started doing the fourth book of “Bhasha Drishti” and “Suhani”. They have learnt counting in Hindi from one to thirty. They know the names of many fruits and animals. In grammar, they have learnt ‘striling’ and ‘puling’, ‘paryayvachi shabda’ and ‘vilom shabda’ - they have clarity about what they have learnt in Hindi grammar.



## ODIA

The students in Grace Group are Sandhya, Dhatri, Sasmita, Sabita, Pratibha, Pratik and Chandrika. Out of these- Sandhya, Dhatri, Sasmita, Sabita and Pratibha are the five students who started their Odia class only from 21<sup>st</sup> of



October'21. Within these six months, they have completed the “Sishu” book of class one. Now they are doing the class two book. The other two - Pratik and Chandrika will

complete the Sishu book later. These students have two classes daily for Odia and they will be taking Odia as their second language in class 10. They are doing question-answers from their book and also taking dictation.

All seven children can communicate in Odia very well. In the class, apart from their textbook, they are reading storybooks and singing Odia songs. In these last six months, they have performed on stage- singing songs on the Mother's birthday (February 21<sup>st</sup>) and on Saraswati puja.

