

MALTI PARAJA

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I am a normal 13-year old with a healthy respect for the elders most of the time with an exception every now and then. I like reading new story books. Although I like to draw but unfortunately, I am not very good at it. I like to help others if they are in need. I also like to listen to stories and songs and play football. My favourite hobby is dance. Climbing trees is my best past time and I pluck fruits and then eat them. I love riding a cycle. I enjoy playing with the younger children.



SCIENCE:

After completing the book of Class 9, I gave the test and though I passed the test, but I did not score well. I somehow avoid solving equations that I find difficult to understand. The chapters I liked in Class 9 were –Is Matter Pure Around Us and Work and Energy. Now I have started on the textbook of Class 10 and have finished one chapter: Measurement in Science.



In the test that I gave on this chapter, I scored 17 out of 20. I have just started a new chapter –Is Matter Around Us Pure?

SOCIAL SCIENCE:

Presently, I am doing the book of Class 10. I have been doing history since the last one month. The easiest chapter was Medieval World. The chapters I have done are-Ancient World, Medieval World, Modern World (Part 1 and 2), Impact of British Rule on India: Economic, Social and Cultural. The teacher gives us notes so that we can refer to them while preparing for the exams. I have interest in learning about the World Wars and the Mughal rulers.

MATHEMATICS:

I enjoy doing maths. I am doing the Class 8 book and am doing the chapter on Volume and Surface Area. I like the chapter on Geometry. I found factorisation difficult to understand, so, I did not enjoy the chapter at all. I found the following chapters somewhat easy:

- Percentage
- Square Roots
- Profit and Loss
- Direct and Indirect **profession**
- Time and Work
- Area of Trapezium etc.

Whenever I do not understand a concept or a chapter, I go to Mani didi and she explains again.

HINDI:

I am reading the story, "Virat Queen Padmini" and the story is very interesting. I am also doing the questions and answers from "Sparsh" Manju didi is teaching me from the book; 'Sanchalam'. I have only done 2 chapters with questions and answers. I am revising idioms, synonyms and antonyms in grammar. We keep on giving tests after completing a chapter. Didi has a lot of patience with us and does not scold us when we make mistakes while writing. I really need to improve my handwriting.



ENGLISH:

I am doing the course books of Class 10 and I have finished the first book. The chapters I liked in the first book were:

- ❖ Snake Bite
- ❖ Nine Gold Medals
- ❖ How the Squirrel Got its Stripes
- ❖ Kondiba the Hero
- ❖ A Tiger Comes to Town.

I have started on the second book and the chapters I liked were:

- ❖ The Village Pharmacy
- ❖ The Little Girl
- ❖ The Return of the Lion
- ❖ The Parrot Who Wouldn't Talk etc.

Sangeeta didi teaches me grammar and we have so far covered Active and Passive Voice and Direct and Indirect Speech. Though I can write fast but my English handwriting needs improvement. With bhaiya, I am reading a book by William Shakespeare. Other than that, I have read "The Secret of Nagas". Now I am reading mystery books written by Nancy Drew.

GAMES AND SPORTS:

I like Sports in any form. This time on Sports day I participated in circus and yoga. In circus, I like doing hoopla and skipping. When I was practising to walk on the rod, I felt scared. On the Sports Day, I played many games like the Baton Relay, Frisbee, Cycling, Racing and many other games. Otherwise I liked to play basketball, football and **baskick** ball. Nowadays I play football more than basketball, though my favourite game used to be basketball. I don't like to play volleyball.



FOOD:

I eat all the vegetables that are prepared for us because they are healthy and nutritious. My favourites are poha and upma. Sometime I don't like the food because some vegetables are not cooked properly. I don't like to eat dalia. But it is good for our body.

YOGA:

I like to do yoga. Now I can do quite a few the asanas properly. I do yoga because it keeps us fit. The asanas which I can do properly are:

- Half-moon pose
- Triangle pose
- Tadasana
- Pandasana
- Mayur asana
- Half pointed bird Pose, etc.

I can do the Surya Namaskar properly. Sometimes I demonstrate for the other children and guide them on how to do the asanas.



MUSIC:



My instrument is the keyboard and I like playing it. But when I cannot remember the notes of a song, I do not want to play it. I also learnt tabla with Jagat bhaiya for a short period. On the Mother's Birthday I played the National Anthem on the keyboard.

SHRAMDAAN:

I help in the kitchen, in toilet cleaning, in gardening and go for the music class. I

like to cut the vegetables in the kitchen and like to water the plants.

FESTIVALS:

All of us enjoy the festivals and the special days that we celebrate. The festivals which I celebrated were:

- Holi
- Diwali
- Rojo
- School's Birthday

- Christmas
- Mother's Birthday
- Independence Day
- Janamashtami etc.



TRIP TO ANDAMAN:

We went to Paliba station and took the train to Vishakhapatnam. Next morning, I went to see the Simhachalam temple. We had to climb 1100 stairs to reach the temple. We felt



exhausted after that. In the temple, I saw the idol of Narsimha. After lunch, we went back, packed our things and left for the port. The voyage was of 3 days. While we were on the ship, we went to see the Bridge, the control room of the ship. An officer of the ship explained about all the devices and the instruments on the bridge. I especially liked the working of the Radar. From the bridge

wing, I saw many dolphins, turtles and flying fish. I also saw the helipad of the ship. On March 10, the ship reached Port Blair. We reached the place where we were to stay, freshened up and went for a walk with bhaiya.

On March 11, we went to see the Cellular Jail. I read about the freedom fighters and saw their pictures. There were seven wings but now only three are left; 1, 6 and 7. The others were destroyed in the tsunami in 1913. I also saw the gallows where the prisoners were hanged. Before



hanging them, they were given a bath. In 1938, all the prisoners were freed.

Next, we went to the Aquarium and I saw many kinds of fishes like star fish, stone fish, gorals etc. We went to the Science Museum and there were many science activities there. We saw a 3-D film about the adventures of animals under the sea. It was very good. After that, I went to the sea shore and collected many shells. At 4:30 pm, we again went to the Cellular Jail to see the Sound and Light show. It was a depiction of the sufferings of the prisoners by British. The show was very good but very sad. We went to the flag point and took photos.

On March 12, I went to Baratang. We saw the Lime Stone cave and had to reach it by a speed boat. The caves were interesting and exciting and I saw many shapes like an Octopus, Jelly fish, conch, mace, etc. I also saw stalactite and stalagmite. The cave was discovered in 2001. The stone of the cave glittered and shone due to mica and silica. Some of the stones have become black because of the rain and the sun. There is a big hole on top from



where the sun and rain come inside. I enjoyed the short time we were on the speed boat. Coming back from Baratang, I saw many Jarawas and they were funnily dressed.

On March 13, I went to the HAVELOCK by the ferry, 'Rani Lakshmi'. I only collected shells and took some photos with Mansi didi. After that, we went to the Radha Nagar Beach and ate lunch. We went for a swim there and really enjoyed. We came back to Port Blair by North Passage ship.



On March 14, I went to the North Bay by the speed boat. We had a ride on a glass bottomed boat and I was able to see many fishes and corals. I saw the brain coral and many other corals. Brain coral is used to make medicines for Cancer. I also went to the Ross Island where the British had made their capital. I saw Pipal trees growing above the broken houses. I also saw the

graveyard where the British were buried. Then back to Port Blair. There I saw the pictures of different tribes like Jarawas, Cantenents, etc.

On March 15, I went to see the SAW MILL in Chatham Island where I learnt the names of the different trees. The Paduk tree is the strongest tree in Andaman. One cubic centimetre wood of Paduk costs Rs 9800. For 4000 years it is said to be water resistant. Next was Zonal Anthropological Museum and I got information about six tribes like Jarawas, Oages, Centenents, Great Nicobaris, Somphans and Great Andamanis. The Great Nicobaris have seen a lot of development. They have started interacting and having relations with each other to increase their population.

On March 16, I went to the Gandhi Park where there were no interesting things. In the evening, I went to the Harbour of Port Blair. Our temperature was checked due to the scare of Corona Virus. This time, the voyage was of 4 days. After 4 days we reached Kolkata. We saw the Howrah Bridge. On 21st, we took a train to Koraput station. And on 22nd, we took a ferry and came to the other side of the lake.

