

Kumari Gouda

My name is Kumari Gouda and I am 13 years. My hobbies are reading story books and swimming. My favourite subjects are Maths and Science and I like to play football (earlier, I used to like basketball the most). I clean my hostel regularly and I am clean too. I am disciplined and I am punctual (but not always). I like to sing songs, play the flute and I also like to dance.

English

It is one of my favourite subjects and I get very enthusiastic while studying it. I have finished my 1st book of 10th and have started the 2nd book. I have done 5-6 chapters in it. I do grammar with Sangita didi. She is a very good teacher. She repeats one thing many times until we understand it properly. She gives us to solve questions from direct- indirect, active- passive, unseen passages etc. I like to read ghost stories and adventurous stories. I have read the books of Jeffery Archer,

Satyajit Ray and other authors. I have also read the book 'Red Pyramid'. It was really an interesting book. I have also read the book of Ashok K Banker and Amish. Sangita didi gives me homework which I do it at my free time. Didi asks questions in class and I know the answers, but as I am not very confident in the class I hesitate to answer. .

I am presently studying the book of class 10 in English and I have completed 13 chapters from it. I love reading novels, but sometimes my patience runs out. In Creative writing, I am learning Passage Writing and Essay Writing. I enjoy reading the essays with my friends. My favourite storybooks are ghost stories and detective stories written by authors like Satyajit Ray and Sudha Murthy. At times, the Sangita didi reads out stories to us and I really look forward to that.

The books that I have read this year are:

1. The miracle and other stories- Manoj Das
2. A thousand splendid suns by Khaled Hosseini
3. Untouchable by Mulk Raj Anand



4. Scion of Ikshvaku- Amish
5. The forest of stories by Ashok. K Banker
6. The Makioka sisters by Junichiro Tanizaki
7. And thereby hangs a tale by Jeffrey Archer
8. The boy next door by Enid Blyton
9. Not a penny more, not a penny less by Jeffery Archer
10. Bodyguard: Assassin by Chris Bradford
11. Bodyguard: Ransom by Chris Bradford
12. Golden Valley by Manoj Das
13. Mystery of the missing cap by Manoj Das
14. Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle
15. Stories by Satyajit Ray

Hindi

I am good at Hindi. I am now doing the grammar of Book 9 and 10 but I have not started doing the lessons of Book 10. I will shortly start the lessons too. I like to write essays and generally get full marks in them, because I like to read and know about current affairs and how our country is progressing. Hindi is our national language, but I feel my preference and also of everybody around is shifting to English, as it is being taught in all the states now. I enjoy the Hindi class as our teacher, Vidyottma didi, is really very good.

I have completed the 9th book in Hindi and will start my 10th. I don't like Hindi much because there are not many Hindi books in our library, when compared with English. But I still do better than my friends. I get good marks in Hindi. My vocabulary and grammar are very good. Sometimes Didi gives me homework and I do it on my own and get 'good' remarks. I like to read Hindi stories of Premchand the most, but I also read other authors. I also like to read with the group because in the group, Didi explains very nicely. Sometimes she asks questions which I am able to answer. Now I have started the novel 'Virat Ki Padmini' from the 12th class book. My reading has also improved much.



Maths

Maths is my favourite subject and I like Maths more than anything else. I started book 9 on May 1, 2019 and completed it in



December and gave the test on the whole book. I then started my 10th CBSE book. I have covered five chapters till now and I am doing well in it.

After each chapter we give a test from the chapter to test our learning. Sometimes I get bored and waste my time talking to other children. Most of the time I am serious and I concentrate fully in the class. I set targets to finish the exercises given in the book and aim to finish them on time. Ambika didi and Srinath bhaiya teach us Mathematics.

I do maths for three hours every day and when I open my math book, I get so engrossed that I forget the time.

SCIENCE-

In Science, I like Physics and Chemistry. I like Physics because there are a lot of sums to do and has many word problems, which I like to do the most. Chemistry is also easy but sometimes I get confused in equations. I remember the elements till 30. I don't like Biology much but I prefer not to show it. One reason why I don't like it is because my drawings are not so good. But it is interesting when I read about plants. In February, I completed my 9th book of science and did my revision. After the test covering two chapters each, I gave the test from the whole book. The test was good. On March 23rd, I started the 10th NIOS book. I have completed one chapter in the 10th book – 'measurement in Science and Technology'. After completing the chapter, I gave the test and my marks were 85%. I have also started the next chapter – 'Is matter around us pure?' On 14th of November, we put up an



exhibition on Science and my topic was 'Fire Extinguisher'. I had made a chart on the topic and also made drawings. I had done an experiment on it, which I explained to the children later.

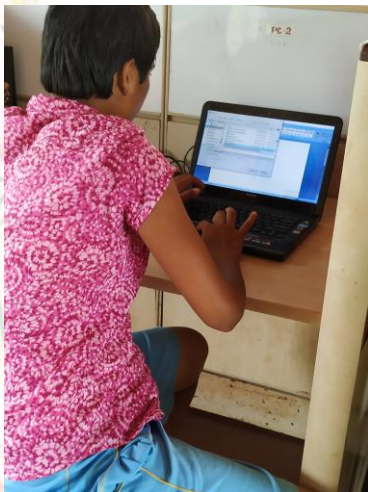
In science it is fun to do experiments with our teachers, Jagat bhaiya and Ambika didi. I want to do well in Science and so that I can go for higher studies. I know there is a lot of improvement I need to make in this subject. I want to do well in studies.

Social Science

I like History the most because I like to know how our ancestors used to live and what their culture was. Many dynasties had ruled over India and I don't like what they have done to my India. I have started my 10th NIOS book and I have completed many chapters in the first book and also from the second book. I don't like Political Science much because it gets difficult to revise and I get bored. I have started Geography and I like it because it is about the evolution of my planet. Gauri didi and Bhavna didi ask us questions in the class, give us notes from each of the chapters and they also give questions to solve. Pranjal bhaiya explains the chapters and I do the in-text question of the chapter with the didis.



COMPUTER:



I like the computer class especially when Ganesh bhaiya is there. I was writing stories nowadays because bhaiya has asked me to make a book of stories. I had written 5 interesting stories for this. In one of the class I made a calculator with bhaiya's help at first and then tried it on my own. I like to hear songs and watch movies on the computer, but if the volume is not loud enough then I don't like it. I like to play computer games and watch videos. I have learnt how to use excel for making time-table and other things. Now I try to make them myself and am successful.

Games

Basketball was my favourite game but now it is Football. In Basketball I could not shoot but now am much better. In Football, at first I would stand and watch, but now I have started playing with everyone. I am myself very surprised that I can dribble much better. I also like to play Volleyball. I really missed playing it when we did not have a net. Now it is very interesting playing Volleyball with other children. Nowadays I play football most of the time and I like to be a defender and I can really defend very well. At times I am afraid of some children like Jagat bhaiya and Lalu Bhaiya when they come with the ball very fast.

Sports Day

We celebrated the annual Sports Day on January 8th. I chose pyramid for the physical demonstration and yogasana was compulsory for everyone. In the morning I did marching and then I participated in the baton relay race. I also participated in the Frisbee match. The last game was 'tug of war'. It was really good and I enjoyed it a lot. At 3 pm, the students of my school started the performance. It was really a good performance. I liked the unicycle performance the most and also the circus. After the demonstration, all the teachers and children sat in a butterfly shape and chanted Shanti Mantra. We were given toffees and momentos of colourful butterflies which we made in Papier mache.



Shramdan

In shramdan, I do toilet cleaning, gardening, kitchen work and play music. At 6:30 AM, I start my shramdan and finish at 7:30. In gardening, I water the plants and sometimes dig the field, either in school or in the hostel. Sometimes, I pluck vegetables from the garden. On toilet cleaning day, I clean the upper girls toilet and then the toilet near the kitchen.



Yogasana

At 6 in the morning, I do yogasana. I like many asanas and I keep trying to do them well. I like it because it is good for my health and body. I can do many asanas like garuda-asana, matsya-asana pashchimuttan-asana, besides others. I had performed yogasana for the annual Sports Day also.

FOOD AND CLEANLINESS:

My favourite food is poori. But it is made on some days only. At breakfast time, we get poha, upma, porridge, kheer, etc. At lunch time, they cook rice, dal and vegetables and dinner is almost the same. Sometimes I don't like the food.

To keep our school clean, we do self-cleaning in the hostel and school. We plant decorative plants to keep our environment beautiful and clean.



We do all this so that the school would look beautiful and all the children participate in this exercise. This cooperation helps us to know each other better and we end up helping each other in difficulties as we share our problems and happiness. All the children in our school are happy because the teachers are so helpful. I am very thankful to Pranjal bhaiya that he opened this school in our remote village.

Music

In music, I play the flute and I love playing it. It keeps my mind calm and helps me to concentrate better. I do music classes thrice a week with Mani didi and I also know how to play the basics on the sitar. I was part of the orchestra with Pt. Barun Pal ji and I loved that. Although I like to learn new Raagas but the process is very tedious and I get tired. I like playing the songs the children are singing in the class. Every Tuesday evening, we all play together with our choice of instruments, so it is like a mini orchestra with tabla, guitar, sitar, keyboard and flute. It sounds very good.



Festivals



On 29th November, I participated in the contemporary dance with the other children. I liked it. On 25th December, I sang two songs – one in Hindi and one Telugu song. On 21st February, I did an orchestra with my group children. For Saraswati Puja, I did an orchestra with my group children and on 14th November, I did an exhibition with my group children. On Raksha bandhan I made rakhis and I tied them to my friends.

On June 14, we celebrated Rojo and I loved playing on the swing. On 5th July, it was our school's birthday and my group did the play 'OUCH' which was very funny. I was Pandit

Bhrashtacharya in this play. I also took part in a dance among other things. On 13th August it was Chachaji's birthday and we all planted trees and plants to make our environment better. On the Independence Day of the country, we performed a two-hour play and all children participated in it, from the youngest to the oldest. I had become Vivekananda and Chittaranjan Das. On August 25, it was Janmashtami and my group sang a devotional song on Lord Krishna.



On Ganesh Puja, I sang a song taught by Surekha didi. On the 5th of each month we all do Havan.

MEDITATION:

We have Assembly twice a week on Mondays and Fridays. All of us take part in the assembly. I like to sing songs at this time as it is fun sitting with the younger children and singing with them. Every evening, I go to the meditation hall to do chanting and singing.

The teachers are there with us and teach us new songs and tell us stories. On Sunday, there is a study circle with Srinath bhaiya and Anuradha didi. It is sometimes boring but when they tell stories, it gets interesting.



Trip to Andaman and Nicobar Islands

On 6th March 2020, I started from my hostel. I sat in the van and went till Paliba. In Paliba I boarded the train for Vishakhapatnam at 4 pm. I sat in the train for 7 hours and got down at North Simhachalam. From there, I went to a temple dormitory in which I spent the night. In the morning, I got up and got ready to go to the temple of Simhachalam. I had to climb 1100



steps to reach the temple, and when I reached there I was so tired and I was sweating very much. All the children were laughing at me because I was helping an unknown girl climb the steps. I walked



around the temple with a senior Pujari of the temple and at the end I got some prasada to eat. Then Pujari ji told us that we were free till 10:30 a.m so I roamed around with Darshana didi and Mansi didi. Then I went to the park. Manju didi bought us some bananas to eat because we were hungry. Then at 10:30 a.m I had my lunch and came down to the dorm by noon. Then we boarded a bus to go to the port and by 6 pm, I was in the ship and in my cabin. At 7:30, I had my dinner and waited for the ship to

leave. I saw the hydra (crane) pull the gangway away and from behind the tugboats were pulling the

ship. The name of the ship was "Swaraj Dweep". Then I went to sleep. Next morning, I got up, got ready and had bread, jam and puri for breakfast. After that, I roamed around on the deck and went back to my room to read my book. After that, I went to eat lunch, then after resting till 3:30 pm, I went to the control room. There I learnt about the radar, and many other things. After that, I went to the upper deck and there I saw a big group of dolphins and many flying fishes. It was interesting. Then the other group came and I went to the room and at 7:30, I went for my dinner.

On the second day, I ate my breakfast and spent the whole day in my room and at 12:00 I ate my lunch and again I went to the deck. On the 3rd day in the ship, it was the day of Holi festival. From the ship, I could see the island and I knew that we were nearing the port. At 1:30 pm, I reached Port Blair and I came down on the gangway. From the port, a bus had come to take us and dropped us to a secluded building. After settling down, I got ready and went with Bhaiya for a walk to the bazaar. When I came back, dinner had been served so I had my dinner and went to sleep early.

On 11th March, I got up after a sleepless night because there were a lot of mosquitoes and the whole night I could not sleep properly. I had my breakfast and the places I went to were:

Cellular Jail- It was a place where the freedom fighters of our country had suffered the torture from

the British. It was technically a very advanced jail that the British had built. There were 7 wings earlier but the Japanese destroyed 4 wings by throwing bombs and now only 3 wings are left. In the evening, I went to see the 'light and sound show' there - I was very sad and emotional after seeing it.



Marine Aquarium- there were a lot of fishes and shells there. I saw many types of fishes, crabs and shells. I also saw the skeleton of a whale which was extremely big.

Science Museum- I saw many types of science activities there and later I saw a 3-D show on the adventure of a turtle.

After that, I went to the sea beach. I took photos and played there with the children. Then from there, I came back to my dorm, ate my lunch and rested till 3:45 pm. Then I went to see the 'light and sound show' in the Cellular Jail.



On 12th March, I woke up at 5:00 in the morning because that day I had to go to Baratang. It was a long journey. In the middle of the way my bus had to stop because there was checking going on. I went to a temple near the stop and after that I went back to the bus. When I reached the jetty, I sat



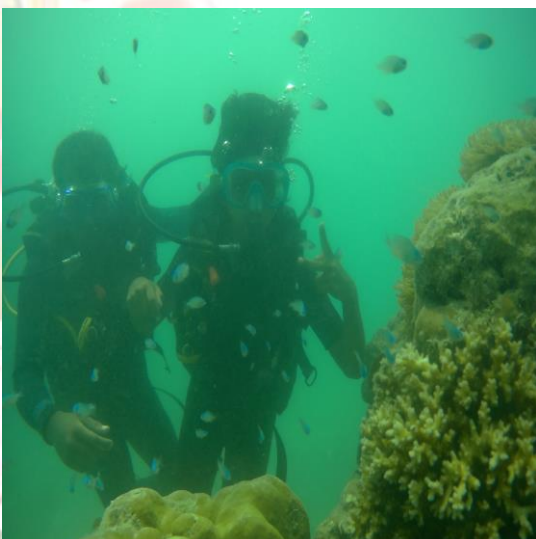
on the ferry. I reached the other side and from there I sat on the speed boat and went to see the limestone cave. There I had to walk for 2 kms. Then I entered the cave with my guide and saw shapes of crocodile, jellyfish, conch-shell, Ganesha, 3 nose holes, baby elephant, tiger paw and other things. It was very interesting looking at the formations and giving it names. After this went for lunch in some guest house

and came back by the ferry. On the way back, I accidentally saw the Jarawas. Then I came back to my dorm.

On 13th March, in the morning, I had to go early to catch my ferry for Havelock Island. This was the most interesting and enjoyable place because there I did scuba diving. I saw many corals and fishes inside the water. Later I went to the Radhanagar beach and played there and the other children swam. I came back by the ferry.



On 14th March, I got up at 3 in the morning and waited for the bus but it came at 4:30 only. I went to the 'Suicide Point' and saw the sunrise. It was very nice and it is called



'Suicide Point' because it is very steep. Then I came back and ate my breakfast. Later, I went by ferry to North Bay Island and played on the sea beach. Then I went to Ross Island and walked around the whole island – there I saw the offices of the British, the church, cemetery and the Japanese bunker. Then I came back to Port Blair and ate our lunch in a restaurant. Then I went to the beach for swimming and at 5:30 pm came back to our dorm, ate our dinner and went to sleep.

On 15th March, at 9 am, I went to the Zonal Anthropology Museum. There I saw the materials the tribals used and I learnt about other tribes of Anadman and Nicobar - Santenals, Jarawas and Shompans etc. There were a lot of things that we also use in our villages. Then I went to Green Park and I saw many types of plants and flowers there - it was also known as the butterfly park. Then I went to Chatham Island and saw the Chatham saw mill and how it works. I learnt about the woods that were cut here and also saw the bomb pit. At 3:00 pm, I went to the Chidiya Tapu - there I saw crocodiles, monitor lizards, wild boars, Nicobar pigeons, parrots, parakeets and deer. Then I went to see the sunset where I took my photos and came back to the dorm.



On 16th March, I went to Gandhi Park. I played in the park and I roamed around the place. But I got bored and waited for Bhaiya to come. When he came, I went back to my dorm. Then at 4:00 pm, I left for the port. Before embarking the ship, I was checked by the doctors and then I went to the ship. I went to our room and kept our things and went to the deck. For 4 days, I had to stay in the ship.

On the fourth day, while nearing Kolkata, I saw the Vidyasagar Setu bridge and behind that the Howrah bridge. When I got down, I was again checked and then I went by a tram to the metro station. By metro, I went to Jatin Das park station and reached a building named Maharashtra niwas. I spent the night there.

Then in the morning, I went by the metro again to a school of Bhaiya's friend. There Bhaiya's friend talked to us and then I saw the movie 'Subhas - the forgotten hero'. After that, I saw the movie 'Bahubali'. Then in the evening, I went to the station and boarded my train for Koraput. After one day, I reached Koraput at night. Lalu bhaiya had come to take us to Kechla from there.

