

*The Fig Tree Learning Centre*  
*Report to ASHA*  
*April - Sept 2022*

# PLANTING TREES AT TARABANAHALLI SCHOOL



In June 2022 soon after school re-opened the children planted trees given by the Forestry Department in the school compound at Tarabanahalli.





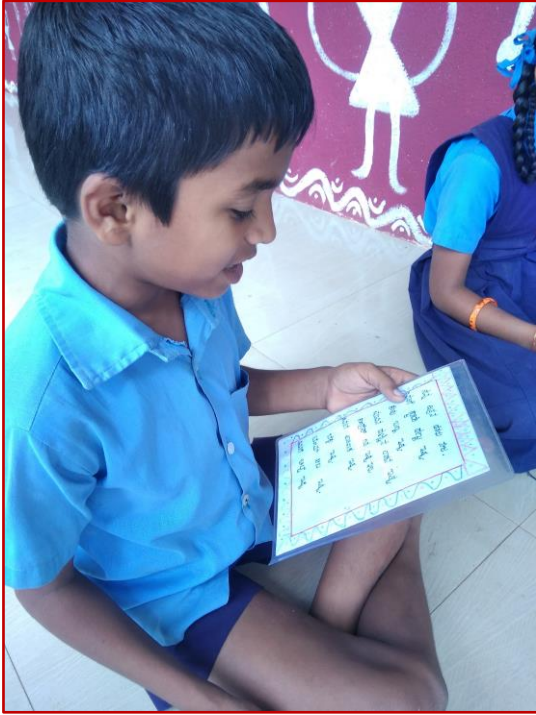
# VISIT OF SWAPNA TO TARABANAHALLI SCHOOL- JUNE 2022



In June soon **after** the schools had re-opened we had the visit of Swapna Manjunath. She accompanied the children on a small outing to a nearby *ashwath katte* where the children were doing an observation activity on the peepal and neem trees. She then participated in the afternoon's Kannada class using the materials that we have made over the last 18 months.



# SUPPORTING READING – BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF READERS - TARABANAHALLI



Providing access to books for children to browse and select a changing and diverse selection of printed books, Reading independently, and together both books and texts the children have created themselves.



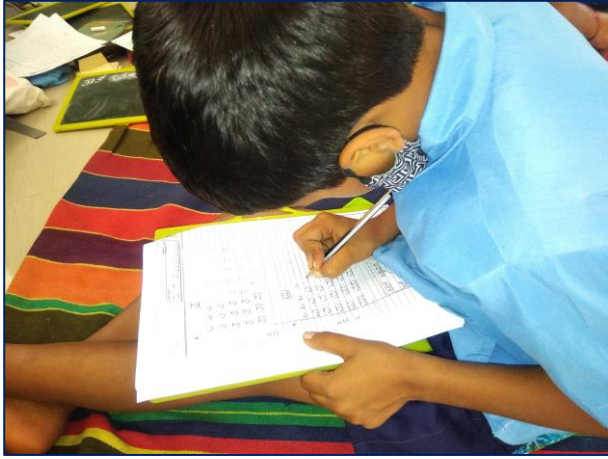


# READING ACTIVITIES AT KEMPAPURA



Read alouds at Kempapura in August about the water cycle and the rainbow in connection with a project on the rainy season. The children also shared their memories of the rainy season.

# SUPPORTING READERS THROUGH THE PRIMER



From June onwards there have been two classes a week with 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> standards at Tarabanahalli school. The children work in four groups according to ability.

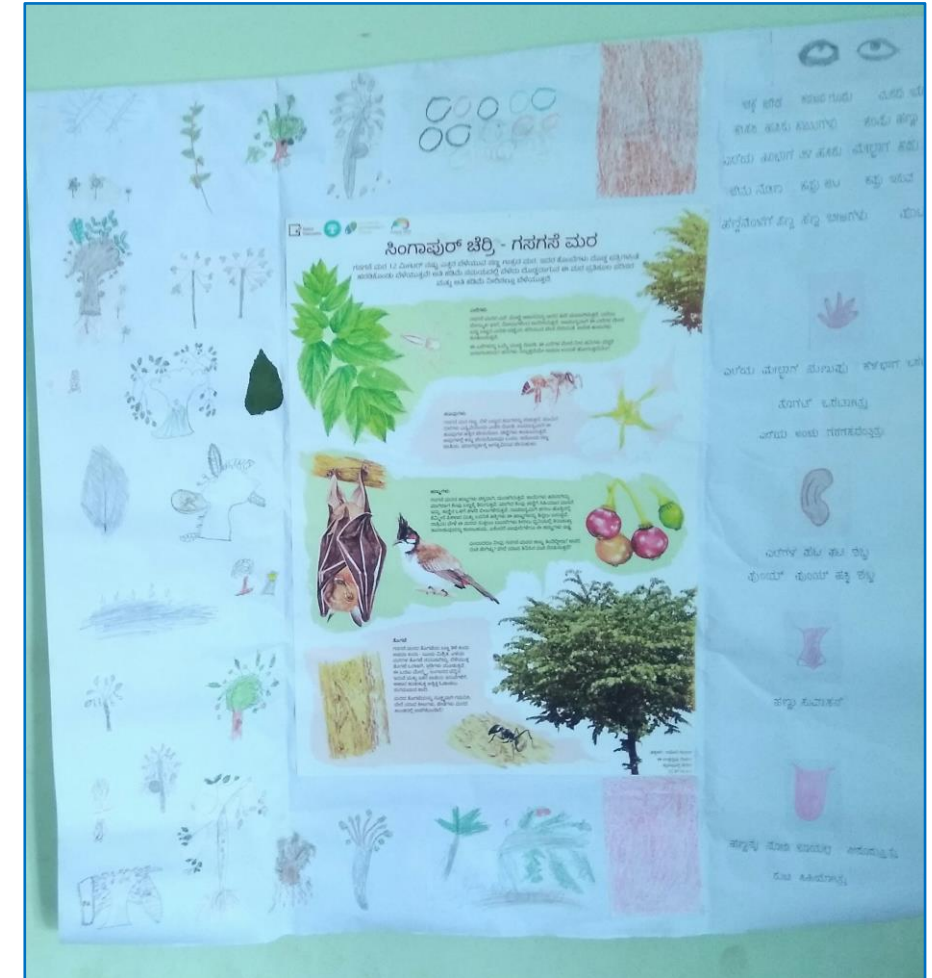
These pictures show children using the primer that the FTLC team has prepared. There is a text book and a workbook and also additional materials for games such as matching rhyming words as seen here.



The materials are being piloted in three other schools including in Belagaum and we plan to approach funding agencies to cover the cost of illustration and for printing a limited edition for further trials in schools.



# OBSERVATION ACTIVITY OF THE GASAGASE MARA (SINGAPORE CHERRY TREE) AT TARABANAHALLI



Please see link to Sarojini and Gousia's report at Nature Classrooms, NCF website

· <https://www.natureclassrooms.org/post/getting-to-know-a-gasagase-mara>





## LOOKING AT THE NEEM TREE WITH KEMPAPURA CHILDREN IN SEPTEMBER

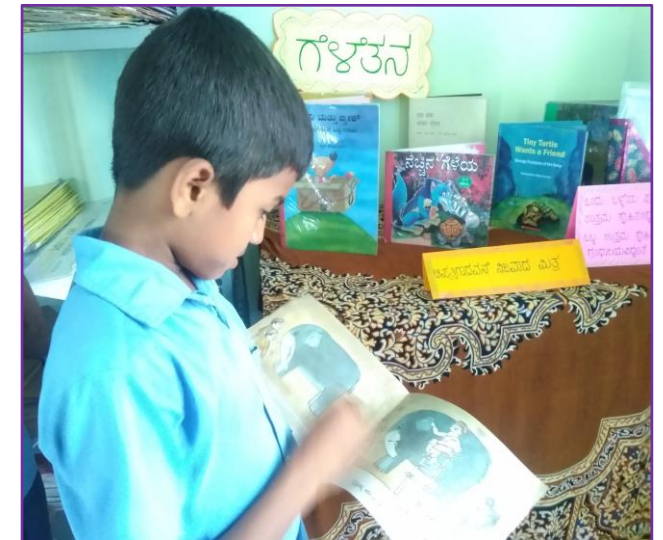
Preparing a chart about  
the nearby neem tree  
through looking,  
listening, touching,  
smelling and tasting.  
With 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
standard children.







In August we took the theme of on **FRIENDSHIP**. In the pictures you can see a read aloud of the book “The Mountain and the Bird”. the creation of reading cards by the children on their friends, tying rakhis on **friends** and on trees and a display of books on aspects of friendship. The children are encouraged to borrow books .





# GHOSTS, SPIRITS AND WISHES

In September Sarojini and Gousia asked the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> standard children at Tarabanahalli which theme they would like to discuss. To our surprise there was a unanimous request to look at *devas*. We began by asking the children to write and draw about stories they had heard and their dreams. These were shared with enthusiasm both through role play and their own texts and images. After some discussion we introduced a number of books including “*A Kite called Korika*”. The children then each made a kite and wrote their own wishes which included ‘To read well’ – ‘the loan at home should be settled soon’, ‘good health for my sister’s baby’ - a cycle’.





## FUTURE PLANS

- Workshops with 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> standard children from Tarabanahalli and Kempapura schools to be hosted at the FTLC between November to February.
- Meeting on stories and nature with teachers and educators to be hosted at FTLC in March 2023.
- Project on Night with Kempapura and Tarabanahalli schools in conjunction with NCF.
- Approach organizations to support publishing the Kannada primer materials.

## Expenditure for FTLC March 2022 – September 2022

|   |                    |
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| • Salaries (including gardener's half salary) | 2,37,600.00        |
| • Stationery                                  | 1,220.00           |
| • Books                                       | 712.00             |
| • Auditing                                    | 5,645.00           |
| • Maintenance                                 | 3,000.00           |
| • Development of Kannada primer               | 1,630.00           |
| <br>TOTAL                                     | <br>2,49,807.00    |
| <br>• Received (24.05.22)                     | <br>Rs.3,00,000.00 |
| • Expenditure                                 | Rs.2,49,807.00     |
| • Balance                                     | Rs. 50,193.00      |