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SPIRIT OF AUROVILLE

GRADE 4 & 5 EXPLORERS IN AUROVILLE'S EXPERIENTIAL CLASSROOM

The students embarked on a profound exploration of the Auroville community, delving into its origins and unique way of life. Their immersive experiences began with a captivating session in the Sound Garden, where they were introduced to the fascinating world of sound production and the nuances of different musical instruments.

With a strong emphasis on sustainability, the students participated in a hands-on workshop on Coconut craft, where they discovered the art of creating beautiful crafts from recycled materials. This activity not only highlighted the importance of recycling but also encouraged creativity and resourcefulness.

The learning journey continued with visits to the Auroville Botanical Garden, Sadana Forest, and Aranya Forest, each offering a deeper understanding of the natural world. Here, the students learned about the intricate ecosystem of the forest landscape, studied the diverse flora and fauna, and gained insights into crucial conservation efforts such as water conservation methods and afforestation. Their journey of discovery also included thrilling adventures such as ziplining and rope walking through the lush forests of Auroville.

Through these experiences, the students not only expanded their knowledge but also developed a profound appreciation for nature and sustainable living practices. They returned home with a newfound respect for the environment and a desire to incorporate these valuable lessons into their daily lives.

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For the students at Akshar Arbol, an international school in Chennai, this journey of learning started with a short trip. The teachers at Akshar Arbol were keen on providing their primary and middle school students with an experience that could have a positive impact on the way they lived and engaged with the world around them.

Travel to Learn's (T2L) experiential programs were a perfect match and provided the type of hands-on learning opportunities the teachers were looking for.

After a detailed discussion, the team at T2L put together bespoke programs with thoughtfully selected destinations and a host of activities carefully curated for various grades based on capabilities and learning goals. Each activity was selected specifically to stoke curiosity and build a thirst for knowledge by immersing students in various out-of-classroom learning situations.

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BIO-DIVERSITY & ECOLOGY OF COORG

GRADE 6 & 7 EXPLORING NATURE'S CLASSROOM

The journey to Coorg promised an immersive experience in a destination renowned for its rich biodiversity and ecology, offering students a profound connection with nature that cities often cannot provide. The trip commenced with students immersing themselves in the breathtaking Coorg landscape and rainforest ecosystem, setting the stage for a transformative learning experience. To deepen their engagement with nature, students were led on nature hikes, exploring the diverse flora and fauna of the region. They also embarked on a birding trail walk and visited waterfalls, where they learned to identify birds and their calls, honing their observational skills to spot various species.

The experiential learning continued with unique experiences such as ginger harvesting, where students got a firsthand look at sustainable agricultural practices. They also had the opportunity to step out of their comfort zones and overcome phobias for insects, gaining a newfound respect for the intricate web of life that surrounds us. Additionally, students engaged in activities like polybag making, which highlighted the importance of eco-friendly practices in preserving the environment.

Students had hands-on experiences with microscopes, observing nature's intricate details up close. They also participated in presentations and discussions, where they learned about the delicate balance of the Coorg ecosystem and the importance of conservation efforts in preserving its biodiversity. Through these activities, students not only gained knowledge about Coorg's ecosystem but also developed a deep sense of responsibility towards protecting and conserving the natural world.

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KODANADU EXPEDITION

GRADE 8 ECHOES OF NATURE & CULTURE IN KOTHAGIRI

The students began their journey with a trek through tea estates, tribal villages, a natural stream, and the Shola forest, gaining insights into the local flora, fauna, landscape, and culture, while also learning about the history of tea cultivation. They continued their exploration with a birdwatching trail, observing bird species and their interactions with nature.

Their focus then shifted to understanding indigenous communities, engaging in a cultural exchange with the Kurumba and Toda tribal communities. This included witnessing Toda embroidery, Toda traditional, hands-on Kurumba tribal art, providing a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of the region. The interaction with the tribal school provided valuable insights into the daily lives and educational practices of tribal communities.

Students also visited the Dolmens, observed megalithic tombs of the Kurumba tribes, and trekked through sacred groves, reflecting on ancient civilizations. They participated in a Cleanliness Drive to instill environmental stewardship and engaged in team-building activities like tent pitching and a treasure hunt. They also presented on compelling topics through enactments, enhancing their communication and leadership skills.

Students also visited a tea factory, where they closely observed the process of tea production, from plucking to processing. They learned about the intricacies of tea-making and the importance of sustainable practices in the industry.

Overall, the program fostered a deep appreciation for nature, indigenous cultures, and sustainable practices, leaving a lasting impact on their understanding of the world around them.

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