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## MIND & HABITS

Personal Growth | Good Habits | Digital Balance

### Habits – Boon or Bane?

Wordspire Journalist: Naisha Jariwala | Age 12

"We first make our habits, and then our habits make us," is a famous quote by John Dryden. Good habits are the development of our existence while bad habits are the bane of our mental infrastructure. Good Habits can be as addictive as bad habits, yet good habits still are rewarding. Motivation helps children develop habits as it is a fuel for our mind.

Good habits don't just include brushing your teeth and bathing on time; it includes being generous, selfless, empathetic and compassionate. If you are a bully, and are rather ill mannered, your friends circle won't last long. Wealth fade, castles crumble, but your positive behaviour is what people remember. Let's dive into how good habits not only influence how people think about you but how they also develop your character.

### My Mind Matters – My reflections on manners, politeness and focusing well

- 1. Start Your Day Positively:** Wake up on time, stretch, and drink water before touching your phone.

**Example:** Play your favourite song while brushing your teeth—it makes mornings more fun!

- 2. Stay Organized:** Keep track of homework, tests, and plans so you don't forget things.

**Example:** Use your phone calendar or write a to-do list—crossing things off feels great!

- 3. Be Kind and Respectful:** Think before you speak and treat others the way you want to be treated.

**Example:** If someone makes a mistake, don't laugh—help them out instead.

- 4. Take Breaks from Screens:** Give your eyes and brain a rest from phones or games.

**Example:** Go outside for 10 minutes or chat with family instead of scrolling endlessly

- 5. Have Enough Sleep:** We children must aim for 8 hours each night so we wake up fresh and energetic.

**Example:** Place your phone at a distance from your bed, and put it away 30 minutes before bed—it really helps you fall asleep faster! In fact, blue rays won't affect our minds!



## Being Mindful: Tech with Sense! – “Do’s & Don’ts” of Mobile Use

Telephones and other mobile devices are useful tools. They help us communicate and access information. However, they can harm us and others, if not used wisely! Let’s learn how we can make the most of our devices and avoid harm.



**Self-Action: What’s the one habit that I want to change this month?**

### The Child with Good Habits

<p>Always start a call with a pleasant greeting or by asking “Hope you are doing well.”</p> 	<p>Don’t speak loudly on the phone while others are trying to concentrate</p> 
 <p>Do not use phone during bedtime, instead read a book</p>	 <p>Listen carefully to instructions and remembers the important points</p>
<p>Don’t spend time on playing games or making prank calls instead learn something creative</p> 	<p>Do not use the device while having lunch or dinner with your family or friends</p> 
 <p>Do not text or use your phone while crossing the streets or walking on the road.</p>	 <p>Do not text or use your phone by using while listening or speaking but instead give people their full attention</p>

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Confidence | Leadership | Excellence

### Student Spotlight: Reese Miller — The Voice of Confidence and Conviction!

A huge round of applause to **Reese Miller**, who has made her school proud by securing **First Place** in the **City-Wide Debate Competition!** Her calm confidence, sharp research, and eloquent delivery captured the hearts of both the **judges** and the **audience** alike.

Reese’s journey reminds us that success is built on **preparation, perseverance, and passion**. She didn’t just speak to win — she spoke to inspire. Behind her victory were hours of research, teamwork, and the courage to tackle complex topics with clarity and grace. **What we can all learn from Reese:**

- **Find your voice:** Speak up for your ideas — your words have power.
- **Prepare deeply:** Knowledge builds confidence; research sharpens your mind.
- **Support one another:** Great achievers rise higher with teamwork and encouragement.
- **Stay respectful and focused:** Whether in class, online, or on stage, true strength lies in discipline and empathy.



This month, let’s channel Reese’s spirit — stay curious, stay confident, and keep striving for excellence.

# LEARNING LIGHTS

Curiosity | Discovery | Learning Beyond Class

## Science Facts

### Einstein's Theory That Changed Gravity Forever

Wordspire Journalist: Hriday Sheth (Mumbai) | Age: 13

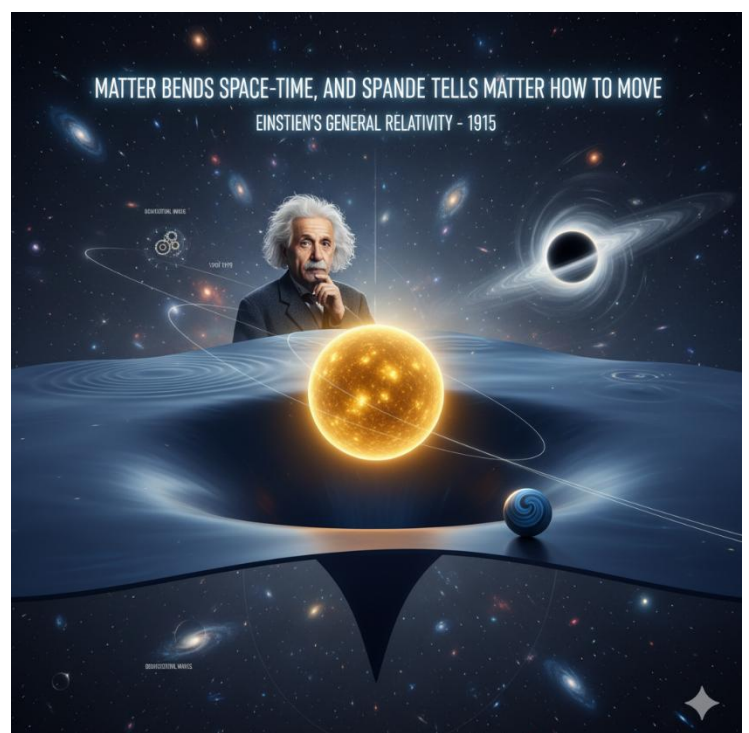
In 1915, Albert Einstein shook the world of science with an idea that turned gravity on its head. For centuries, Isaac Newton's picture of gravity as an invisible pulling force had guided our understanding of the universe. But Einstein revealed something far more surprising: gravity is not a force at all but the bending of space and time, woven together into a single fabric called **space-time**.

Imagine space-time as a giant elastic sheet stretched tight. Place a heavy ball, like a bowling ball, on the sheet and it will sink in, creating a curve. Roll a smaller ball across the sheet, and instead of moving in a straight line, it follows the curve made by the heavy ball. This simple image captures Einstein's vision: massive objects like planets and stars bend the fabric of space-time, and smaller objects move along the curves they create.

Einstein also made a bold prediction: even light, which has no mass, should follow these curves. In 1919, during a solar eclipse, scientists confirmed it. Starlight passing close to the Sun appeared bent, just as Einstein had said. Another of his predictions was even stranger—**time itself slows down near very massive objects**. This "gravitational time dilation" has been proven in experiments and is essential for everyday technology such as GPS satellites, which must adjust their clocks for relativity to keep navigation accurate.

The theory of general relativity does not stop there. It predicts the existence of black holes, regions where gravity is so intense that not even light can escape. It explains gravitational waves—ripples in space-time that were finally detected a century later in 2015. And on the largest scale, it provides the framework for understanding the expansion of the universe.

Einstein's elegant summary still holds today: **"Matter bends space-time, and space-time tells matter how to move."** More than a century later, his theory remains one of the greatest breakthroughs in science, reshaping both physics and our picture of the cosmos.



## The Future of Clean Nuclear Energy

Wordspire Journalist: Karthik Dhogi | Age: 14 | Mumbai

The world stands at a crossroads as the shadow of fossil fuels darkens our skies and warms our planet. The consequences of burning coal, oil, and gas—air thick with pollution, rising temperatures, and dwindling resources—have become impossible to ignore. Against this urgent backdrop, nuclear energy emerges not merely as a technical solution but as a beacon of hope, offering a path toward a cleaner, more sustainable future.

Unlike the intermittent breath of the wind or the fleeting touch of sunlight, nuclear power hums with steady, reliable energy—an invisible force that can light cities and fuel industries without casting a carbon footprint. The dawn of small modular reactors and next-generation designs promises to make this power safer, more flexible, and accessible, shrinking the scale of nuclear plants to fit new landscapes and needs. These advancements rekindle the promise of nuclear energy as an essential partner in the delicate dance of climate action, where it supports renewables by filling gaps and ensuring that the lights never dim.

However, the journey toward embracing nuclear energy is not without its hurdles. Questions linger about cost, waste, and safety, echoes of past fears and present challenges that must be met with innovation, transparency, and dialogue. Around the world, governments and scientists are weaving new safety measures and exploring ways to recycle nuclear waste, ensuring that each stride forward is grounded in responsibility.

As the call grows louder for cleaner air and a stable climate, nuclear energy offers more than just electricity—it presents an opportunity to reimagine how humanity powers progress. With thoughtful investment and open minds, it may well become a cornerstone of a world where energy is abundant, clean, and just, illuminating a future where both people and the planet can thrive.



# CELEBRATION OF DIWALI

Expression | Tradition | Remembrance

## Celebration of Diwali in Bandra

Wordspire Journalist: Aveer Chhajer | Age: 9 Years | Mumbai

The sun casted its golden rays across the landscape, painting the world in warmth and light, across Bandra. On that Diwali evening, after I reached my family's shop, I calmly had my cucumber and tomato sandwich. If there was another, I would have chosen a scrumptious tomato and potato sandwich! Yet that Diwali day, I was so famished, but after devouring those delicious sandwiches, my stomach was as happy as a lark.

After relaxing for a while, my family and I performed Diwali puja and 'aarti' of our Kuldevi Maha Buhalamataji (my family's Goddess). We prayed faithfully to our Chhajer family Goddess. After a while, we began to chant some Sanskrit shlokhas for health, wealth and prosperity. Later, a lotus flower was peacefully placed on water with fresh green mint leaves around the delicate flower.

When all the rituals were done, some of my family members including me, were preparing to burst vibrant firecrackers. Some colours were made in crimson red, sapphire blue, and others too. We stepped on to the road, I held my Dadu's (grandfather's) hand and....

BOOOOM!!! BAAANNNG!!! The firecrackers were circling the ground, and some were rocketing through the sky. Soon the crackers were finished, and it was time to return home. I waved to my family, 'Bye-Bye!' anxiously waiting to spend quality time again, with them next Diwali!



## The Enchanting Fireworks Display

Wordspire Journalist: Hania Doshi | Age: 8.5 Years | Mumbai

The fiery sunset painted the Diwali night sky in a kaleidoscope of fiery hues, as if the heavens themselves were ablaze of fireworks! The fireworks were sparkling in all different and vibrant colours. It was breathtaking by the way it is was exploding!

The different shapes were in colours of golden sparkles, amethyst purple and vanilla white to make the festival celebration more magical for me! The vibrant shapes of the fireworks made the whole festival mesmerizing!

If the festival only had food and some old songs, I would be so bored! Also, the celebration wouldn't have been enchanting without the fireworks. Diwali is magical because of my rocket fireworks!



## Diyas in Diwali

Wordspire Journalist: Rishika Paul | Age: 9 Years | Mumbai

One Saturday evening, I wanted to decorate the house with colourful diyas. I liked to decorate the diyas alongside the window frames and hang them against the walls. So, I convinced my mother about it. How I really liked the lights that looked like stars once we switched them on!

My mother agreed, so we drove to mall and brought two sets of diyas. We quickly rushed back home. Later we decorated the window frames with colourful diyas, that were pink and purple. It was really fun doing so!

I had fun by decorating the balcony with lanterns and diyas. We also had a party there. The menu included jalebis and chocolate ice-cream – my favourite! Then we blasted fire-crackers to end the night!



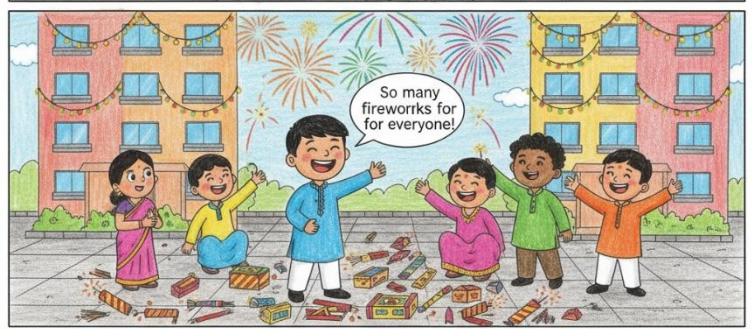
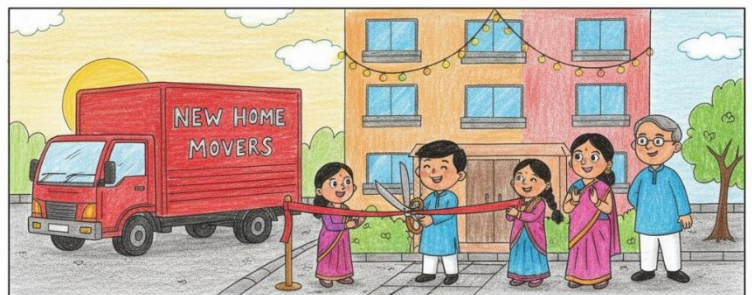
## Fun in my New Home during Diwali

Wordspire Journalist: Abhra Arekar | Age: 9 Years | Mumbai

As the truck came to a halt at the doorstep of my old building, that Diwali morning, I compromised on my sleep because of the ruckus. I had my family waiting eagerly for the arrival to unload the truck at my new building. At that same time, the truck banged the door shut, after off-loading into my new home. Soon family members arrived and were waiting to cut the ribbon to enter my new home.

As I cut the ribbon, I walked into my house as if it was my first time! It was incredible, but I returned to the ground floor and had some fun. My friends and I gathered all the fireworks. Ohhh trust me! There were a lot of firecrackers for everyone!

While my parents were unpacking in the new house, my friends and I were burning many fireworks as possible, at once! After a while, the crackers finished so I returned home, and helped my parents unbox items for my room! That was the end of the Diwali night for me!



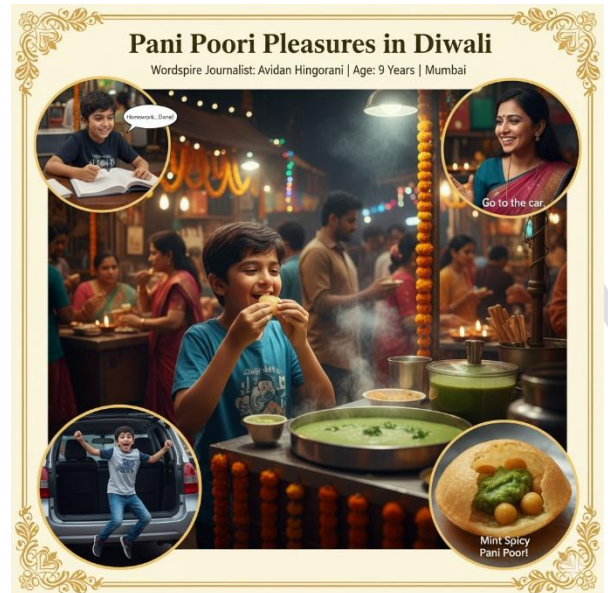
## Pani Poori Pleasures in Diwali

Wordspire Journalist: Avidan Hingorani | Age: 9 Years | Mumbai

Pani poori is a favourite dish for me, especially in Diwali. My friends, my family and I enjoy it because it is really yummy! So last Diwali, I asked my mum to go for pani poori. She replied that I should do my homework first, so I quickly did it, to eat scrumptious pani poori!

When mom noticed, that I finished my homework, she said go to the car. I quickly changed my clothes into my pants and t-shirt to eat pani poori! Then headed to the car.

When I entered the car, I became excited to eat pani poori! Then in no time, mum drove the car out of the building. Finally, we reached the pani poori stall. When I was given the pani poori, I had a bite of the spicy chutney! It burnt my tongue! Yet that mint spicy pani poori, made my pani poori a better Diwali snack than the regular food!



# THE DIVINE PRINCE OF AYODHYA

## The Sacred Beginning

The Indian calendar paints time with a different brush than the English one. Instead of *January, February, March*, it glides through lyrical names — *Posh, Phalgun, and Chaitra*.

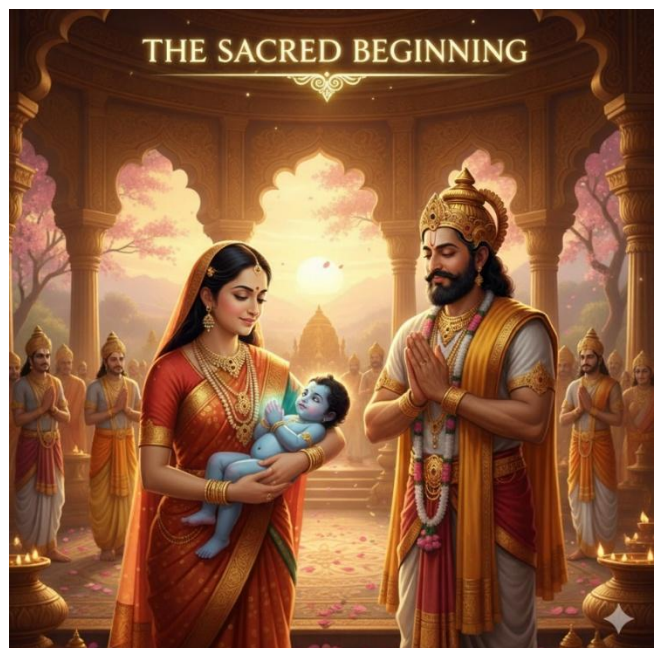
Among these, Chaitra, the season of golden sun and blossoming earth, holds a sacred hue — for on its ninth day, *Chaitra Sud Nom*, Bhagwan Ram was born — a divine flame of calmness and courage.

## A Birth that the World Cherished

In the radiant kingdom of Ayodhya, where palaces shimmered in golden light and the Sarayu River mirrored the azure skies. A King name Dasharatha and his Queen Kaushalya were blessed with a child whose presence glowed like the rising sun.

His name was Ram — a soul woven with blue serenity and golden righteousness. His laughter carried the warmth of amber light, and his eyes reflected the deep peace of twilight.

As a young prince, he nurtured his brothers — Bharat, Lakshman, and Shatrughna — with tenderness and crimson love. Together, they stood united, like threads of a Banarasi saree, bound by affection and faith. Just like a family stitched together with love never unravels.

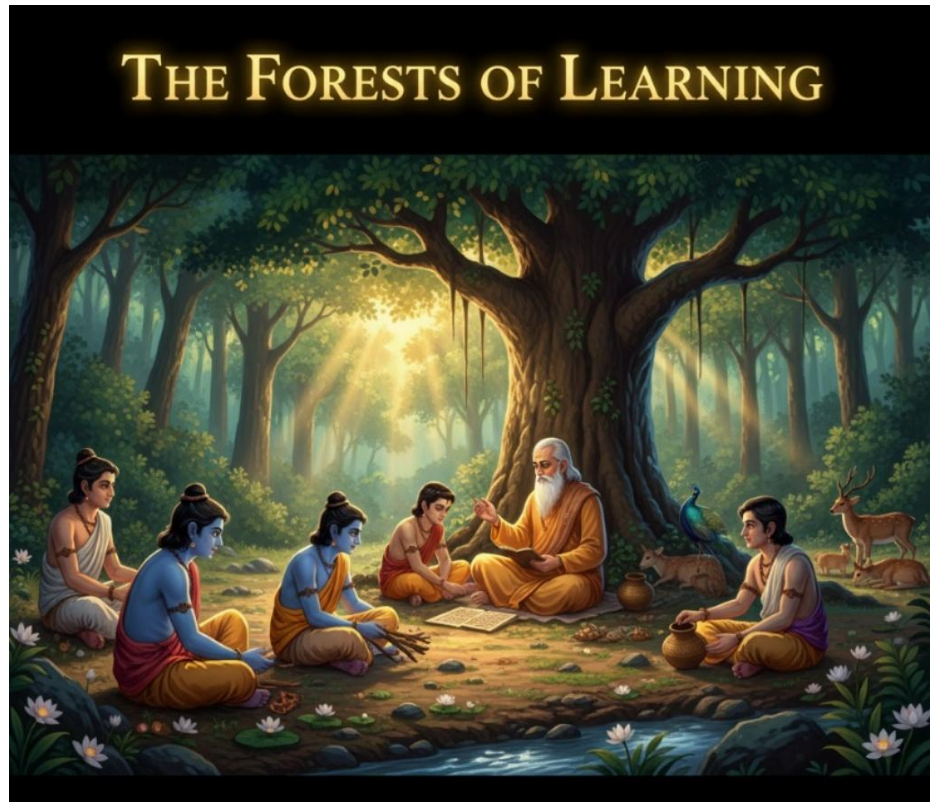


### **The Forests of Learning**

In those ancient days, knowledge was not confined to stone halls but breathed through emerald forests and sunlit clearings. Ram went to study at the hermitage of Guru Vasishta, a sanctuary where wisdom bloomed in the golden dust of dawn and the silver quiet of night.

Though a crown prince, Ram performed humble tasks — gathering wood, fetching water, and tending to animals. His humility shone brighter than any royal jewel.

Lord Ram wore humility like a garland of white lotuses. He believed that every drop of sweat adds colour to the canvas of character. Indeed, *“The taller the tree, the deeper its roots.”*



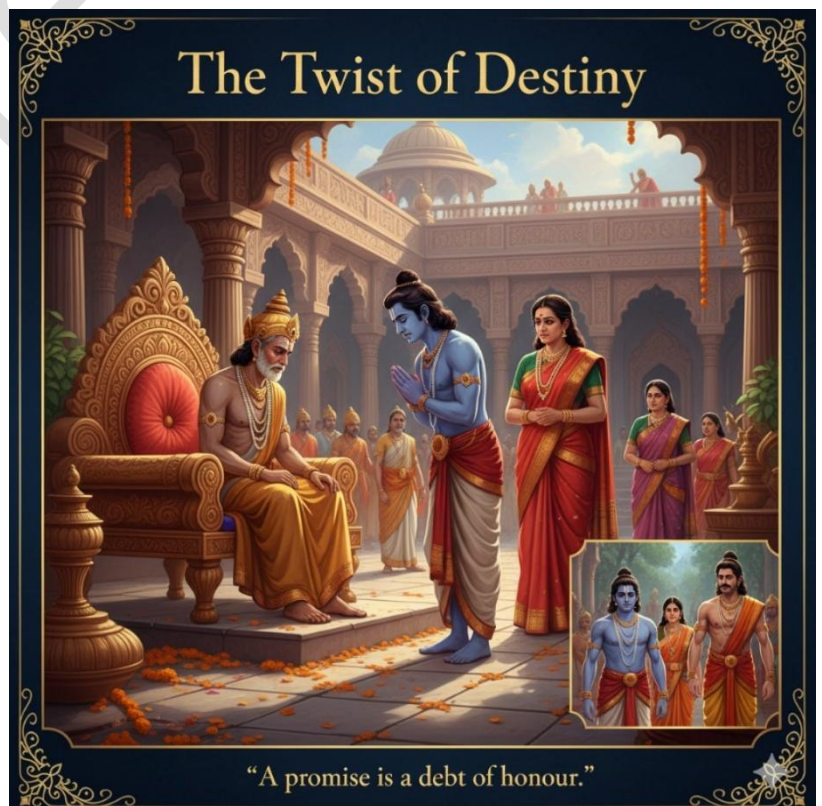
### **The Twist of Destiny**

As time ticked, Ayodhya prepared for Ram's coronation. The city was dressed in vermilion joy and sunlit banners, the air fragrant with marigolds and jasmine incense.

Unfortunately, in moments, fate draped in grey sorrow turned the city into sorrow, because of an old promise - King Dasharatha had to fulfil his promise to one of his wives (Kaykeyi) that Bharat can be the King of Ayodhya. So, he asked his beloved son to leave the kingdom and spend fourteen years in exile.

The throne of gold turned cold, yet Lord Ram's heart stayed warm with intention to resolve.

Lord Ram bowed before his father, his eyes calm as a blue lotus, and said: *“A promise is a debt of honour.”* Without bitterness, Ram ambled away — trading his palace for the forest, his silk robes for bark, and his crown for the halo of truth. Yet, Sita Mata and Lakshman followed Lord Ram.



### **The Journey of Exile**

Ram, Sita Mata, and Lakshman ventured into the emerald woods, where it felt that every leaf whispered prayers of courage. The forests glowed in shades of green hope and amber endurance.

When Ravana, the ten-headed king wrapped in arrogance, captured Sita Mata and imprisoned her in Ashoka Van, the world fell into gloom. Yet, Ram's faith remained like an eternal flame, glowing radiantly and steady in the dark.

Along the way, Lord Ram was joined by noble allies — Jatayu, the valiant vulture who sacrificed his life to save Sita Mata; Sugriv, the monkey king; Angad, the fearless warrior; and Jamvant, the wise bear.

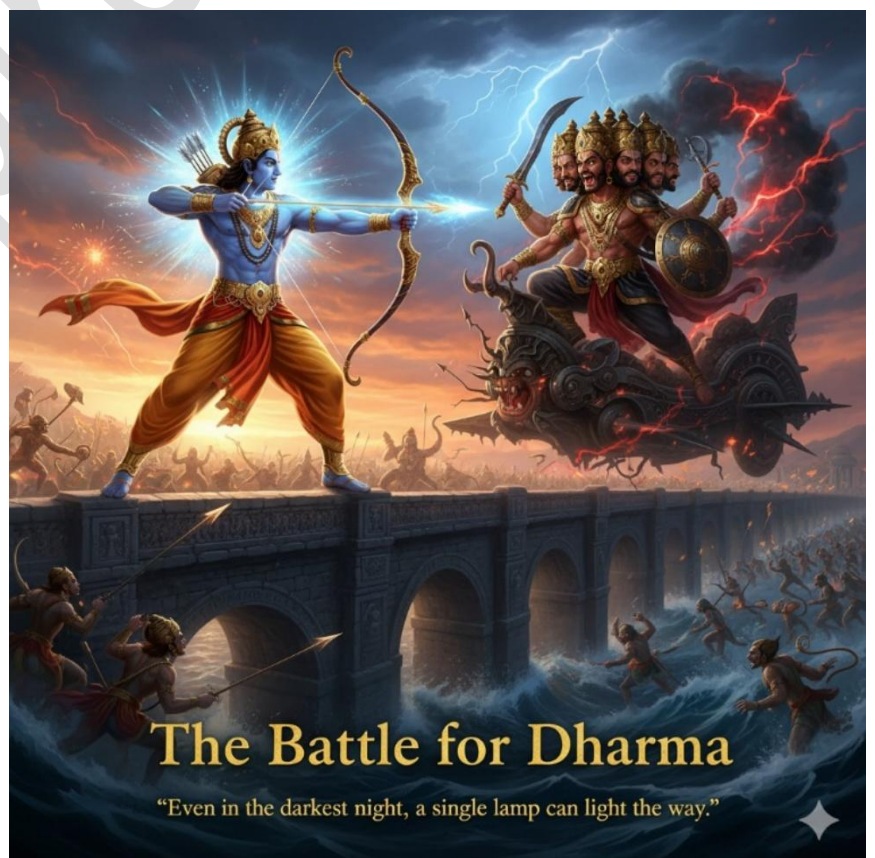
Yet, above them all soared Hanuman Bhagwan, whose devotion burned brighter than fire itself. With a leap of faith that defied the seas, Hanuman crossed the indigo and sapphire blue ocean, discovered Sita Mata in Lanka, and set the city ablaze — not in vengeance, but in the name of justice and respect.

### **The Battle for Dharma**

A mighty battle between Lord Ram and Ravana — good against evil, truth against falsehood. The sky shook with arrows that gleamed like lightning, and the ground trembled beneath the warriors.

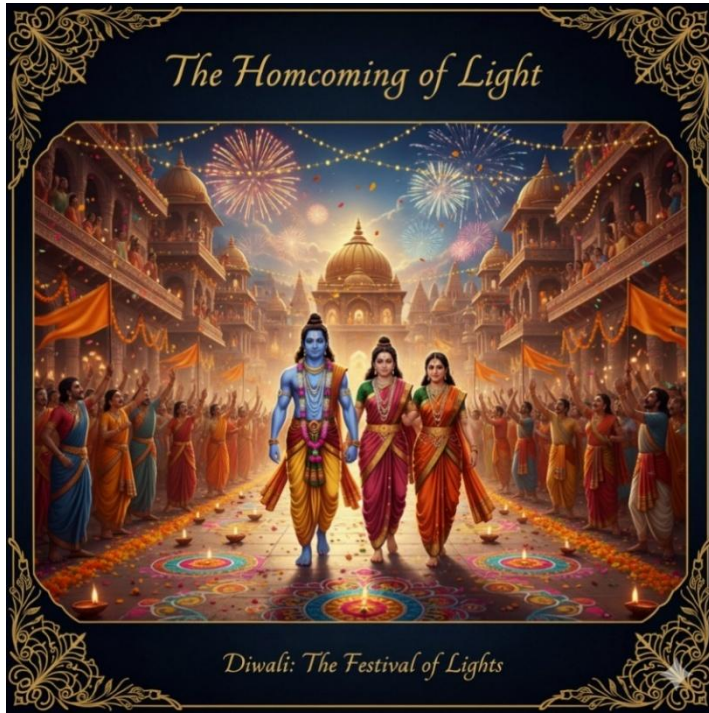
In the end, Ravana was defeated, and truth triumphed once again. As the saying goes, *“Even in the darkest night, a single lamp can light the way.”*

Ram was that lamp — a shining example of courage and faith.



### The Homecoming of Light

After fourteen years, Lord Ram, Sita Mata, and Lakshman returned to Ayodhya. The people rejoiced with all their hearts!



Ayodhya's people painted the city and their homes in colours of devotion — saffron for faith, yellow for joy, gold for victory, and white for peace. They lit thousands of diyas, decorated their homes with rangolis, and sang songs of joy.

That night became Diwali — the **Festival of Lights** — celebrating the victory of good over evil, light over darkness, and hope over despair.

### The Eternal Reign

When Lord Ram ascended the throne, his kingdom bloomed in prosperity and justice.

His reign — *Ram Rajya* — became the rainbow of virtues: peace, fairness, honesty, and compassion.



## Festival Focus – Why We Celebrate Diwali

Lord Ram’s story still shines through ages — reminding us that:

🌸 *Humility is white — pure and quiet.*

🌿 *Compassion is green — ever-growing.*

💛 *Wisdom is gold — precious and enduring.*

🔥 *Courage is saffron — bold and radiant.*

💙 *Truth is blue — infinite and still.*

Even today, when a Diwali lamp flickers, it whispers softly — **“The colours of Ram’s light still live within us.”**



**What changes can I bring to my life to follow the path of Lord Ram?**

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# FUN & DISCOVERY ZONE

Curiosity | Play | Joy in Learning

## Brain Buzz: Spot 12 Differences



### Fun with Colours

It is said, 'Self-study is the Key to Success'. This means we must spend quality time completing our homework and reading books. Colour the image below and think about which memory skills can be used in study time, for example, colourful mind maps, coloured notes, or perhaps various colour pencils.



**Write 2 ideas that can help you study to remember your notes.**

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# WORLD OF WORDS

Global Thinking | Expression | Awareness

## Travel Tales

### A Memorable Meal & Stay at Taj Hotel Palace

Wordspire Journalist: Vedant Bansdawala (Mumbai) | Age: 20

The wind was breezing calmly on an autumn morning when I had the pleasure of visiting the great Taj Hotel Palace, for a writer's review assignment. Filled with enthusiasm I was carrying a mile-length smile. As I stepped out of my car, and entered the 5 Star Hotel, it radiated with grandeur. The gentleman at the entrance gave me a warm Indian traditional welcome, "Namaste." With a smile and a polite gratitude, I said, "Thank you".

Stepping into the foyer of Taj Palace, the atmosphere was radiating with massive colossal Indian artists paintings. I imagined those paintings definitely added to India's treasures sealed within a canvas, hanging on magnificent sturdy walls. Soon, a bellhop served refreshing sweet peach juice, as I was confirming my accommodation details. After registration, being ushered to my upgraded super deluxe room explained the professionalism of the hotel. The room was certainly spic and span with the luxury amenities, and a large bath tub too!

By evening, I exercised in the gym, had a sauna, and then finally dipped into the swimming pool — it was just like heaven on earth, which soon gave me hunger pangs. So, after a warm bath, it was time to taste the lavish Indian and continental buffet prepared by Taj's masterchefs. As the hotel guests, including me, enjoyed the meals. Some opted for vegetarian dishes like paneer, veg Kolhapuri, pastas, pizzas, Navratna korma, and Italian rice. Or some guests indulged in non-vegetarian dishes such as chicken pieces, the fish, the prawns, the lobster. People were certainly relishing each morsel.

While the buffet was in full swing, guests hummed to the songs of an experienced musician singing melodious olden songs like Kishore Kumar, while eating. I realized that quite a few songs have been ever-green in the guests' hearts, with love and utmost respect for Kishore Kumar and the singer. Later, when my belly was stuffed with a wholesome meal, it was time to fall into a sweet slumber in my cozy room.

The next day was time to check-out from the Taj Palace hotel. So, with utmost respect and gratitude, I bid farewell to the concierge and all the staff.



## A Memorable 10 Day Trip to Japan

Wordspire Journalist: Rivansh Kothari | Age 11 | Mumbai

### Tokyo:- 4 Days

The Cherry Blossoms fell on the roadside creating a masterpiece as it was a holiday trip to Japan with my family. It was evening as the clouds took over and covered the sun revealing its pleasant climate. Being in Tokyo with my family was a new experience for me. People brushed through us as we crossed the world's biggest crossing, *The Shibuya Crossing*. The drift cars glided through the road like butter.

### Tokyo: 4 Days



### Osaka: 3 Days



### Osaka:- 3 Days

Osaka is like the shopping hub of Japan. Here you can purchase all of your designers, even limited-edition pairs of sneakers. There are multiple vegan eateries here for vegetarians. The traditional food, especially sushi and other seafood, is just scumdidlyumptious! If you come to Japan, this place is worth a shot to visit.

### Kyoto:- 2 Days

Kyoto doesn't serve a wide range of shopping but it's the perfect place for someone who loves nature. Kyoto is a well-known place just for its tradition and nature. This place is filled with temples and shrines. This city may not be as futuristic as Tokyo or Osaka but is extremely memorable.

### Kyoto: 2 Days



### Hakone: 2 Days



### Hakone:- 2 Days

This place is also like Kyoto but a bit different. This place feels unreal. It has a huge sea in front of it and many islands. The most popular Island among them is Hakonemachi Island. There's a huge Tori gate in front of the island. You can see Mt. Fuji from Hakone by taking a ropeway. It is also an available option for someone who loves nature.

To conclude, every place has its own nature and beauty and is filled with unique kinds of traditions, healthy food and Japanese people. These three characteristics only make a country with a high economic status like Japan to be attracted by tourists from across the globe!

**Conversation between Interviewer & Student – “Does AI Benefit You & How?”****Wordspire Journalist: Heer Shah | Age: 13 Years | Mumbai**

Today, we have a student, named Atharv Sharma, who aspires to build a career in Artificial Intelligence. The interview will be conducted between an AI specialist, Mr. Rahul Mehta and Atharva.

**Interviewer:** Welcome Mr. Atharv Sharma and Mr. Rahul! We are obliged to have you here with us. So, let's begin, 'What is AI?'

**Mr. Rahul Mehta:** AI is the simulation of artificial intelligence by machines, especially computer systems. The impact of AI largely depends on people's mindset and how they choose to use it.

**Interviewer:** So, is it a boon or bane for students?

**Atharv:** Of course it is a boon! AI enables some students for exams while others continue to struggle honestly and so do the students burning the midnight oil for their exams.

**Interviewer:** So, it is a boon in your life?

**Atharv:** Well, it certainly leads me to elevate myself to new heights, and complete my research for homework faster.

**Mr. Rahul Mehta:** So Atharva, you are actually saying that teachers should allow students to write their essays with the help of Artificial Intelligence?

**Atharv:** Absolutely!

*(The crowd burst into laughter)*

**Interviewer:** That is certainly a debatable topic, but I am sure Mr. Rahul has a different perspective?

**Mr. Rahul Mehta:** Absolutely! I do have a different point of view, especially as I strongly disagree for students' homework essays!

**Atharva:** Why, would you really think that???

**Mr. Rahul Mehta:** Atharva, have you noticed, that your teachers give homework to test your concepts, and exams to test your knowledge, creativity and understanding. Teachers don't test you about, 'How to cheat using Google, Gemini or ChatGPT, do they?'








































**Atharv:** No, but why can't students have a little help?

**Mr. Rahul Mehta:** Simple answer to your question. Today's youth is purely dependent on AI platforms! I would rather you use AI as per the chart created listed below!

**Interviewer:** For sure, the chart is really comprehensive!

**Atharv:** This **'AI Tools for Student Chart'** will help in academic challenges.

# AI Tools for Students

Bloom's Revised Taxonomy	Webb's Depth of Knowledge (DOK)	What It Involves	AI Tools
 <b>Remember</b>	Level 1: Recall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repeat facts and definitions</li> <li>List terms or items</li> <li>Carry out basic procedures</li> </ul>	   Quizlet Wayground Padlet    QuizGPT Kahoot RemNote
 <b>Understand</b>	Level 2: Skills & Concepts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare and summarize ideas</li> <li>Organize or categorize information</li> <li>Explain cause-and-effect</li> <li>Make simple predictions</li> </ul>	   Notion ChatGPT Claude    Gemini Latimer AI Perplexity
 <b>Apply</b>	Level 3: Strategic Thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solve unfamiliar problems</li> <li>Support answers with evidence</li> <li>Design investigations</li> <li>Reason through alternatives</li> </ul>	   NotebookLM ChatGPT Ideogram    MirrorTalk Claude Elicit
 <b>Analyze</b>	Level 4: Extended Thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Combine knowledge from multiple areas</li> <li>Conduct long-term projects</li> <li>Transfer solutions across contexts</li> </ul>	   NotebookLM Elicit SciSpace    Scholarcy Jenni DocAnalyzer
 <b>Create</b>	Level 4: Extended Thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put parts together in new ways</li> <li>Generate original ideas or products</li> <li>Combine skills to design innovative solutions</li> </ul>	   Curipod Gamma FigJam    Litmaps Otter Otio AI
 <b>Evaluate</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make judgments or decisions</li> <li>Critique ideas or products</li> <li>Use evidence and criteria for reasoning</li> </ul>	   Canva Pictory Elevenlabs

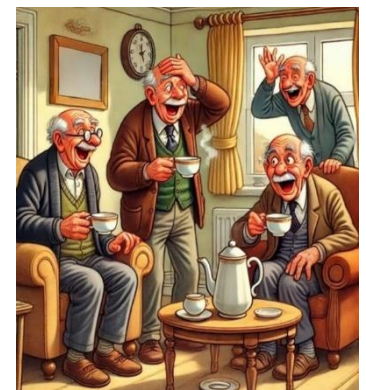
## JOY & REFLECTION

Humour | Connection | Celebration

### A Humorous Story: John and the Tea

An old man named John, who suffered from Alzheimer's, invited two of his old-aged friends over—both of whom were also battling the same memory loss illness. They entered John's house, exchanged warm greetings, and laughter soon filled the room. John said, "Let me make us some tea," and off he went to prepare it. Soon, they drank the tea cheerfully.

A short while later, John asked, "Shall I make us some tea?" His friends replied, "Yes, please do," and once again, John brought all of them tea. As the conversation flowed, John suddenly exclaimed, "Good heavens! We've been talking for an hour and I completely forgot to make us some tea!" So, for the third time, he went and brought more tea, and they drank it without complaining.



At the end of the evening, the two friends stepped out of the house. One said to the other, “Can you believe we spent the whole evening at John’s and he didn’t serve us a single cup of tea?”

The other friend replied, “John? Wait—did we even visit John today?”

At that very moment, John peeked out from his window and called out, “Shame on both of you—walking past my house and not even stopping in for a cup of tea with me?”

So, the two friends turned around... and went back inside—to have some tea!

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### Expert Talk: Better “Oops” than “What If” – by DigitalvTalks

I’ll take you into a little flashback. It was in the year 2000, a baby girl named Rakshita Singh was born in Jind, Haryana, a small town in India. She was born into a family, where most of her kin were in the technical or engineering field. She studied in the native Indian language. Since she hailed from a family of engineers, the only option for her and was taken for granted was, to get into the same field. It was like a default career in the family. However, hey, no, this wasn’t meant to be.

Watching the web series titled “Doctor”, gave Rakshita a perspective into a new and different world than what she knew and was surrounded by. Now this young teenager had made up her mind as to what career options she wanted to explore. This decision was initially opposed by her parents. Although Rakshita never gave up on her goals. After studying science for one year, with continuous persistence, her dad allowed her to follow her pursuit.

Yet, the path didn’t seem easy. Even after tremendous effort, unfortunately the first attempt was unsuccessful. Rakshita managed to score approx. 291 / 720. This was a major disturbance. She was trolled and ridiculed by her friends and family. She wept, as she hadn’t experienced failure, but the determined girl didn’t give up. This incident made her stronger and she resolved to push herself even more. In the second attempt of the entrance examination, she scored 590. Rakshita was ecstatic and felt like on top of the world. Half her battles were won.

Her three tips for cracking any exams:

1. Be consistent
2. Go beyond book knowledge
3. Prep Time for any examination.

Rakshita also had a passion for teaching, ever since she was a young girl. Her love for teaching, led her to register as an educator in Unacademy, where she was rejected.

Soon, Rakshita finally decided to start her own YouTube channel on education. She uploaded strategies and tutorial videos related to NEET & JEE exams, much to the dissatisfaction of her father. Yet, 11,000 people subscribed to her channel. Seeing her popularity, Rakshita received an offer from Unacademy - this was a proud moment for her parents. She taught in Unacademy and continued uploading her videos on her channel.

Rakshita kept herself busy and stayed focused on working hard. She ignored the dark side of social media. She was shattered when her channel with 100K subscribers was hacked. She lost her entire subscriber family, but on 29th April 2021, she started her second channel that has 200+ subscribers.

Now, Rakshita is educating thousands of students through her YouTube channel where she has managed the Silver Play Button. She is one of India’s Youngest Educators with a following of 40,000+ students on **Unacademy**, earning a six-figure salary at the age of 23 and managing her own bills. She cracked **NEET** in 2019 and is pursuing **MBBS** from a Government College.

Rakshita believes and quotes that, “Every person has a unique talent. Identify and explore it. Face the problems and overcome them. People will not accept you when you are growing. Yet those who accept you, start bonding with them. The new circle of influencers around you will help you change for the better. Most importantly, respect your parents. They are going to be the miracle generators in your life”. Her final message to every student is, “Better ‘Oops’ than ‘What If’”.

## Expert Talk: Career Corner – by MetierHunt

### Why Career Counseling Matters: Empowering Students to Choose the Right Path

Choosing a career is one of the most important decisions a student will ever make. Without guidance, many follow what others do instead of discovering what truly fits them. Too often, students end up in fields they don’t enjoy, later feeling stuck or unfulfilled. The problem isn’t ability — it’s awareness.

In India, **93% of students aged 14–21 know only seven career options**, while there are **over 250 paths waiting to be explored**. Career counseling opens that world, helping students connect their strengths and passions to meaningful opportunities.

Every child is unique, yet many talents remain hidden under pressure or comparison. Career counseling brings these to light through **psychometric assessments and guided conversations**, helping students understand what excites them and where their true potential lies.

This awareness forms the basis of a **personalized roadmap** — guiding students to choose the right board, stream, subjects, entrance exams, and higher education aligned with their strengths. So, starting early, around **Grade 8 or 9**, gives learning direction and purpose. Students no longer study just to score well — they study to **grow into the person they’re meant to become**. *“The earlier you start, the farther you go.”*

According to a **Gallup Global Survey**, only **15% of people worldwide feel truly passionate and engaged at work**, while the rest are merely going through the motions. This often begins in school, when students make subject or career choices without understanding themselves. Career counseling helps them discover their strengths and passions early.

When you **do what you love**, you naturally **excel at your work**. Excellence brings recognition, opportunities, and financial rewards. When choices align with who you are, success becomes a **natural outcome of joy, clarity, and purpose**.

When **passion and purpose meet**, a career becomes more than a decision — it becomes a **journey of meaning, achievement, and prosperity**.

At **MetierHunt**, we help students and parents uncover strengths, explore diverse career paths, and build **personalized roadmaps** for meaningful futures.

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# WORDSPIRE ACADEMY

Where Words Take Flight

## About Wordspire Academy

At **Wordspire Academy (WA)**, we believe that words have the power to inspire, influence, and transform lives. We are an educational institute dedicated to nurturing **children** (Grades 1–10) in **creative writing, academic English, reading mastery, and public speaking**. Also, we help **adults** in **Business English + Communication Skills**.

Our programs are designed not just for classroom learning but for **real-world application**—helping students and adults publish their work globally on **Substack** and through our annual **Amazon book launch** through **Wordspire Publishing House**. Every learner at Wordspire Academy graduates with a **professional writing portfolio**, gaining recognition as a writer and communicator.

With expert educators, international exposure, and personalized mentoring, Wordspire Academy helps learners, **“Write Words Wonderfully”** while building writing and life skills, that last a lifetime.

## Leadership Team

### Founder: Sunita Bansdawala

With 12+ years of teaching experience, Sunita has mentored students across India, the USA, Europe, Canada, Singapore, the UAE, and Malaysia in **Creative Writing and Cambridge IGCSE English (FLE & ESL)**. She holds certifications as an **NLP Practitioner, Experiential Learning Facilitator**, and an **International Diploma in Educational Management & Special Education**.

**Her mission:** to help learners **write with clarity, speak with confidence, and succeed globally**.

### Sunita Bansdawala's Highlights:

- Founder of Wordspire Academy
- Certified University of Cambridge English Educator (FLE & ESL)
- Certified International English Coach from Asian College of Teachers
- Published Author
- Certified NLP Practitioner
- Experiential Learning Facilitator
- Ex-United Nations Executive

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Riddhi Jani blends her passion for teaching with her love for writing, inspiring students to think creatively and communicate confidently. With qualifications in **Commerce, Montessori Education, Business Management, and Creative Writing**, she brings a multidisciplinary approach to learning.

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**Her mission:** to nurture **curious, independent, and expressive learners** ready to thrive globally.

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- Certified Creative Writing Teacher
- Montessori certification in Early Childhood Care and Education
- Experiential Learning Facilitator
- Poet Master

## Core Team

### Web Content & Substack Manager | Author: Maanya Shah

A **high-achieving IGCSE student turned Manager**, Maanya combines academic excellence with a passion for **creative writing and digital storytelling**. As **Website Planner and Writers Operations Manager** at Wordspire Academy, she leads content initiatives, manages writing teams, and drives strategy with precision and creativity. With strong global perspectives and a deep curiosity about human behaviour, she is preparing to pursue advanced studies in **psychology**, while continuing to grow as a writer, leader, and innovator.

### Social Media Manager | Author: Tanvi Vaya

At just 16, Tanvi is an aspiring author and storyteller with a passion for **creativity, research, and global perspectives**. Her writing—spanning fiction and reflective essays—blends imagination with real-world insight, sparking curiosity and connection. This helps her **posts and reels reach national and global audiences**. She has insights to be the Social Media Manager at Wordspire Academy. Beyond writing, Tanvi has explored **marketing, digital strategy, and operations coordination**, bringing ideas to life with creativity and precision. While preparing to study **engineering at NMIMS**, she envisions a future where **innovation, storytelling, and human insight** intersect to create meaningful impact.

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