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Wings

of

Wonder

THE WORLD OF
— TREES —

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≡ BANYAN TREE ≡



Harsheen was walking on her way
back from school;

Tired and exhausted she lay
under a tree to get some cool

With her eyes closed;
She rested like a cute little rose



Suddenly from around she heard a voice;

'O! Little Harsheen, hope
you are resting in poise'

Scared and terrified she looked around;
Not seeing anyone she wondered
from where came the sound



Don't he scared little girl! I want to be your friend'
said the voice so soft and thin;

With this few leaves danced and
the branches began to grin

Harsheen looked up
in amaze;
And saw the tree
smiling at her in gaze

The tree was speaking;
And she was listening



I am the Banyan Tree';
'And I have been here and evergreen for centuries'

'I am also called the **National tree of India**;
'And am home to many birds and animals
that you read about in encyclopedia '



The little girl finally relaxed a bit;
While continuing staring
at the tree in grit

Finally she spoke 'O Dear tree! How can
I be your friend';

'I know nothing about you other than that
you have leaves and branches that bend '



The tree spoke 'I live in tropical environment
and warm temperatures';
My leaves provide lot of oxygen in the day
'and for humans it's a thankful gesture'
'I am known to be one of the largest
oxygen provider among my clan';
'And a gift of breath is what humans thank '

'I am known to be one with several feet';
'As I have lots of aerial roots that spread beneath



My leaves and branches are used
to cure various diseases';
'Something I am happy to help and to me it pleases '

Harsheen looked in awe;

And said 'o! Dear tree how can your trees
and branches be a cure that look so raw'

The tree sighed and said
'my aerial roots make teeth stronger';
'It has anti-bacterial properties that
cures oral problems'



'My bark is an immune boosting agent';
'And my small budding leaves soaked in water helps
treating tummy problems and is an astringent '



'My sap has anti-inflammatory properties';
'And making infusion of my roots
help treating Diabetes'

'These are just a few to name,
dear Harsheen';

'If you be my friend, you can use
my leaves and branches and
also sleep under me and dream'



Harsheen smiled and said
'thank you! My dear tree';
'For your help all of us selflessly'

'I will come and visit you every day';
'Will water you and talk to you under your shade'



You are my dearest friend';
'And with you an hour daily
I will spend'

Harsheen hugged the tree
with a grin;
And the leaves and branches
smiled and danced in spin

≡ MANGO TREE ≡



Summer holidays were about to start;
Little Dakshan was packing for his
grandma's house with full heart

Excited he was
to meet his grandparents;
Packed and ready with
two beautiful presents

As soon as the holidays begun;
He knew it was time for some fun

Next day he left for his grandma's house;
And upon reaching he sat tired
on the couch

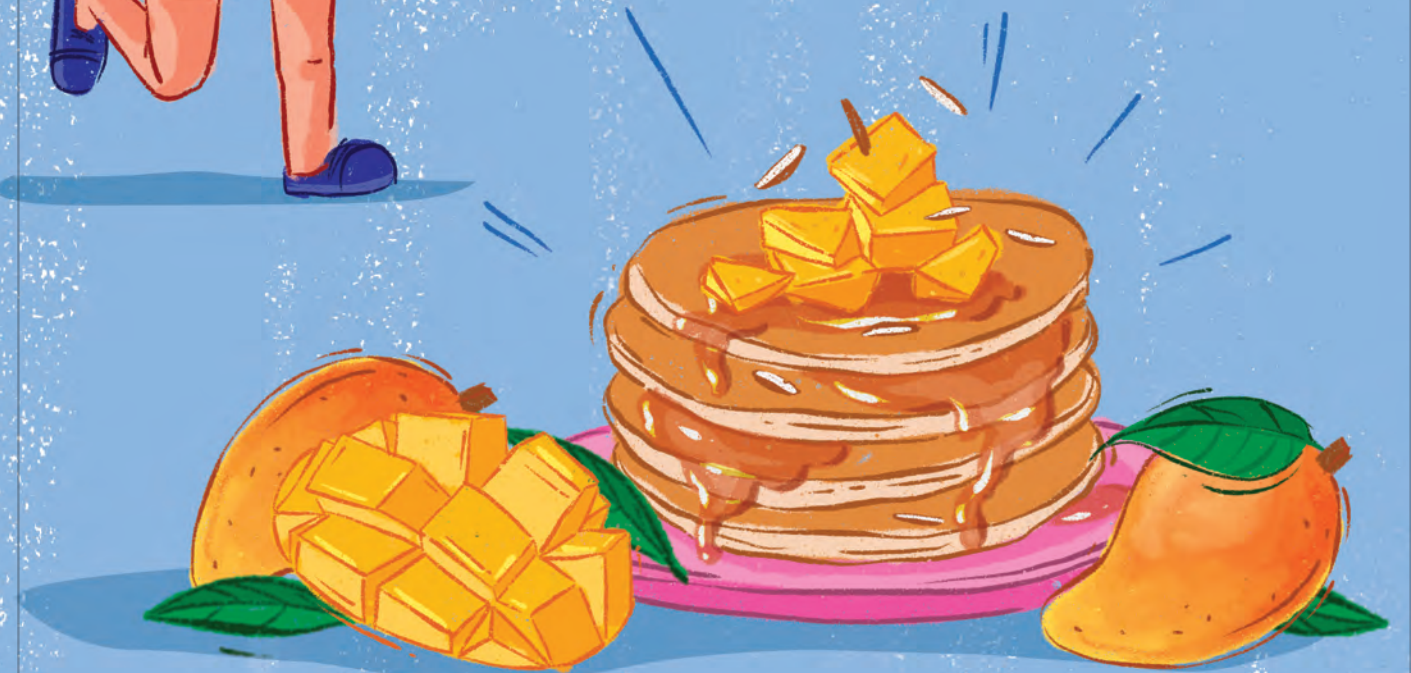
His grandfather hugged him
and gave him his favourite drink;
'Come on little champ this will
refresh you' he said with a grin



A big smile appeared on Dakshan's face;
As he enjoyed the surreal mango taste

'The best milkshake we get
at grandma's house' he said with joy;
His grandmother hugged him and said
"you're most welcome my boy"

After shower and a little nap;
This little boy then demanded an evening snack



He relished some delicious fluffy pancakes;
And topped it with honey, mango and almond flakes

Mango is my favourite fruit;
Can I have it even when I come during
Christmas break with all the other delicious food?'



Spoke Dakshan excitedly;
And upon hearing him
the grandparents
started laughing softly



'Oh my dear boy! Every fruit and vegetable grows in its season
And it's only then that it must be eaten
Mango tree, my boy, produces the king of all fruits
But its fruit only grows in summers and provides us a cool

While you enjoy the fruit and its sweetness;
Let's not forget to thank the tree for
its branches, sap, gum, leaves and its prettiness'

As grandfather spoke, he looked out of the window;
Seeing the sun setting in the sky, he switched on
the lights and sat on the sofa with printed flamingoes

Restless Dakshan, ran
towards his grandfather;

And said "please
tell me more
about the tree and
the benefits
that it offers".



Grandfather sighed and said 'My little boy, the tree
and the fruit both have a lot of Benefits';
Upon hearing this, his eyes sparkled and smile changed into a grin



The fruit is called the king of all fruits;

As it's sweet yet full of iron, vitamin C which gives us an immunity boost



It helps improve eyesight, keeps heart healthy and improves digestion;



As it has lots of folate, vitamins, zinc, carotenoids, selenium



The tree's leaves also has a lot of uses; As having a boiled mango leaf tea helps to cure lot of diseases

The bark, the gum, the sap and the seed; Are also used by doctors at time of illness and they help to treat



Little Dakshan listened quietly in full attention; While sitting on his grandfather's lap with full compassion



Dakshan made a nice greeting card; To thank the tree and its bark

Dinner is ready a voice 'came from behind; And the petite grandmother got some pulses and rice

While Dakshan enjoyed his dinner; He showed his grandparents his card that shimmered



Post dinner, Grandmother said in soft voice 'Oh! My dear little cutie; Get to bed and sleep well as tomorrow we have a kids' party'



Dakshan slept with eyes closed; Dreaming of plucking mangoes and eating the ones that he chose.

NEEM TREE



In a small village far away from Delhi
Lived a little boy 'Shyam'
with a big belly

Climbing trees and plucking fruits
He was a naughty yet innocent and cute

One evening while playing in the backyard
He came across a little plant

He sat down and started
admiring its leaves
So thick, pointed
and completely green

The lush green leaves
moved with the wind
Swirling and dancing like
a sweet little dolphin



He hadn't seen this kind of plant before
Thus his thoughts were all allure
Excitedly he called out to his mother
And even his younger brother



Come quick mummy please don't delay
I have seen a special plant today

Ram and his mother ran outside
On hearing Shyam's excited voice

Upon seeing the plant
His mother hugged her sons and laughed

My dear boys this is called the Neem
Over dinner I will tell you all about its leaves, branches and seeds





Ram and Shyam ran inside
and sat on the floor quietly

Waiting for their dinner
to be served in pots
that were earthy

Mother we are waiting for you to tell us about neem tree
Said Ram in a voice full of plea

'how do you both brush your teeth?'
Asked the mother while pouring some ghee

Shyam replied 'with a twig of a tree'
to which the mother said that
'that's the twig of the neem tree

The twig and bark prevents plaque
and helps fight mouth germs

In turn keeping your mouth
fresh and firm



My dear sons, neem tree is vastly grown in India
In English it's called Azadirachta Indica

The neem leaves has anti-bacterial properties
And helps to cure lot of skin problems,
burns and infections with ease

Neem oil is extracted from seeds

Helping me make the soap from
which you bath and become clean



Shyam when you went out
in the evening today

I put some neem oil on the
arms to keep the mosquito away

White and delicate are its flowers
The look so pretty and blossom in the afternoon and evening hour

I have sprinkled some flower in the vegetable today
It's good for your tummy and your occasional headaches



The flower have a sweet scent at night
You can smell it once your plant grows
and blossoms to its full height'

Both boys listened carefully

As their mother explained the uses of the neem tree

Now boys if you are done with the dinner
Help me clean the plates and the kitchen'

Said the mother softly
To which both the boys nodded and got up swiftly



After cleaning the kitchen and getting to bed
The brothers talked to each other with wandering heads

Ram, Mother Nature is so beautiful

Its every creation
has some use'

Said Shyam slowly

To which Ram listened quietly



THANK YOU!

'Ram before we sleep

let's thank mother nature
For everything it gives us for free

Every tree will have some benefit
Will ask mother tomorrow about it in good spirit

Let's pledge to plant a tree every month
So that when we become old, we can
use it upfront



Also they look so green
and lush
Such is the beauty of
the mother nature's plush'



After speaking, Shyam rubbed his head
Ram softly hugged him and said

'I promise you, we will take care of our trees and plant more
Together we will make this world grow'

GUIDELINES FOR TEACHERS/PARENTS:

The concept of the author is to write rhyming stories for children, as it helps them learn English in a fun way. Every rhyming story helps the child focus on the important values and habits that must be inculcated in them.

Through the rhyming stories of this book, the students will get to know advantages of various trees discussed in the book.

BANYAN TREE

Interesting facts about the Banyan Tree and its uses are discussed. Along with this, the author has focused on the importance of being thankful to Mother Nature.

Line 1-2: informs the reader that trees are the most natural way of getting shelter from the sun. In olden times there when there were no fans, travelers used to rest under the tree

Line 15 -16: informs that this tree has a very long life which on an average is around 200-300 years

Line 17-18: states that it is the national tree of the

India and home to many birds like crows sparrows, cuckoos

Line 23-30: talks about the various facts like it grows in tropical environment, has aerial roots, provides oxygen and cures diseases

Line 33-38: discusses the properties of its roots, sap, leaves, bark and buds

Line 41-48: talks about gratitude that a human being should have for Mother Nature. Understanding the importance of trees in our lives and being thankful for it

NEEM TREE

The advantages of the neem tree are discussed. Along with this, the author has focused on the importance of being responsible children and helping your parents in daily chores the author has also focused on the need to plant more trees for the future generation and take care of Mother Nature.

Lines 1-8: discusses about the life of a village boy. Even though it's simple and without gadgets yet full of happiness and satisfaction

Line 23-26: shows the discipline of the children and how they listened to their mother and sat for dinner

Lines 29-48: talks about the benefits of neem tree

Lines 51-52: emphasizes on the importance of children helping their mother in household chores and being responsible for their activities

Lines 57-58: tells that Mother Nature nurtures us free of cost

Line 65-72: discusses about importance of planting more trees and taking care of them for the future generations

MANGO TREE

The advantages of eating the mango fruit in different forms as well as the other uses of the mango tree are discussed. Along with this, the author has focused on the importance of having gratitude in life and being caring towards elders.

The first 6 lines explain the excitement of holidays that a child feels which reflects love, respect and sentiments to meet his/her family

The 3rd and the 4th line: focuses on the importance of being caring and loving towards the elders. All children love getting presents but they should also learn how to give them

Line 19-20: where the child asks indirectly if the fruit is produced all year round to which the answer is in the next few lines

Line 23-27: 4 important lessons are taught to children:

1. Children need to understand that all fruits and vegetables grow in certain season
2. The healthiest habit is to have seasonal and

regional fruits and vegetables as they have all the required vitamins and nutrients that our body needs in that particular season

3. Mango is a summer fruit and it should be eaten in summers only

Though export and import have led to us having access to vegetables and fruits all year round but a good healthy habit is to have seasonal and regional fruits and vegetables as it helps us acclimatize to the environment/climate

4. Mango is called the king of fruits

Line 35-38: explains the benefits of eating a mango

Line 39-42: explains the benefits of the tree

Line 45: discusses the importance of to have gratitude in life. One must be grateful to every being and everything no matter how big or small.

Line 51-52: elders acknowledge a positive habit of the child which further encourages and motivates him to be a good individual.

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