




ITL OBSERVES WORLD BOOK DAY

1.	Title of the activity	Author Interaction Session
2.	Date of the activity	20 th April, 2023
3.	Organized by	Department of English
4.	Attended by	Students of VI- XII
5.	Facilitators	Department of English
6.	SDGs Incorporated	SDG 4 Quality Education 
7.	Description of the activity	<p><i>“When children learn to read, they begin to take flight into whole new worlds as effortlessly as young birds take to the sky.”</i></p> <p>ITL Public School organised an Author Interaction Session on 20 April, 2023, to mark the occasion of World Book Day, also known as World Book and Copyright Day, or International Day of the Book, which is observed worldwide on 23rd April. It is an annual event organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to promote reading, publishing, and copyright. Books are inevitable to the humankind. Words fall short when you ask an avid reader to describe the importance of books.</p> <p>Books have been here for centuries and without them the knowledge of our past, cultures and civilizations would have been impossible. In addition to that, books also transport us to the times unseen and unheard of, to the places that exist only the realm of imagination. World Book Day is celebrated to glorify the books, the authors, the illustrators and most importantly reading. To honour this day, an author interaction session was organised with the award winning author and educationist Ms. Sutapa Basu.</p> <p>The session began with a zestful story presentation by Aishani Chauhan (IXD) and Ananta Bhatnagar (XA). Their stories captured everyone’s attention as they were quite exuberant throughout their presentation. Further, Ms. Sutapa Basu interacted with the students and shared her pearls of wisdom that would help the budding authors in writing their own stories. She elaborated on the process that the writers usually follow to write their books. The key aspects of story writing like framing a plot, designing authentic characters, presenting the conflict and its subsequent resolution was also asserted upon. She emphasized that the students should focus on</p>

places and emotions that people can relate to and as writers, they should be able to provide some food for thought to their readers. Riveting on the theme of the year, Indigenous Languages, ma'am also alluded to the fact that we must explore the rich heritage of our country and the literature in regional languages must be promoted.

Furthermore, to engender the love of reading in the students, various classroom activities were also conducted. Students of class III participated in **Character Parade**, where they dressed up as their favourite characters and spoke about the values they learnt from them. Class IV students made **Story Telling Trays**, using which they narrated their favourite stories and students of class V played **Book Title Charades** where they enacted the titles of the story books for the other students to guess. While the students of class VI showcased their creativity through their rich vocabulary by writing stories based on proverbs in the activity called **Proverbial Tales**, students of class VII delved into the crux of their favourite storybook in the **Book Blurb** activity. Students of classes IX and X made beautiful **Book Jackets** which were later put on display. Students of classes XI and XII participated in **Panel Discussion** and **Flash Fiction** activity where the students were asked to write stories on the spot on the prompt provided to them.

On the noteworthy occasion of World Book Day, the insightful and interactive session with the writer and the class activities were truly phenomenal. The students were in the awe of the writer and were encouraged to read in order to stimulate their minds acquire a penchant for creativity.

