**Story Telling**

**What?**

Narrate any event that happened in your school/home/neighbourhood etc. or describe an incident that you have experienced. It can be anything as listed below:

* Describe how you spent your last summer holidays.
* Recall your dreams and describe them.
* Narrate about all the wonderful things which you normally associate with a particular season - food, trees, flowers, attire, smell, colours, sound, clothes etc any other special thing about that season.
* Give an oral description of your school.
* Describe food dishes unique to your city/school canteen/home.
* Tell about your favourite story book/comic character/game/teacher.
* Narrate any hilarious incident that happened at your school/home.
* Give a commentary on the winning moments of a sport event.
* Build a story around your favourite car/bicycle.
* Describe any school activity you participated in (dance performances, sport matches) or about celebration on any festive occasion in your school.
* Give a description of a special place in your neighbourhood or of a field trip undertaken.
* Narrate a historical event.
* Interviewing personalities.

**How?**

Details, sequence, emphasis are important elements of story telling.

* Structure: Plan your narration before you actually begin so that you may be clear in what you say. It should be short but complete. A story needs structure like beginning-middle-end, a frame etc.. Having a chronological order in the story helps in understanding the flow in the story.
* Details: Giving specific descriptions make all the difference. A good narration should include proper expression of feelings such as joy, anger, surprise, excitement etc. . Emotions should be identified through the words used and the expression in the tone.
* Style: Use clear, conversational sentences. The narration can be in any language.

**Be Self Aware:**

Ask the following questions to yourself as you begin to create your story, throughout the process of building the story, to check if you are on the right track:

* Who are the audience? Why are you telling this story to them?
* What is that you want to communicate through this story?
* Where does the story take place?
* Who are the characters involved in the story?
* How should the story move – in chronological order, starting with an interesting scenario, etc?
* Do you have hook points to make it more interesting?
* What are the points to be highlighted?
* How should the story end? What will the end message?