

The *Varna Samoocha* Approach to building script knowledge



The Hindi *varna mala* has been regrouped into
6 *varna samooahas*

V. S. no	consonants					vowels					matras				
1	क	म	ल	न	प	अ	आ	ई			।	ी			
2	च	र	स	त	ग	अ	आ	ई	ए		।	ी	`		
3	ज	य	ह	ब	ड	घ	अ	आ	ई	ए		।	ी	`	
4	ड	द	थ	भ	ठ		अ	आ	ई	ए		।	ी	`	
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5	ट	व	श	छ	फ	ड़	अ	आ	ई	ए		।	ी	`	
6	ढ	झ	त्र	ष	ख		अ	आ	ई	ए	ऊ	।	ी	`	ॆ

Note: The selection of akshara sets was based on criteria developed with teachers over one year. The varna samooahas are introduced chronologically and cumulatively

Varna Samooha 1

Classroom Process

क प म ल न

अ आ ई

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Varna Samooha - 1

Consonants and vowels

क प म ल न
अ आ ई

Akshar chart

अ	आ	ई
क	का	की
प	पा	पी
म	मा	मी
ल	ला	ली
न	ना	नी

Word wall

Thematic words

काका काकी काला पीला
मामा मामी लाल नीला

Rhyming words

काला माला नाला
पानी नानी कानी

Poem poster

माला लाना, माला लाना
नीली नीली, माला लाना

माला लाना, माला लाना
पीली पीली, माला लाना
माला लाना, माला लाना
काली काली, माला लाना

माला लाना, माला लाना
लाल लाल, माला लाना
माला लाना, माला लाना
माला लाना, माला लाना

Children are introduced to sound symbol relationships through concrete objects



They learn to identify beginning sounds of familiar words through activities



They engage with the sounds and symbols *aksara* chart in a variety of active ways

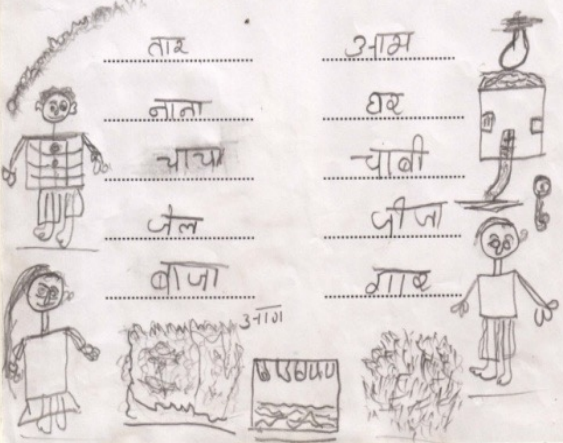


Children combine the sounds of written symbols to construct their own spoken words



Now they draw pictures to depict the meanings of words they have constructed

जी	ना	चा
आ	म	बी
ता	घ	जे
या	र	ल
बा	जा	गा




Children play word building games with *akshara* flashcards



Children's written words and drawings are displayed in the classrooms



Word walls are used for displaying words and these words are used for playing word games



In addition to words constructed by children some words in the word walls are also from the read aloud books and poems

Some children use flash cards to make sentences



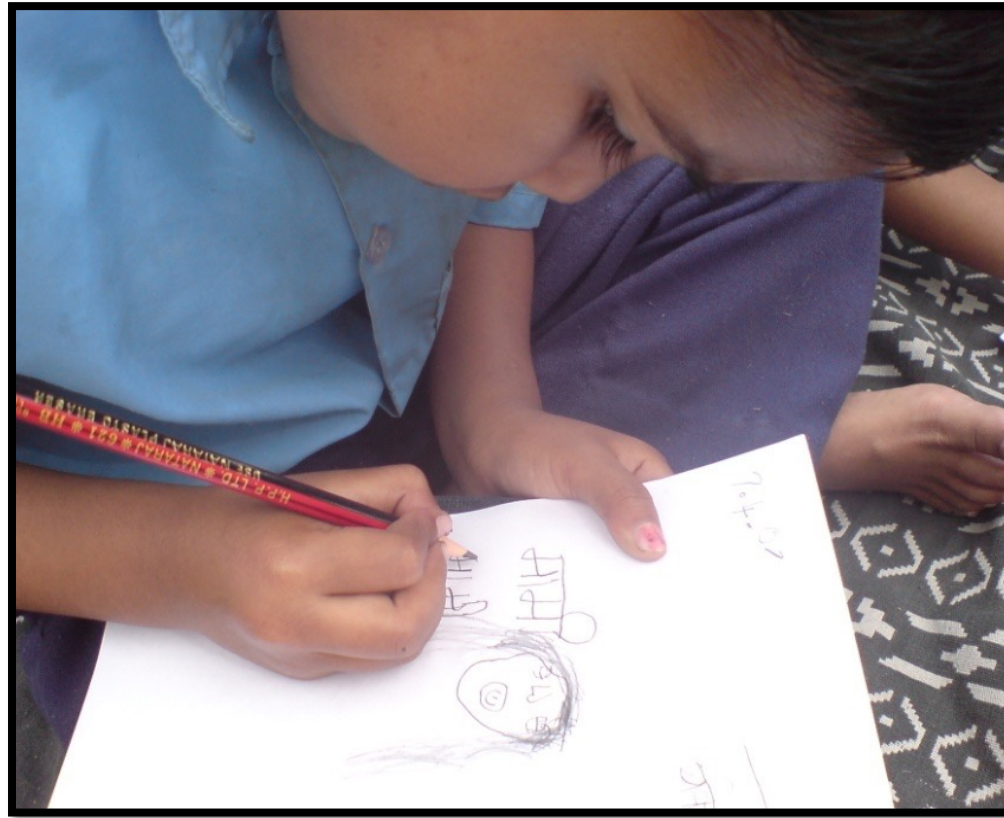
Others read a poem made from the *akshara* set with the help of the relevant *akshara chart*



They use flash cards to construct phrases from
a varna samooha poem



Children connect with lived experiences to make deeper connections with written symbols and words.



Supportive resource material

6 Varna Samooha bags with colour coded material

Each bag contains:

- A teacher handbook
- An *akshara* chart
- *Akshara* flash cards
- Poem posters
- Assessment and tracking formats
- Worksheets

Classroom based videos are provided in the set

