



Shah Jahan desired a mausoleum for himself similar to what he had built for his wife, but in black. He began to build it on the other side of the river but could not complete it as he was deposed by his own son.

# Jungle diaries

## Wisdom tale



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There was a time when everybody underestimated the little ant Rubi. That was until a life altering incident happened with Rubi. One day, mustering all her courage, she entered Jake, the elephant’s ear and troubled him a lot. Poor Jake was baffled by the tiny ant. After that day, there was no looking back for Rubi as

she was the new hero of the jungle. Rubi, elated by the sequence of events could not stop beaming. In fact, her low self-esteem was now replaced by pride and arrogance. Having walked through an elephant’s ear, she came to the conclusion that she could walk anywhere, and started walking in the center of the road wherever she felt like. This caused a lot of trouble in the jungle. To protect her from getting

trampled on, many animals changed their course, resulting in accidents. All the animals tried to reason with her, but Rubi just wouldn’t listen and continued to walk in the middle. So one fine day, Tuk Tuk, the squirrel decided to teach Rubi a lesson. Tuk Tuk challenged Rubi to race with him. Rubi, who by now, was rather proud and over confident, accepted the offer without a second thought. Now, Tuk

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Tuk knew that Rubi would only run in the center of the track. So, she placed a number of hurdles in the path that Rubi had to take. The day of the race arrived. Everyone from the jungle arrived at the scene to witness a new chapter in jungle diaries. Loud cheers could be heard from all directions. The race began, and as expected, Rubi started running in the center. Faced with impediments, she could barely move ahead. Even though she could have easily chosen to run along the edges of the racing track, she continued to run in the center because of her sheer arrogance. As a consequence, Tuk Tuk went on to win the race.

Rubi was extremely disheartened, but she also knew the reason for her defeat. From that day onwards, she stopped walking in the center of the road. And Tuk Tuk? She was happy to know that her plan was finally successful.

So what did you learn today?  
We should never be proud and get ahead of ourselves.



## Ghost windsock

### Material required

- A tin can
- Paint (black and white)
- Paint brush
- White ribbons

### Procedure

- Take any empty tin can. You can use empty aerated drinks can or larger cans used for oil.
- Paint the tin in white colour and paint the eyes and mouth on the can in black.
- Cut many 12 inch pieces of the white ribbon.
- Stick one end of the ribbon to the bottom edge of the can on the inside. Make sure that half an inch of the ribbon is glued to the inside of the can so that it remains secure.
- Repeat the same with all the pieces till the entire circumference of the can is covered.
- Poke two holes on the base of the can and knot a long piece of ribbon on the side.
- Insert the ribbon from inside of the can and take it outside and insert the other unknotted end in the other hole.
- Knot the other lose end once the ribbon is inside the can. This makes for the handle.
- Your ghost windsock is ready!



## Riddle Fiddle

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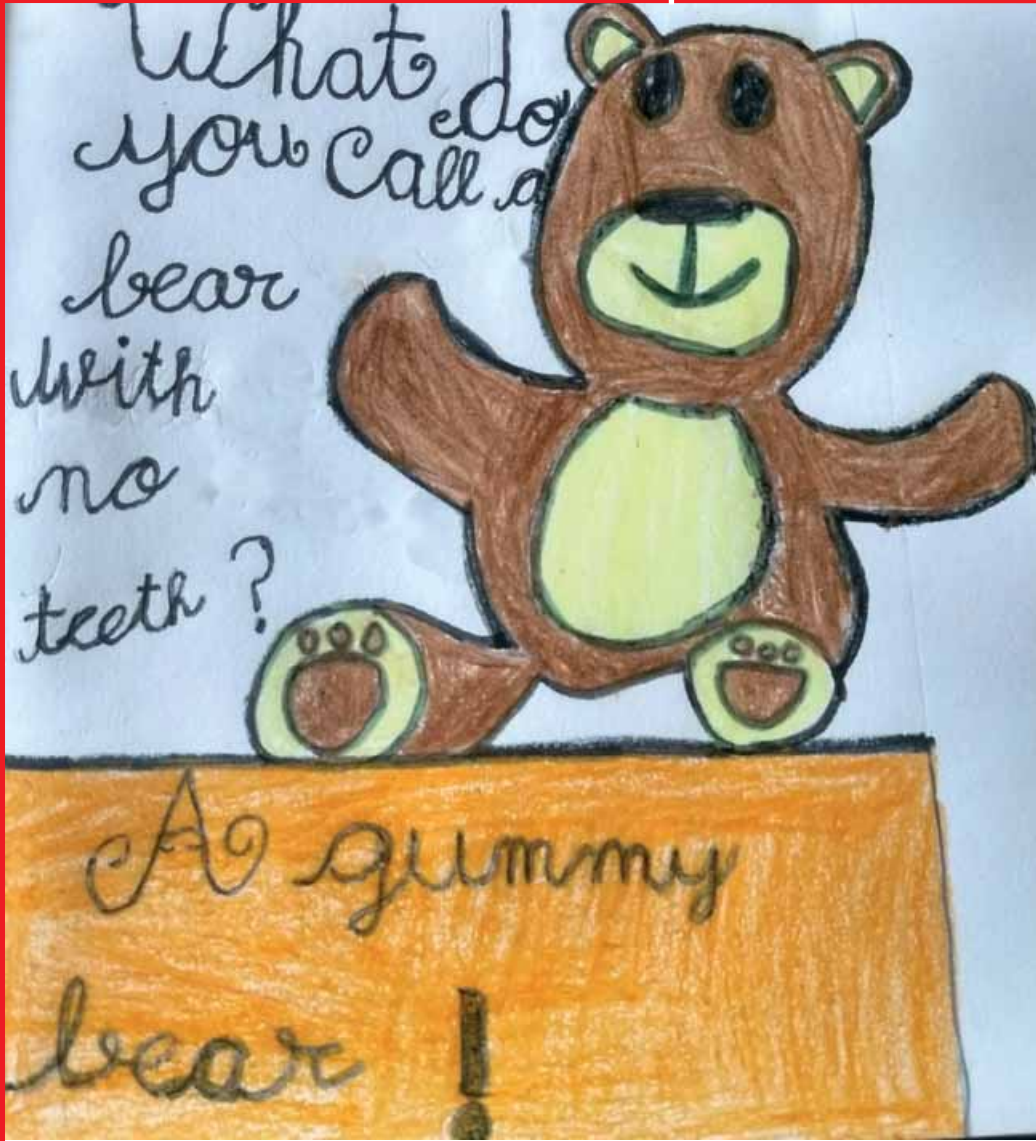
- If three cats kill three rats in three minutes, how long would it take for hundred cats to kill hundred rats?
- If you take two apples from three apples, what have you got?
- How many months have twenty-eight days?
- How can we make thousand using eight ‘8’s’?
- What is green but not a leaf;

- imitates others but not a monkey?
- What sleeps through the day and cries through the night. As it cries, it also creates light?
- What is as hard as a rock but melts immediately in water?

Answers: 1. 3 minutes 2. 2 apples 3. All 12 months 4. 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 888 = 1000 5. A parrot 6. A candle 7. An ice cube

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## POEMS

### A flower



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Red, yellow, white and pink  
Many flowers I know I think

Out in the garden they grow  
Blooming and dancing in a row

Attracting bees and butterflies  
It is where my heart lies

The scene makes my face glow  
Whenever I feel low

Flowers give meaning to life  
To be calm if there is a strife

Different colours different roles  
Helping us fulfil our goals

### Growing up



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When my age was one  
I saw the bright Sun  
I thought it was not fair  
For mom didn’t let me go there

When my age was two

I chewed on my new shoe  
My mom found out  
And scolded me aloud

When my age was three  
I took a cup of tea  
I spilt it on my paa’s belt  
How sad he felt

When my age was four  
I fell to the floor  
My mom picked me up  
Made me smile with juice cup

When my age was five  
I saw a beehive  
Inside was the queen bee  
Having a drop of honey in tea

I will always want to grow  
After all, every age has  
Something new to show  
Something for us to know

## It’s Me

### Know Me

I am: Swarnika Singh  
School: AIS Vasundhara 1  
Class: I  
I blow candles on: January 12  
Aim: To be a doctor  
I like: To dance in the rain  
I dislike: When my mom scolds me

### Favourites

My hobbies: Dancing and sleeping  
My role model: My mausi  
My best friends: Asmita, Avika and Anav  
My favourite book: Dolphin  
My favourite mall: Gardens Galleria, Noida  
My favourite game: Soft toys  
My favourite food: Dal chawal  
My favourite teacher: Tripti ma’am  
My favourite subject: Mathematics

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