

# Dear Parents

*A Note About Your Child's Practice Books*

Junior KG (KG 1) | Academic Year 2026-27 | CBSE / NEP 2020 /  
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## About the Practice Books

Your child has been provided with the following practice books for use in school and at home. These are activity-based books — not textbooks. They are designed to make learning joyful, hands-on and stress-free.

Book	Purpose
<b>Smart Kids – English A</b>	Letter recognition, phonics awareness, oral language & pre-writing practice through fun activities
<b>Smart Kids – Mathematics A</b>	Number sense (1-20), shapes, patterns, sorting & basic operations through visual activities
<b>Mara Gujarati Vachak A (My Gujarati Reader)</b>	Gujarati script, vowels, basic words & reading readiness — aligns with NCF mother-tongue emphasis for Foundational Stage
<b>Worksheets for Toddlers B</b>	Mixed practice: writing strokes, numbers, letters, colouring & fine motor reinforcement

## Why These Books? (CBSE / NEP 2020 / NCF-FS 2023)

These books are selected in line with India's latest education policy. Here is what that means for your child:

Policy	What it means for your child
<b>NEP 2020</b>	Learning through play & activities — not rote memorisation. No pressure of exams or marks at KG stage.
<b>NCF-FS 2023</b>	Foundational Stage (age 3-8) emphasises mother tongue. That is why Gujarati Reader is included alongside English & Maths.
<b>CBSE Guidelines</b>	No written tests or formal exams in KG. Assessment is observation-based, through portfolios and participation.

## How to Use These Books at Home

Your support at home makes a huge difference. Here are simple, enjoyable ways to use each book:

### Smart Kids English A

- Spend 10-15 minutes daily on ONE page — do not rush through the book.
- Read aloud each instruction to your child before they begin.
- Praise effort, not perfection. Scribbling or colouring outside the lines is perfectly normal.
- Play 'I Spy' with letters from the book: 'Can you find the letter A on this page?'

### Smart Kids Mathematics A

- Count objects around the house (spoons, steps, toys) to reinforce numbers.
- Use the book's activities to sort, match and pattern with real objects too.
- Avoid drilling. If the child is not interested, stop and return later.

### Mara Gujarati Vachak A (Gujarati Reader)

- Read Gujarati pages together — hearing the language is the first step.
- Point to Gujarati letters on newspapers, signs and product labels at home.
- Encourage tracing Gujarati letters with a finger first, then pencil.

### Worksheets for Toddlers B

- Use these only when your child is in a calm, willing mood.
- Ideal for weekends or holidays as revision.
- Let your child choose which sheet to do — giving choice builds enthusiasm.

## Important Reminders for Parents

Please DO NOT complete activities on your child's behalf — even if their work looks messy.

Please DO NOT compare your child's book with another child's work.

Please DO NOT pressurise your child to finish the full book quickly.

Please DO NOT use these books as homework punishment or a chore.

These books are PRACTICE TOOLS, not examination papers.

Incomplete or untidy pages are completely acceptable — process matters more than output.

A child who enjoys the activity is learning far more than one who completes it under pressure.

If your child resists, take a break and make it fun — sing the alphabet, count with blocks!

## What the Teacher Looks For (Not Marks!)

As per CBSE and NCF-FS, your child is assessed through ongoing observation — not tests or grades. Teachers look for:

- Is the child holding a pencil or crayon with growing confidence?
- Is the child recognising shapes, letters or numbers in everyday life?
- Is the child attempting activities independently (even imperfectly)?
- Is the child curious, engaged and enjoying learning?
- Is the child developing social skills — sharing, listening, cooperating?

## Suggested Home Routine (15-20 minutes only!)

Time	Activity
5 min	Chat about what they did in school today — this builds oral language skills!
5-7 min	ONE page from English or Maths book — child's choice of which page.
3-5 min	Read or trace together from the Gujarati Reader.
2-3 min	Praise their work and display it on the fridge or a board at home!

### A Message from the School

*The best gift you can give your child is to make learning feel safe, joyful and loving at home.*

**Your partnership with us is the most powerful tool for your child's growth.**

For any questions about the books or your child's progress, please speak with the class teacher.

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