

Delhi Public School Knowledge Park – V

Greater Noida (West)

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Dear Parents

Greetings!

We are pleased to inform you that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has launched the CBSE Budding Authors Programme 2025-26 for students of Classes V to X. This programme aims to nurture creativity, imagination, critical thinking, and effective self-expression through structured creative writing.

Under this programme, students are required to write one original and unpublished short story in English or Hindi, strictly based on the CBSE-prescribed themes and story cues for their respective class, as shared by the school.

The first round of the programme will be conducted at the school level, after which the best entries will be shortlisted and submitted to CBSE. Outstanding stories selected at the national level will be e-published by CBSE, and participating students will receive certificates from the Board.

Important Instructions for Students

1. Eligible Classes: Classes V to X
2. Language: English or Hindi (only one language per student)
3. Themes & Story Cues (Mandatory):

Students must select ONE theme and One-story cue from the CBSE-prescribed list applicable to their class (Classes V-VI, VII-VIII, or IX-X). Stories written outside the given themes/cues will not be accepted.

4. Story Title: Each story must have a clear, suitable, and original title.
5. Word Limit (Strictly as per CBSE guidelines):

V – VI (500 – 600 words)
VII – VIII (600 – 900 words)
IX – X (1000 – 1500 words)

6. Originality:

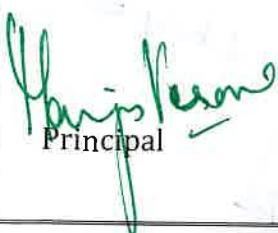
The story must be original and unpublished. Plagiarism will lead to immediate disqualification.

7. Submission Details:

Students must submit their story in soft copy (Word format) to their English /Hindi Teacher on or before, 23 January 2026.

We request parents to encourage and support their ward in participating actively in this enriching academic initiative. Your guidance and motivation will help students express their creativity with confidence and clarity.

We look forward to enthusiastic participation from our students.


Principal

ANNEXURE – A

CBSE Budding Authors Programme 2025–26

Theme & Story Cue Selection Sheet (For Students)

Instructions: Choose ONE theme and ONE story cue from the list given for your class only.
Write one

original short story and give it a suitable title. Follow the word limit strictly.

Classes V–VI (Word Limit: 500–600 words)

- Adventure – Alien ship in school / square footprints mystery / trek mystery
- Love – Monkeys in lockdown / animal bullying / baby rescue
- Heroes Around Us – Kargil hero / fear of dark / policewoman helps migrants
- Science – Failed invention / magnets draining energy / no electricity / robot helper

Classes VII–VIII (Word Limit: 600–900 words)

- When I... – treasure / 100 dial / Prime Minister for a day / exchange student
- Weird & Whacky – island in bathroom / upside-down day / zombies / snow dragon
- Kindness – poacher reforms / forgiveness / kindness is hard
- Self-Confidence – repeated failure / stage fear / determination / age reversal

Classes IX–X (Word Limit: 1000–1500 words)

- War and Peace – post-war rebuilding / mythical planet conflict / freedom struggle child
- Fantasy – mysterious coin dealer / ghost school / upside-down world
- The (Not So Distant) Future – day in 2030 / taste-through-technology / 3D printed car