Four Marathi Shala pillars of learning

– by HMM Marathi Shala

"Learn Marathi playfully", is the Marathi Shala objective. We teach Marathi in such a way that the kids will understand and enjoy.

Reading

Reading is the most important medium for learning and using a language. Whether it is letter recognition, combined sounds, phonics, barakhadi, jodakshar, all these techniques are used to read. We teach children to read using these skills, according to their level and age.

Speaking

Talk to other classmates, describing things, having a conversation in Marathi, are some of the ways we learn and practice talking the concepts in Marathi that we learn in class.

Writing

Writing is important to be able to transcribe into words the things you have learned by listening and speaking. Recognizing letters, barakhadi, jodakshare, sentences, passages, essays, letter-writing, describing pictures, dictation, spelling, translation, etc. are many ways we teach the kids to write in Marathi that is appropriate for their level.

Listening

Speaking and listening practice is going on simultaneously in class. In addition, stories, listening comprehension, question and answer, poems are the many mediums through which children listen to Marathi in class.

What can you do as a parent?

- **Discipline** is important in Marathi Shala! Teach your children to come to class on time, keep their classroom and desk clean/ organized, give respect to their teachers and classmates, revise concepts in class.
- Encourage your children to do their **homework** regularly - homework helps revise key concepts learned in class.
- Encourage your children to **speak at home** in Marathi - whether it is with you, with their siblings, their grandparents, their cousins or relatives. That leads to listening more in Marathi and encourages them to talk and learn Marathi enthusiastically.
- Give the children an opportunity at home to **listen to songs, poems, stories** in Marathi.
- Encourage your children to **read Marathi** at home, for example, their grandparents' letter/ email, Marathi signs on a visit to India, Marathi story or poem books, etc.
- Encourage your children to **write in Marathi**, for example, an essay, or a letter to their grandparents, picture description, etc.

Spend some "Marathi" time with your children!