

KHOJ UPDATE - GRADE 5

November 15, 2022



Class 5A set out with energy and enthusiasm for their much awaited Khoj excursion to Camp Wild. They reached the camp at 8:15 and started with ice breakers and team building activities. They were briefed on the agenda for the day and the kind of seeds they would sow. After a small energiser, they ate a hearty breakfast. Their main experience began with a small discussion around the Aravalis that surround the camp and how soil erosion has formed fertile soil in the region.





Observation of the trees at the camp and the different kinds of leaves helped them identify the fauna around them. The students were able to explore the seeds of the Gulmohar and Amaltas trees during their seed walk.



They then went to the patch of land where they witnessed a tractor ploughing and turning the soft soil to make it cultivable. They dug their hands through the soil to feel the difference between the hard layer on top and how it was transformed into soft plantable rows. The students had their first experience of farming by sowing pea seeds. After a snack break, the second variety- radish- was sown.





Coriander was a different one and a demonstration on crushing and breaking down the coriander fruit to release the seeds within preceded the sowing of seeds. This session ended with a conversation around organic farming versus fertilisers. They enjoyed getting their hands dirty in the soil and experience the effort that goes into the various methods of sowing seeds.



After lunch, the students will proceed to do a seed walk and observe more variety of trees and seeds. This will be followed with a question- answer session with organic farmers. The students will have some refreshments and close the day with a debrief circle. They will leave the camp by 4:30 pm. We will update you on the time of arrival.