

Ammachi's Incredible Investigation

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



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THEMES

STEAM

SUB-THEMES

Observation and Deduction

Problem Solving

Family Bonds

Humor

Story Discussion Guide

Lesson plan

A lively mystery story to encourage investigation, critical thinking, and storytelling, designed for young learners.

Learning Outcome

Before Reading:

- What do you think detectives do?
- Have you ever tried to find something that went missing?

During Reading :

- What clues are Ammachi and Sooraj finding?
- What do you think will happen next?

After Reading :

- How did they figure out the thief?
- What skills helped Ammachi solve the mystery?
- Have you ever solved a mystery or puzzle?

Activities:

1. Mystery Game: Hide a small object in the classroom and give the children clues to find it.
2. Detective Notebook: Have children draw or write clues about a small classroom mystery.
3. Observation Challenge: Place 5 items on a tray, remove one secretly, and ask students to spot the missing item.
4. Story Retelling: Act out the story as a short skit with different students playing Ammachi, Sooraj, and the sneaky culprit.

Expected Outcomes

Children will understand that careful observation and persistence help solve problems and that even everyday challenges can be approached like fun mysteries.

Applicable SDGs

- SDG 4: Quality Education
- SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

SDG Explanation

- SDG 4: The story supports critical thinking and integrated learning through narrative.
- SDG 9: Highlights innovation, logic, and creative problem-solving from everyday contexts.

Curriculum Alignment

- Beti's Bulldozer – Creative thinking and perseverance
- Savio Finds the Right Angle – STEAM and problem-solving
- Anna's Extraordinary Experiments with Weather – Curiosity and scientific exploration

ABOUT ZAMASAMA

Zamasama is a nonprofit initiative that curates children's stories from diverse cultures and lived experiences around the world. It gives children a window into other communities—and a mirror that affirms their own, helping children recognize the shared humanity that connects us across differences.

Through narratives that gently challenge biases and broaden worldviews, Zamasama helps children see difference not as a barrier but as a bridge. Through the power of stories, we sow the seeds of pluralism that can grow into a more harmonious world for all.