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BaLA (Building as Learning Aid) is an innovative concept towards qualitative improvement in education, through developing child-friendly, learning and fun based physical environment building in school infrastructure.

This concept was originally developed by **Vinyas, Centre for Architectural Research & Design with support from UNICEF.**

What is BaLA?

BaLA is a way to holistically plan and use the school infrastructure. It incorporates the ideas of activity based learning, child friendliness and inclusive education for children with special needs (CWSN).

Two levels of this intervention are:

- Develop the SPACES to create varied teaching-learning situations
- Develop the BUILT ELEMENTS in these spaces as teaching-learning aids

The Spaces can be

- Classroom
- Corridor
- Steps and staircase
- Outdoor space

The Built Elements can be

- Floor
- Wall
- Window
- Door
- Ceiling
- Platform
- Furniture

Why BaLA:

- It Lets school be conceived in a holistic way.
- Makes the school a child friendly place. Makes school an exciting place, allowing learning with fun.
- Creates conducive self-learning situations for children can help creating inclusive learning spaces. Allows learning materials accessible to children, at all times
- Does not allow the TLM to be stolen or misplaced and hence it can remain orderly.
- Allows Teachers to adapt them to suit their specific needs
- Is more lasting and durable
- Can be combined with building repairs and up-gradation.

Under BaLA the spaces of our Vidyalaya has been utilized in a very apt manner. World Map, Flow charts, Snake and ladder game, Stapoo, Synonyms, Various historical events, Concepts of Physics, Commerce, Mathematics and Geography etc. are painted and tables are scribbled on the stairs of the Vidyalaya to ensure the learning of learners in a joyful manner.

