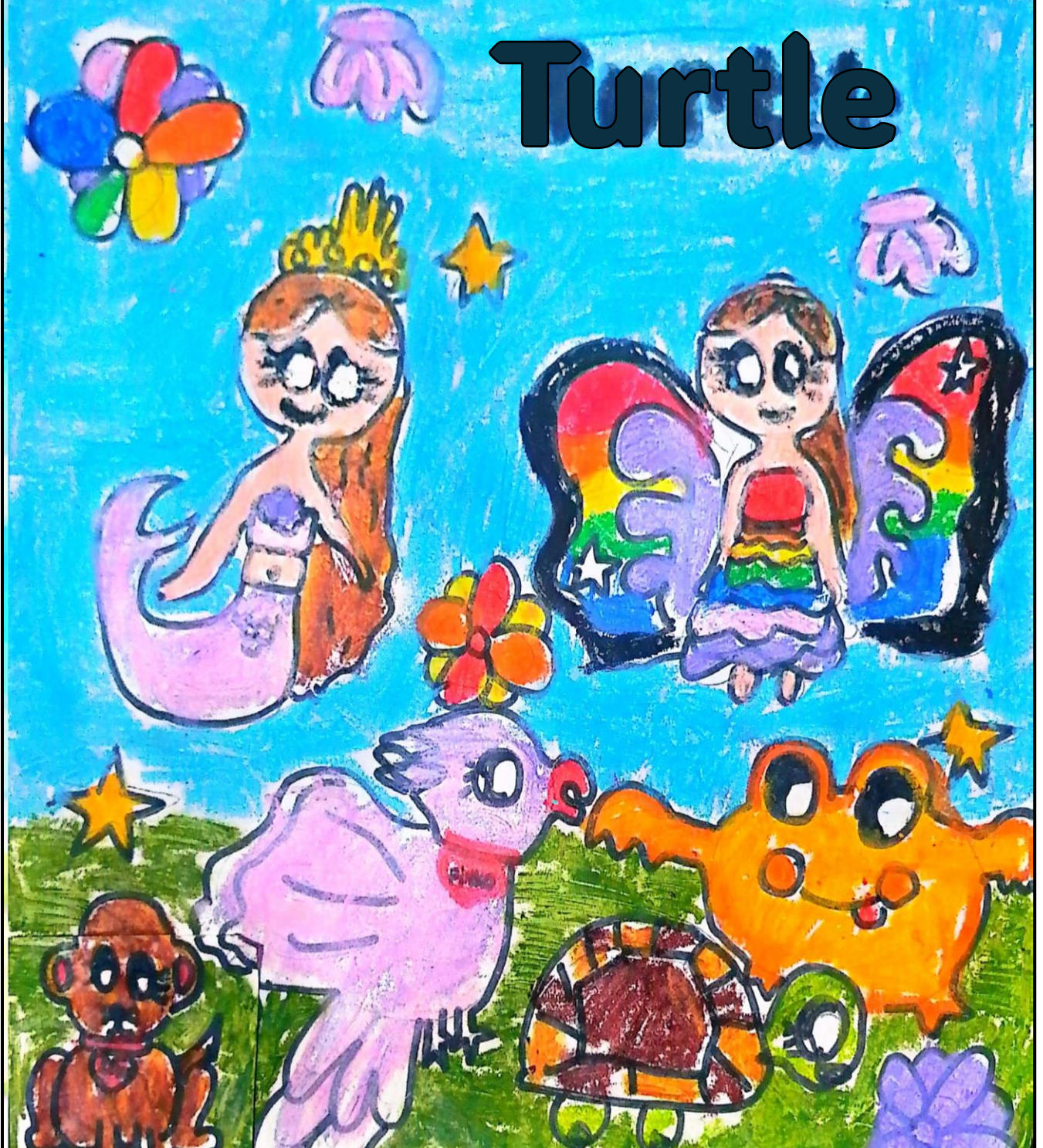


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## OFFERING...

**To my father and mother,**

Whose boundless love, wisdom, and sacrifices have shaped me into who I am today. Your constant support and guidance are the heart of everything I do.

**To my dear grandmother and grandfather,**

Whose stories, strength, and presence in my life have been a constant source of inspiration. Your love transcends generations, and I carry your wisdom with me always.

**To my loving sister,**

Whose laughter, kindness, and unwavering belief in me light up my world. Your love fills my heart with gratitude and joy, and your support lifts me higher with every step.

This book is a testament to your love, your lessons, and your constant encouragement. Thank you for being my guiding lights, my strength, and my family.

With all my love,

***Vethmi Nuthumsa Jayawardhana***

# FOREWORD

Literary development is a yardstick to measure the development of a country. The Kotte and Dambadeniya eras stand out in the history of the world because they were literary enlightening periods. If so, this is the golden period in the history of the Mahamaya as well. This is the reason why our daughters have been enchanting through book writing for many years now. It is a special event that our writers have succeeded in building a culture of writing books in the school and spreading it to the entire school system and this time involving the global student community in it.

Beyond this, this time the school community itself has also decided to rebuild the past Yatiwara writing tradition in the country in order to pay tribute to the founder of our school, Karadana Atthadassi Thero.

The Pirivena student monks have also taken up book writing “The Herana Gatkarani “ project was introduced.

It is a matter of pride for me as the principal to lead the way in bringing about a qualitative change in the education of schools and Pirivena education through this academic and religious service, and it is also an achievement for the school.

This book, which is the result of recognizing one's innate talent at an early stage in life and turning to writing, will undoubtedly be a help for future education and future life.

**Shashikala Senadheera,**  
**Principal, Mahamaya Girls' Collage, Kandy**

## CRAB AND LITTLE TURTLE

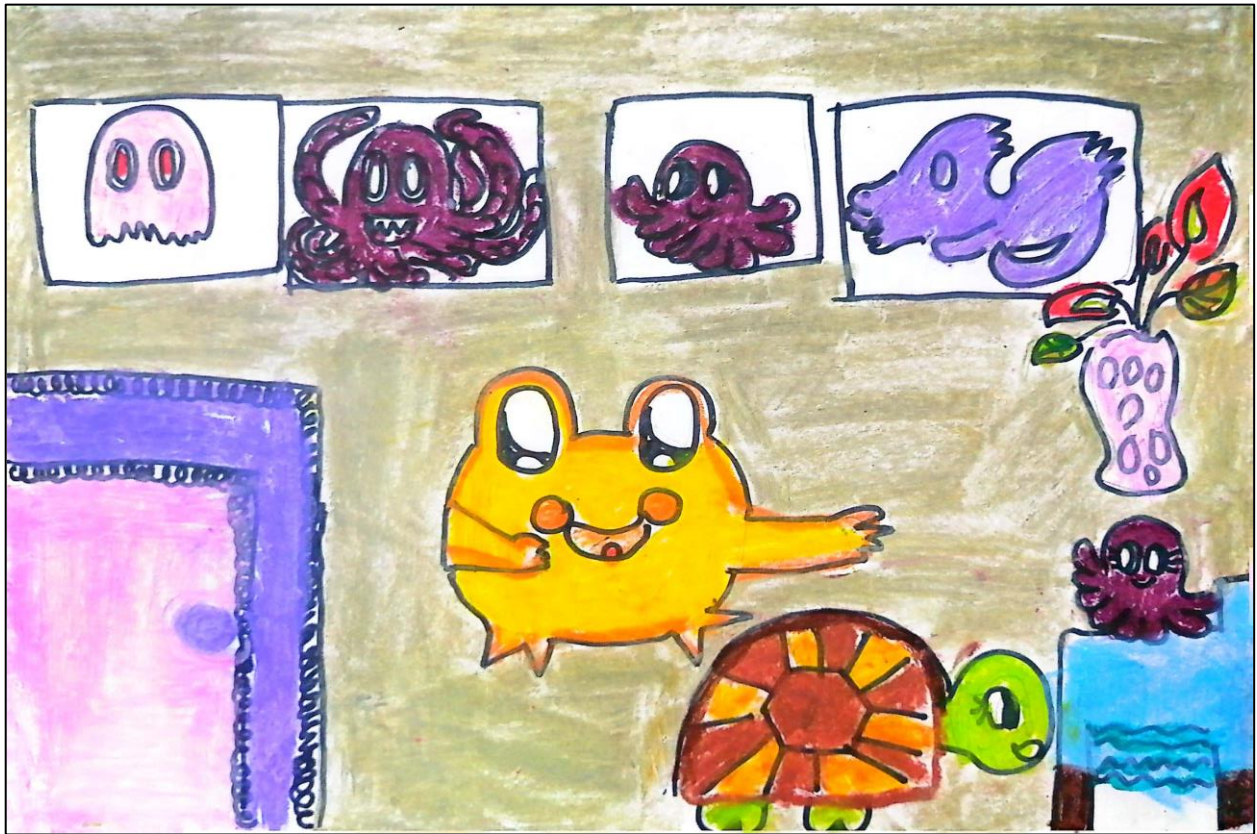
One day a little turtle was going with her mother when she saw a beautiful clam. She wanted it, so she went with her friend Crab. Crab was so excited, so when they knew that they were lost, there was an old castle, so they went inside.



There were some creepy pictures. The eyes were shaking little turtle, and crab was a little bit afraid.



There was a second door. When they opened the door, there was a cute octopus, but when they said cute, the octopus became a monster. They were scared and shut the door.



There was a third room filled with and scaritines of animals. They were scared, but they went further. There was a fourth door.



There was a tree filled with bats. They saw the bats fly out the door. There was a fifth door. There was a water dragon. The water dragon was big. They hid under the sofa when the water dragon went; they were in the final door. When they opened the door,

there was a puzzle that had only 30 minutes to finish. That puzzle had a bat, an octopus, and a water dragon. They finished the puzzle in under 30 minutes. There was the exit door with a treasure. The treasure was some beautiful clamps and a map. When they passed the castle, they saw a beautiful castle. They went inside, and then they saw beautiful fairies. One fairy who was named Lucy asked, why are you two here?



They said they got lost and saw an old castle. When they went inside, there were some pictures and bats and an octopus and a dragon and a puzzle. Lucy said that they went to old Winsten house then Lucy talked about Winsten. Winsten had an eagle *witch's house*. The eagle flew into the woods one day. but it was never found. Winsten thought that we steal that eagle and know she is making spells to find the eagle. Why are you here again? Lucy asked Lucy, they said we are here because we got lost. Lucy said, its night, so come inside. They saw Lucy said, here is your bed, and if you are hungry, just ring the bell. The next day it was breakfast time. They rang the bell, their meal came, they ate and said bye before they went. Lucy gave a friend a parrot. Its name is Pinko. When you need something, Pinko gives it to you. So, they left the castle. And there was a big lake they wished pinko for a little boat. Pinko said OK. Pinko gave a little boat. They said thank you.



They left, and they saw the beautiful flower. So, they went near it and the sea. So, they said goodbye, pinko. Pinky left and went to the fairyland. While little turtle and crab went into the sea. They saw a house like a rock. But the rock was a frog. So, they said hello to the frog. The frog said, "Where are you going? They said we were going on an adventure, and we got lost at first. The frog said there was a mermaid nearby, so you

You can go there for directions. They said OK and left. They saw a beautiful castle, and they went inside. There was a beautiful little mermaid who said, why are you here? They said they got lost. The little mermaid said you can stay the night because it is evening. Crabe said, OK, we can stay. They had dinner and slept. The next day they woke up, and the little mermaid gave breakfast before they left. The little mermaid gave a beautiful shell and said goodbye to the little turtle and crab.



Little Turtle said, Let's go to the shore, so they left, and when they saw a dog, they said, why are you here? The dog told us, and my owner was at the beach when a storm came. My owner left me alone at the beach' no one came to find me. They said we were going on an adventure to find our homes. Do you want to come with us? Ok! I would love to come with you to the dog, said with excitement.



They went near a pond, and when they got close, they saw Pinko. Pinko said hi. Crab said, why are you here?" Pinko said the gates were locked to the fairyland, so I couldn't go inside. Then you can come with us. They saw a mountain. Little Turtle said, we need to find 5 items so we can go home. I have the item list, said Crab. It was in my shell.

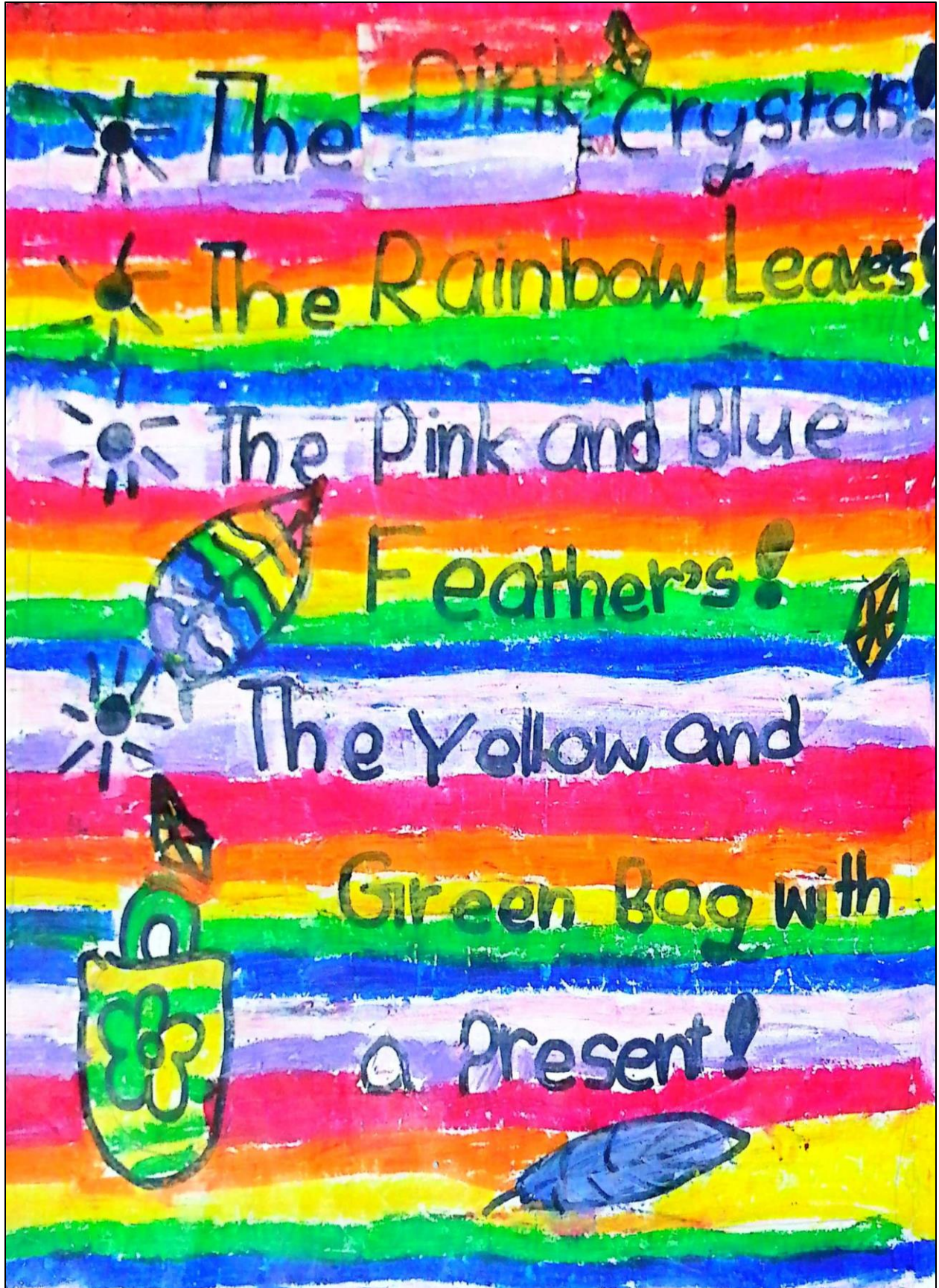
The pink crystals.

The rare rainbow leaves.

The rare pink and blue feathers.

The yellow and green bag with some presents.

Little Turtle said I can have the gold crystal, and Crab can have the rare rainbow leaf, and Pinko can have the rare pink and blue feather, and the dog can have the yellow and green bag with a present  
Everyone said OK.



Little turtle has a sharp axe, so she went first she climbs the mountain and she see a cave she go's inside and she nudists that there was cold water , and she had to swim to get the crystals she went and got the axe cut the crystals and so she put crystals into the shell then she gets out and slides down saying yes I'm free so she said I got four, and it's your turn, crab.



Then Crab goes into a path with a rainbow, and he saw a tree with a smiley face. The tree said, why did you come here? He said, I came to find the rare rainbow leaf. Do you know about it? But if you want the leaf, you need to complete this one task, he says. Ok! What is the task? the task is to make a burger. He thinks, how can I make a burger? He thinks about the ingredients. The tree gives the ingredients then. He makes it like his mother did. He says, A bun and tomato slice, some cheese, and a paddy with a lettuce leaf on the bottom and the bun. At last, the tree said, AMAZING CRAB!” Then he smiled and said, Can I have my rare rainbow leaves now?” The tree gave the rare rainbow leaves, and he said, can you put it into my bag? The tree said, Ok, and goodbye. Then he goes back to the path with a rainbow, and he goes jumping back, saying, “YIPPADY YAY YIPPADY YAY!”



Crab says, I brought four rainbow leaves so you can have one, and it's your turn, Pinko." Pinko, wait, she says you don't have a bag to put the rare pink and blue feather in. Crab says, Let's make a bag for Pinko and Dog. Can you make Pinko's bag? Said little turtle crab said, Ok! How can I make a bag? little turtle said with confusion. Crab knows how to make a bag, right? Yes, I do, said Crab, so how can we make a bag crab? We need a plastic

bag, some leaves, a glue bottle, and some flowers. If you like, the first step is to get the plastic bag and glue the leaves around the bag, so it is covered and get your flowers. Make sure they're dried flowers and glue the dried flowers, and you'd make a beautiful bag.



Now pinko you can go. Pinky flew into the woods and went to a big tree with big flowers. Then Pinko went up to a nest and saw a beautiful bird with pink and blue feathers. Pinky said, excuse me, do you know the rare pink and blue feathers? The bird said, do you mean like these pink and blue feathers? Pinko said, yes, that is the one. What can I do to get it?" Well, we were starting to get hungry, so can you catch some fish and some worms for us? Pinko said, "Ok, then here is a bag pinko said but where can I find the fish and worms? The bird said you can find fish at the pond near the apple tree. Piko went to the pond and found a little net, so Pinko took the net and some worms, so Pinko put the worms and put the net in the water. Soon after, Pinko got some big fish, so Pinko got to finding the worms, but then there was a storm coming. Pinko knew that the worms might come up, so Pinko stayed, and Pinko soon got some worms.



Pinko came flinging, so Pinko gave the meal, and the bird said, "How much would you like? Pinko said four, please, so here you go. So Pinko said goodbye and came back with a smile, and then Pinko said, I brought four feathers, so here you go. Dog said, now it's my turn, so dog went into the woods and found a bus stop, and there was a bus, so dog ran into the bus, and when the bus stops, dog ran into the shop nearby, and dog got some

leaves and gave the leaves to the shop owner. The shop owner thought that it was money, and the dog got the bag and went back to a bus, and then dog got to dog's friends and said it is the balls the present is some balls. And little turtle's mom said little turtle wake up you are sleeping to much so go play with your friends so you can get some energies.





## AFTERWARD

According to my concept, under the project that has been running since 2014 to direct school children to writing, we have been fortunate to have planted more than sixty thousand writer seedlings in the local literary field. The objectives of this project are to improve the quality of education, to promote literature that will contribute to the future development of the country, to hone the abilities of the future generation, and to build a platform to showcase the creations of children.

It is our social responsibility to create the fertile soil for those seeds to sprout and grow. This is the only project in recent history that has been implemented continuously for several years at the school level, provincial, national and international levels for the sake of the productivity of education. This time, it is special that the Pirivena student monks have also been involved in this. The nation should be grateful for the dedication shown by the Principal, daughters, teachers, parents and alumni of Mahamaya Balika Vidyalaya.

The printed book is still the main tool of our education. The enjoyment that a child gets from a book cannot be provided by anything else.

It is experimentally proven that the use of various electronic devices to store human knowledge and the distancing of children from books has been detrimental to the quality of education and has created various problems in society. This project, which is being implemented as a solution to this, has been adapting the smart younger generation of the digital age to modern technology by writing electronic works for the past two years, together with school children in the country.

To take their creations to international readers, Mahamaya girls have built a digital fiction for their own, literary creative abilities.

My congratulations to the young writers who have entered it through their creative abilities.

**Project Founder and Coordinator,**

**Senevirathne Maha Lekam**

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