The peacock is our national bird. It is large in size. It has long, blue and green feathers on its tail. It spreads out its feathers like a fan and dances, when it is happy.

Here is our national flag. It has three colours—saffron, white and green. That is why it is called the tricolour. The flag has a wheel with 24 spokes in the centre. The colour of the wheel is dark blue.

This is our national emblem. It has four lions standing back to back. The four lions face the four directions. You can see the emblem on our coins and currency notes.

The tiger is our national animal. It is a wild animal. It lives in the jungle. It has stripes of yellow and black. It can move very fast.

To the Teacher
- Talk about the national symbols in the mother tongue.
- Help the children read the text para by para.
1. Why is our national flag called the tricolour?
2. Have you seen the national flag? Name at least two days when the national flag is hoisted.
3. Locate the national emblem on currency notes and coins.
4. Write four describing words for
   (a) the peacock
   (b) the tiger

Let’s Try This

1. Fill in the blanks.
   (i) The ____________ is our national bird.
   (ii) The ____________ is our national animal.
   (iii) Our national emblem has four ____________.
   (iv) The wheel in the national flag is of _______ colour.

2. Solve the puzzle with the help of the clues below. One has been done for you.

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<td>1. P A P E R</td>
<td>You draw pictures and write on it.</td>
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<td>2. E ___ ___ ___ ___ ___</td>
<td>It is a big animal.</td>
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<td>3. A ___ ___ ___</td>
<td>It is a sweet fruit.</td>
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<td>4. C ___</td>
<td>It has four wheels. People drive it.</td>
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<td>5. O ___ ___ ___</td>
<td>It is a sweet and sour fruit.</td>
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<td>6. C ___ ___ ___</td>
<td>This animal lives in the desert.</td>
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<td>7. K ___ ___</td>
<td>It is made of paper. You can fly it</td>
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3. Listen and repeat
   - cat  cart
   - back  bark
   - shack  shark
   - lack  lark
   - mat  mart

4. Draw and colour
   (i) the national flag
       
   (ii) a peacock feather