



13th November 2020

Dear Parents,

We have had a lovely week this week - lots of glitter as we celebrated Diwali and began our Christmas activities.

We also joined the whole school for the Remembrance Day service at the flagpole. The Nursery children were so good; they walked to the flagpole and stood in silence for almost 20 minutes listening to the service. I received lots of messages saying how well-behaved the children were.

Next week is 'National Nursery Rhyme Week'; our theme will be 'Classic Nursery Rhymes'.

What have we done this week?

Physical Development

We used coloured sand and glue to create our own Rangoli art which is on display in the Nursery. We also rolled, squished and pinched clay to create Diyas (tea light holders) which we then painted in bright colours.

We also used clay in the same way to create poppies; we placed a pebble in the centre and painted them bright red.



Communication and Language

We have used lots of new words this week such as "Diwali", "Diyas", "Hindi", "Goddess" and "Festival".

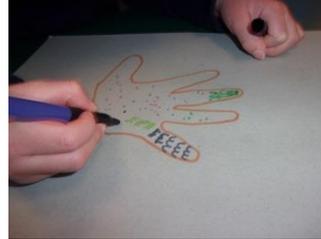
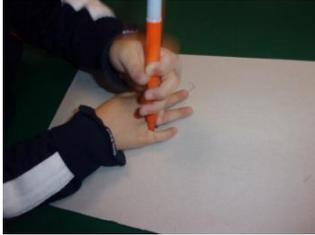
We have listened to lots of stories about Diwali and enjoyed learning to say the new words we have learned. We listened to music and practised doing some traditional Diwali dances.





Expressive Art and Design

We drew around our hands and decorated the hands with Diwali inspired patterns. It was really tricky to draw around our hands but we worked really hard and managed to do it. Felt tip pens were easier to use to draw patterns than pencils.



Understanding the World

Children really enjoyed copying the Diwali dancers; we loved the bright colours of their dresses and seeing all the sequins sparkle as the light caught them.

Maths

We have been using the scales in the home corner to weigh different items; we weighed sand, pasta and small blocks. We continued this activity in the garden weighing natural resources.



Literacy

We have enjoyed lots of stories in Nursery this week. Mr Piercy came to read to us again which we always enjoy. In the home corner we have lots of menus on display; the children have had lots of fun setting up cafes and picnics. There have been lots of really lovely conversations amongst the children during these moments.

Personal, Social and Emotional (PSE)

We have spoken about the meaning of 'Diwali' – 'Good over Evil'. We have also discussed how it is celebrated in a similar way to how we celebrate Christmas. This has led to lots of excitement as we have begun various Christmas displays and crafts around Nursery.

Important Dates:

16th-20th November	-	Nursery Rhyme Week
Christmas carols via Zoom	-	(Date and time to be confirmed)

Mrs Beresford, Mrs Griffiths, Miss Makey and Mrs Wagstaff

