Nursery Newsletter

Diwali - Week commencing: 09/11/26

This week, we have been learning all about Diwali, the Festival of Light. We shared the stories *A Garland of Light* and *The Night Before Diwali* and talked about what Diwali is and how it is celebrated by Hindus.

We explored different items associated with Diwali, including diya lamps and Rangoli patterns. While looking at the beautiful Rangoli designs, we talked about the different shapes and colours we could see.



During our carpet sessions, we created our own Rangoli patterns and explored a variety of different smells, including cinnamon, cardamom and rose water. We talked about the different scents and shared our thoughts about them.

We also had lots of fun making barfi, a traditional Diwali sweet. We named the different ingredients and took turns mixing them all together. We then used our hands to mould the mixture into little balls. The children really enjoyed getting involved in this hands-on activity!



On Wednesday, the children took part in the two-minute silence to mark Remembrance Day. They also had the opportunity to place coins on a poppy as a way of showing their respect and remembering those who have served. Alongside this, we enjoyed exploring some fun and engaging activities throughout the day.









Our indoor activities this week have included:

- Using tubes dipped in paint to create colourful firework pictures.
- Adding repeated patterns to Diwali lamps, exploring different colours and shapes.
- Creating fireworks on the light table using lollipop sticks.
- Creating Mehndi patterns on hands, practising pencil control and developing control over our mark-making.
- Exploring flower petals in coloured water while making our own flower tea.
- Using hammers to carefully tap coloured nails into Rangoli patterns, developing our hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills.












Our outdoor activities this week have included:

- Using tweezers to collect coloured gems from the water, developing our fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination.
- Exploring different movements and ways of moving with long pieces of tinsel.
- Creating our own Rangoli patterns using felt-tip pens, exploring colours and designs.
- Using cars and diggers in the sandpit, developing our imaginative and creative play.
- Practising our climbing skills on the climbing wall, building our confidence, balance and physical coordination.





Activities to Try at Home

Here are some fun activities you could enjoy sharing with your child at home this week:

- Practise counting everyday objects around the house, counting from 1–5.
- Encourage your child to put on their own shoes, developing their independence.

- Practise putting on their own coat, helping to build their self-help skills.
- Share a bedtime story together, enjoying special time and developing a love of books.
- Explore colours in the environment. Remember, our current season is Autumn! What beautiful Autumn colours can you spot together?

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Next week, we will be learning about and exploring **Birthday Celebrations**! We will be sharing the story *Kipper's Birthday* and enjoying lots of fun activities linked to birthdays and celebrations.