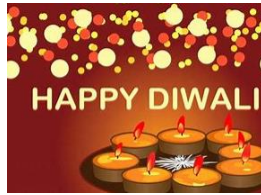


Diwali

Literacy

Listening to information texts and videos about how Hindus celebrate Diwali.



Finding out that information can be learned about new topics from books.



Listening to the story of Rama and Sita and responding with relevant comments and questions.

Drawing a picture of what happens at Diwali and labelling their picture.

Personal and Social Development

Talking about being kind and helpful. Discussing ways of being kind and helpful at school and home.

Encouraging the children to work together to use a variety of construction resources to build a bridge, just like the animals in the Rama and Sita story.



Encouraging the children to choose a Diwali picture and then make a face to show how that picture makes them feel.

Communication and Language

Reading the story of Rama and Sita with the children and encouraging them to listen carefully, retell main events and predict what may happen next.



Creating a special story telling chair for the children to retell the story of Rama and Sita to each other.



Understanding of the World

Exploring other sources of light with the children and talking about how they help us to see – like the Diya Lamps in the Rama and Sita story.



Providing torches and other light sources for the children to explore light and dark.

Expressive Arts and Design

Using percussion instruments to make the musical accompaniments to the Rama and Sita story.

Encouraging the children to think about which instrument would be best for the different characters and how they should be played.

Creating colourful Rangoli patterns using different colours, media and textures.



Providing stick puppets for children to cut out and make. Encouraging them to use their finished puppets to retell the Rama and Sita story.

Physical Development

Supporting children to cut out and assemble Diwali paper chains. Talking about the colours, shapes, pictures and patterns that the children can see.

Encouraging the children to explore and create movements to some Indian music.



Providing different types of malleable materials for the children to use to create Diya Lamps.