

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will be thinking about ways people behave. They will be learning that actions can sometimes harm others by discussing the actions of Ravana in the story of Rama and Sita. They will be talking about choices of behaviour and learning to recognise the difference between safe and unsafe choices in connection with our key values safe, respectful and ready to learn. They will be learning to share toys, to take turns and to use kind words to one another when they are playing together at Nursery.

Literacy

The children will be talking about characters and events in topic related stories. Staff will support children to recall and retell stories that they have heard by playing with puppets and props or using small world figures. There will be opportunities for mark making such as drawing, chalking and painting. The children will be encouraged to use marks when creating things such as Diwali, birthday and Christmas cards or when they write their wish lists or letters to Father Christmas.

Maths

The children will be learning number rhymes such as Five Little Monkeys and Five Little Ducks. They will be choosing 2D shapes to create Rangoli patterns and using repeating colours to make Christmas paper chains. Staff will support the children to develop their early mathematical vocabulary by helping them to talk about the patterns they make. The children will be learning to count out candles onto playdough birthday cakes and jewels onto divas that they make.

Physical Development

The children will be learning to handle tools and materials through creative activities and cooking sessions making coconut Barfi, firework cupcakes, cheesy stars and mini Christmas puddings. They will be practising moving in a range of ways. They will create Diwali dances and use their gross motor movements to make firework patterns with ribbon wands or scarves.

Communication and Language

The children will be listening to stories such as Lighting A Lamp, Spot's Birthday Party, Hanukkah Bear & The First Christmas. They will be learning to follow instructions when cooking. They will be talking about how people celebrate different festivals and about celebrations they take part in with their families. They will be learning to say rhymes during World Nursery Rhyme Week.

F1 Curriculum Overview- Autumn 2

Theme: Celebrations



Understanding the World

The children will be finding out about the different ways in which people from different cultures celebrate festivals. There will be opportunities for the children to make Mendhi and Rangoli patterns, clay divas, monkey masks and coconut sweets linked to the festival of Diwali. They will be able to taste some Indian food. The children will be creating cards, Christingles, biscuits, table and tree decorations linked to the festival of Christmas. There will be opportunities to make menorah and Star of David cookies in connection with Hanukkah. The children will be listening to stories that are at the root of celebrations such as the story of Rama and Sita: The First Diwali, Hanukkah Bear and the story of the Birth of Jesus: The First Christmas. The children will be encouraged to share their own experiences of how they might celebrate special occasions such as birthdays and Christmas within their families.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be making music and taking part in Indian dancing as part of activities linked to Diwali. In the construction area, there will be opportunities to build boats to take Prince Rama over to the island to rescue his Princess Sita. The children will be able to choose resources to make prince and princess crowns, divas, and Hanuman monkey masks. The children will be using a range of drawing and painting media to create firework effect pictures. As part of imaginative play, the children will be able to take the role of the elves in Santa's Workshop, making, wrapping, and packing toys. The children will explore changes in texture as they make mini chocolate Christmas puddings. They will be encouraged to select resources to make Christmas tree decorations and mini stockings. They will be learning to join in singing various Christmas songs and different nursery rhymes.