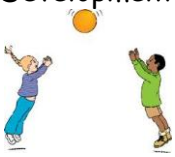


Pre-School Newsletter – Monday 2nd November

Have a lovely relaxing half term! The first week back our theme is based around Diwali (the Hindu festival of Light – Sunday 8th November) as well Bonfire night 5th November. We will be finding out about ways in which people celebrate important celebrations in their lives and the lives of others.

Communication Language and Literacy 	Mathematics 	Understanding the World 	Physical Development 	Expressive Arts and Design 	Personal, Social and Emotional Development 
To listen to a variety of Diwali themed stories Such as 'Lots of Light' and '12 Days of Diwlai' To enjoy mark making experiences and give meaning to their marks, commenting on what they have drawn or 'written' using the idea of mark making fireworks.	Learning our Diwlai number song of the week Focus on number 4, recognizing the numeral, writing the number, counting to 4 using our fingers an other objects  "Down, across, oar in the water!"	Finding out about Diwali and how it is celebrated Understanding that different people celebrate different Festivals. Looking at special Diwali foods maybe even having a try. Talking about Bonfire night, singing songs related to fireworks. 5 pretty fireworks	**Fine motor skills challenges** : Using tweezers to collect coloured gems and sparkles to create rangoli patterns Mark making henna patterns on paper hands **Gross motor challenges:** using our bodies in movement to create different shapes to represent the noises of fireworks – bang, pow, whizz	Using chalks, paint, collage and loose parts to make our own Rangoli patterns Dancing to Indian music with ribbons and scarves. Exploring how we can use different mediums to create explosions of colour to represent fireworks.	We will continue to work on our golden rules Including ~ sharing ~ using kind/gentle hands ~ using our words to communicate what is wrong (when possible!) Understanding what it means to be a member of a community.

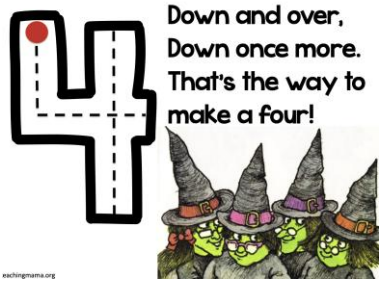
KEY WORDS THIS WEEK: **Diwali, celebrate, bonfire, festival, fireworks, diya, sparkler, whizz, crackle**

SIGN OF THE WEEK: help



Click the link to see this sign in action
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSonSBa1yN

NUMBER OF THE WEEK 4



TAPESTRY CHALLENGE

- Firework jar experiment



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If you celebrate Diwali we would love to see some photos of your family celebrations - please add them to Tapestry. Or let us know if you'd like to come and talk with the children in person!