

Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Play an attention game where some Diwali-themed objects are placed on a tray. Children carefully look at the objects displayed and once their eyes are closed, the adult removes one item. The children can use the new vocabulary learnt to identify the object missing.</li> <li>Try new foods i.e. chapatis, mango lassi smoothie, samosas etc. Can the chn talk about how they taste using descriptive language?</li> <li>Junk modelling making fireworks- invite chn to explain their ideas and experiences of fireworks.</li> <li>Use Diwali images. encourage children to talk about what they can see. Introduce children to new vocabulary including 'Rangoli', 'diya' and 'mehndi'.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using the made diya lamps/puppets/props, invite chn to collaborate in the role play area. Can they play with their peers?</li> <li>Invite families into nursery to share Diwali experiences. Families could also add their Diwali experiences to Tapestry to be shared with the chn.</li> <li>Think about how the different characters are feeling in the story. How does Sita feel when she is taken? Etc.</li> <li>Look at the 'Dipal's Diwali' story together (twinkl). Talk about how the festival is celebrated and encourage children to share their own experiences of celebrations with the group.</li> <li>Look at the page in the story where Dipal and Mohan are tidying their bedroom. Encourage children to take responsibility for different areas of the setting to make sure that resources are put away in the correct place. Consider as a group any toys that they don't play with that they could give to a charity or to someone else to play with.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use various spices/flavouring to create playdough - Indian sweets. They can be decorated with lentils, kidney beans, black eyed beans etc.</li> <li>Dress up in festive wear or as a character from the Rama and Sita story.</li> <li>Cut slits half way into the kitchen roll tubes, dip in paint then print on paper to create fireworks.</li> <li>Use streamers or scarves to pretend to be fireworks in the sky, encourage children to move to firework sounds or music to practise large-muscle movements.</li> <li>Provide some salt dough or clay for children to use to make diya lamps. Children can further practise their fine motor skills by decorating their diya lamps with paint, sequins or glitter.</li> <li>Invite chn to take part in Diwali-themed yoga. E.g; can you pretend to be a candle: tree pose.</li> </ul>	
Literacy	Maths	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read the Story of Rama and Sita. Discuss the characters, who are the goodies and who are the baddies.</li> <li>Act out the story of Rama and Sita, inviting different chn to be the various characters/use puppets.</li> <li>Encourage chn to talk about the different events in the story, what they liked and disliked.</li> <li>In a tuff tray, cover laminated fireworks photos in black salt and invite chn to mark make into the salt.</li> <li>Make and write <i>Happy Diwali</i> cards for friends and family.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create Rangoli patterns using large/small shapes (draw around each shape to create the pattern then ask the children to identify the shapes in the pattern).</li> <li>Wrap up items of different weight. For example; stones/rocks, blocks, feathers, foil and use the scale to see what is heavy and what is light.</li> <li>Use some role-play sweets or cakes to practise counting and comparing quantities on plates using the language of 'more than' and 'fewer than'.</li> <li>Use numicon to make Rangoli patterns.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce the topic of Diwali. Use the story/ppt/images/videos to discuss Diwali and how it is celebrated. Encourage the children to share their own experiences. Talk about what they see using new vocabulary.</li> <li>Dress up in Sari wrap with different types of fabric.</li> <li>Watch these videos about Diwali <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-diwali">https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-diwali</a> Discuss how the children prepare for and celebrate the festival.</li> <li>Using a clear plastic bottle, explore adding different materials (including foil, tissue paper, glitter, pipe cleaners and pom-poms) to create a sensory firework in a bottle. Talk about the colours, combinations of objects, the sounds and movements they create.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use coloured rice or powder paint to create Rangoli patterns.</li> <li>Cut out paper hands, use piping bags filled with paint to create henna patterns</li> <li>Make paint splatter pictures to create fireworks artwork.</li> <li>Sing a selection of Diwali songs and rhymes. Encourage the children to consider some actions or movements that could accompany the song. They could practise performing them to their friends.</li> <li>Listen to traditional and modern Indian music. Can chn describe what they hear?</li> </ul>

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