

## Autumn signs and celebrations

We have had a great time in Rockets and Stars over the past two weeks with our Big Idea Autumn Sign and Celebrations. We have been Autumn detectives, searching for clues that Autumn has begun as we went on a walk around school. We have been busy looking at our book 'Tree' and using it to inspire our writing, painting and building. We moved on this week to look at the Hindu festival of light, Diwali, that is celebrated this Sunday 12th November 2023. We have linked the children's experiences of bonfire night and watching fireworks with the fireworks that happen to celebrate Diwali. The children have loved looking at special Hindu objects and clothes and have even prepared and decorated the role play area to celebrate Diwali with a prayer space, a kitchen to make special treats, a dining table decorated with silverware and Happy diwali signs to welcome the guests! The children have loved learning about rangoli patterns and have made these in many different ways across the classroom and outdoor area. It has been a wonderful two weeks celebrating Halloween, Bonfire Night and Diwali!

### Next Week's Big Idea and Big Challenge:

Next week we will be looking at our new Big Idea of Rocks and Caves. We will be talking about different types of rocks, going on hunts for rocks, becoming geologists and thinking of all of the things that are made of rock. At home you could look around and go on a rock hunt! How many different types of rock can you find? Talk to your children about the size, shape, colour and texture of the rocks you find. Maybe you would want to count or sort them into different groups. How about drawing some pictures of the rocks that you find? Have a look around your home and see how many things you can find that are made from rock, don't forget precious rocks and gems too! If you have any exciting or interesting rocks at home we would love to have them in school so that we could make our very own rock museum! Don't forget to send us your pictures on Tapestry! Have fun exploring and learning.

