

### Big Idea: Diwali

We moved on this week to look at the Hindu festival of light, Diwali, that was celebrated over the half term holidays. 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 different cultures and celebrations

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

We will be building on the theme of light and beginning our new Light and Dark Big Idea. Why not talk to your child about when it is light and when it is dark? You could talk about times of day and what happens when it's light (going to school, eating breakfast etc..) and what happens when it is dark (going to bed etc..) You might even talk about how light and darkness change according to the changing seasons. Maybe you could collect objects that are dark and count how many you find? You might want to go around the house and count how many lights are in each room - you could even make a map and label each light! Have fun exploring and learning and don't forget to send us some pictures of what you get up to on Tapestry!

