



Activities at Home

Project: Celebrations

Dear Parents,

The activity for week: 8 beginning: 1st Nov

Is: Diwali and diversity

The activity we will be covering involves:

- Reading a story about Diwali
- We look at the map of the world and we locate India on the map and view the distance between India and UK.
- We discuss parts of the story as we read along and the significance of why we celebrate Diwali.
- We look at pictures of how Diwali is celebrated.
- I go around the classroom and ask the children where they come from, which is their favourite festival and how do they celebrate it.

Our activity includes:

We will organise a Diwali party for the children. We will set up a carousel of activities around the classroom where the children will be able to participate in various activities related to Diwali such as diya painting, making rangoli patterns, dressing up in Indian clothes. We will also end the day with some Indian dancing. The next day we will invite the children to talk about their native country. We shall invite them to wear their traditional costumes or colours of their flag and bring something to share from their native country be it food or artefacts and celebrate their own heritage.

You might wish to help your child to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about. Please feel free to approach the teachers for further explanations.

Our suggested activities are:

- Discuss the different festivals from around the world and how people celebrate festivals in different ways. Maybe you can decide to celebrate a new festival once a year in your home that you like which is different from the ones you usually celebrate.
- Go to a library and look at different cultural books
- Visit the cultural festivals celebrated in London as a family day out. Follow the link for further details- <https://www.trafalgarsquare.com/v/festivals/>
- Celebrating diversity- <https://www.britishcouncil.org/voices-magazine/nine-ways-celebrate-diversity>
- Songs on diversity- <https://bitsofpositivity.com/free-multicultural-songs-celebrating-diversity-and-inclusion/>



Differentiation: please add differentiation; this is not for the parents to see. To show that differentiation is taking place.

- Visual aids to help some children understand the story
- Modelling of the activity
- Use larger templates for the younger children to decorate
- Adult support for those who may need extra help