

Week 7 Reception Learning Blog

w/b Monday 17th October 2022

We have reached half term. Come and share in our learning...

Monday 17th October:

An exciting day awaited us today! We began our Diwali celebrations! We shared the story, *Rama and Sita – The Story of Diwali* and learnt how the ten-headed demon king Ravana stole Princess Sita. Thankfully, she was rescued by Rama and the Monkey King. We learnt that Diwali is the festival of lights and is celebrated for five days.

Today, we celebrated the first Day of Diwali. We learnt about Dhanteras, and how these garlands are used to decorate houses. During our whole class Maths session, we learnt to continue a simple repeating pattern and used this knowledge to make our mini-Dhanteras.

Tuesday 18th October:

The second day of Diwali saw us learning about Rangoli patterns. We learnt that Rangoli patterns decorate the doorways of houses. This is a symbol of prosperity and good luck. We created our own Rangoli patterns using the flat/2D shapes, in particular circles and triangles.

We also looked at the many different designs that Rangoli patterns come in and had a go at describing these beautiful images.

Wednesday 19th October:

It was a busy day today. Mrs Chhatralia came in to help us celebrate day three of Diwali. We were very privileged to see and try on the wonderful outfits worn on special occasions, which included jewellery and head dresses. We learnt that these items were brought back from India.

We also revisited our colour mixing knowledge and painted our divas – small candle holders which are used to light up houses during Diwali. We decorated them with sparking gems, which gave us the opportunity to use the vocabulary we had learnt during our work about the Imperial State Crown last month.

Thank you also to Ms Carty, who helped us to draw an image of ourselves for our tea towels.

Thursday 20th October:

We made Coconut Square sweets to celebrate the fourth day of Diwali. We named the ingredients and utensils and followed each step to make our delicious desserts. We look forward to sharing them with our families next week.

Friday 21st October:

To mark the end of the half term, we celebrated with a colour run. It gave us the opportunity to be healthy whilst having lots of fun.

We were also very excited to receive our reading books this week. We are looking forward to developing our reading skills and talking about them. We will practise our independence skills by returning our books to be changed by putting them in the reading basket when we arrive at school in the mornings.

Well done to our Stars of the Week this week:

- ❖ Louie, for re-telling and writing a fantastic story about a train.
- ❖ Imogen, for becoming increasingly focused during carpet time.

Happy birthday to Arthur, who turns five during half term. We hope you have a wonderful birthday and create many memories, from all your friends in Reception Class.

Well done on all your hard work everyone. Thank you for all the support we have received from our families. Have a relaxing, restful and happy half term. Here's to more exciting learning adventures when we return!

Happy Diwali everyone!

With every best wish,
Mrs Dowling & Mrs Butler