

**This week in Early Years...**  
**...our focus is Diwali**  
**(8.11.10)**

<p><b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b></p>	<p>We will find out about the lives of other people by learning about how Hindus celebrate Diwali. Rita, one of our dinner supervisors, will visit to tell us how she celebrates and to show us some pictures of the celebrations. In our SEAL (Social, Emotional Aspects of Learning) session we will continue to play games that encourage us to help each other and work together. We will also enjoy showing our parents/carers what happens at lunchtimes as we welcome them to try a school dinner!</p>
<p><b>Communication, Language and Literacy Development</b></p>	<p>We will listen to, and talk about, the story of Diwali and will talk again about the events and settings. In phonics, we will learn to sound and form the letters 'e' and 'u', will learn to recognise the tricky word 'no' by sight and will learn to read small captions, using the sounds we already know, by segmenting and blending e.g. a sad man/a kid in a cot.</p>
<p><b>Mathematical Development</b></p>	<p>We will continue to talk about different shapes and will look closely at the shapes in Rangoli patterns, used as decorations for Diwali.</p>
<p><b>Knowledge and Understanding of the World</b></p>	<p>We will look at artefacts used during Diwali. We will try to recreate Rangoli patterns on the computer, during our weekly visit to the ICT suite, and also using natural materials, in the wooded area behind our play area.</p>
<p><b>Physical Development</b></p>	<p>In PE, we will use some of the large equipment to practise travelling along, under and over. We will also practise moulding clay, and using small pattern-making tools, during one of the activities below.</p>
<p><b>Creative Development</b></p>	<p>We will continue to make firework pictures/patterns, linked to Diwali, and our own experiences over the weekend. We will make Diwali cards, clay divas (lamps) and will use shape tiles, paints, and printing blocks to make Rangoli patterns.</p>

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