



Activities at Home

Project: 'Marvellous Me'

Dear Parents,

The activity for week: 10 beginning: 13th November

Is: 'My Super Celebrations-Diwali 2023'

The activity we will be covering involves:

- Learning all about the Hindu festival of Diwali, which falls on Monday, 19th November 2023
- Creating a diya lamp using clay
- Creating a lantern craft
- Painting toy elephants using watercolour paints
- Using coloured shapes to create rangoli patterns

Our activity includes:

- First, we will learn the story of Rama and Sita, watching the video BBC Teach: The Hindu Story of Rama and Sita, Religions of the World
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRpNNF4fB4g>
- Next, we will explore different ways that Hindus celebrate the festival today, learning about the importance of lanterns as well as looking at Rangoli patterns
- The children will be invited to explore a range of activities related to Diwali including: using clay to make diya lanterns (teacher-led activity); creating a paper lantern craft using coloured paper, scissors and glitter (teacher-led activity); sticking coloured shapes onto circles of paper to create our own rangoli patterns (child-led); and decorating plastic toy elephants using water colour paints (child-led)

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:

- **Visit an Indian restaurant or cook Indian food together; the children may enjoy folding pastry to create samosas, or NetMums have a selection of child friendly**

meals that you may wish to try

<https://www.netmums.com/recipes/category/indian-recipes/>

- Use chalk to create your own rangoli patterns
- Watch one of the firework shows that are commonly held to mark this festival-if you're lucky you may be able to see one from your home!



The Big Question: Ask your child.....

In the story of Rama and Sita, Rama is helped by Hanuman, the Monkey King. Which animal do you think would make the best King and why? Which animal would make the worst King and why?