

## Nursery Peek at the Week

### Weekly News

This week in Nursery,

We have been learning about the festival of Diwali and how it is celebrated. We have learnt that Diwali is the festival of light and the children have enjoyed decorating Nursery with lots of battery-operated candles. The children have also experimented to make their own salt dough to make diva lamps. They measured 1 cup of flour, 1 cup of salt and 1 cup of water and they each chose which colour that they would like to add before they mixed all of the ingredients together. If their mixture was too dry, they added more water and if it was too wet, they added more flour. They then had lots of fun exercising their fingers to shape the dough into divas before adding lots of gems and sparkle to decorate them. We then had to wait a long time whilst they dried in the oven. We were then able to add the candles and the children were very excited to take them home to decorate their homes.

We also made various Rangoli using different materials, including a very large Rangoli flower, which the children made collaboratively using rice and powder paint. The children have also been developing their pen skills drawing Mehndi onto paper hands. We also learnt a Diwali poem about diva lamps.

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Please share these photographs with your child and talk about what they have learnt.









The children developed fine motor skills by carefully placing the rice alongside a chalk line and then sprinkling powder paint on top.

Can you practise sprinkling rice or salt along different lines? What shapes or pictures can you make?



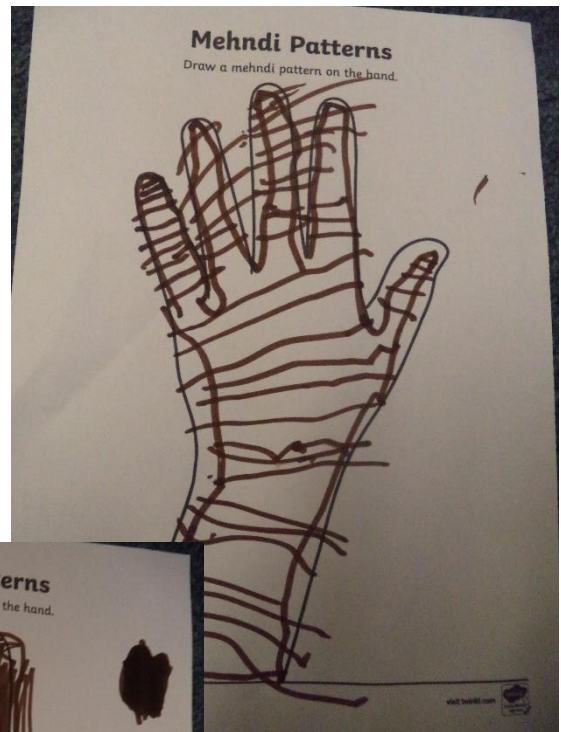
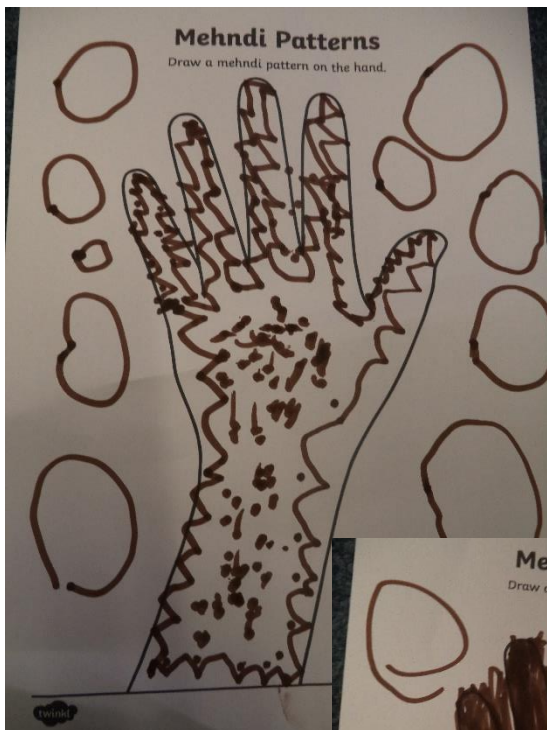
Rangoli by Maxine



We were able to use tools with control to make our own chalk paint to create Rangoli outside. We used hammers to break down the chalk and then mixed the powder with water.

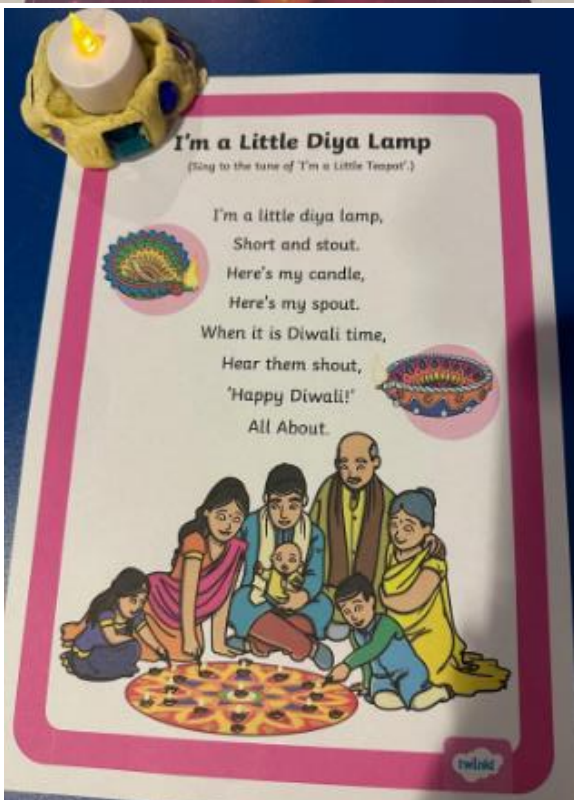
Can you use a toy hammer at home with control? Maybe you can use a real hammer with adult supervision. We would love to see some photographs.











We made salt dough using 1 cup of flour, 1 cup of salt, 1 cup of water and then paint or food colouring for colour. We then made our beautiful divas. To dry them we put them in the oven for day at 100 degrees Celsius.

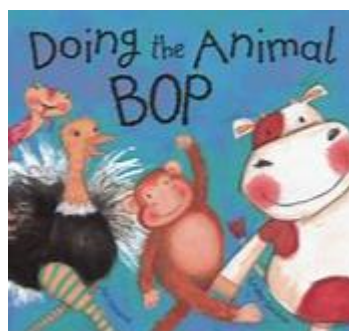
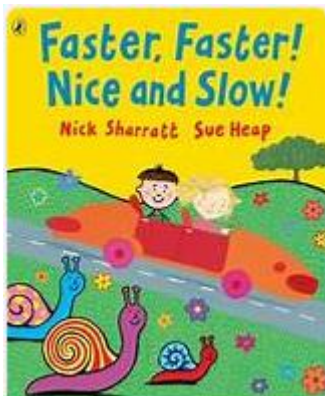
Can you make some salt dough at home?

What will you make with your salt dough?

Can you make some decorations for your house?



**3-a-day Stories:** The children have learnt our last 3 a day stories really well. These are our new 3 a day stories for this half term:



Important Dates

**School Open Evening Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 7:00pm** You will have to apply for your child's school space by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. If you would like to find out more about the school please attend one of our open mornings or evenings.

**Christmas Fair Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 12:00pm-3:00pm** please come along and support the school and have lots of Christmas fun at the fair.

**Donkey visit Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** the children will get to see real life donkeys to support their learning of the nativity story.

**School Open Morning Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 09:30am-11:30am** You will have to apply for your child's school space by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. If you would like to find out more about the school please attend one of our open mornings or evenings.

**Nativity Performances to parents/carers: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am-10:30am and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2:15pm-3:15pm**

Please check your child's costume letter to see what they need to wear for these performances. Please could we have your child's costume in a named bag as soon as possible?

**Last day of Nursery Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** children to attend their usual session times.

## Applying your child's primary school place

All of our current nursery children are due to start primary school in September 2025.

Being in our nursery does not automatically mean that you will be given a primary school place at our school. If you have not seen the rest of the school I highly recommend that you come to an open morning or evening to find out all about the lovely curriculum that we have to offer. This includes Forest School and many other extras that other schools may not have (please see dates in our key dates section).

**Please see details below detailing how to apply for a school place:**

If you are Sutton resident, please use the link below:

<https://www.sutton.gov.uk/w/applying-to-start-primary-school-1>

The website offers guidance and a step-by-step video guide to help you through the process.

Applications open on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 and close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

National offer day will be on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025

If you live in another borough, you will need to apply through your local council's website but you are still able to select Sutton schools.

If you have any questions regarding this, please ask.

Could we please have some small cardboard boxes and toilet roll or kitchen roll tubes next week for some crafts that we are doing.

