

Learning in Reception this week – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Rama and Sita (Diwali)



**Drawing Club Vocabulary**

Each week the children learn new words relating to our theme of the week. They learn an action to help them remember each word. Ask your child about the words we have been learning this week.

- Diwali
- Rama & Sita
- Courageous
- Wounded
- Ravana
- Evil
- Chariot
- Battle



**Phonics**

This week we have learnt the sounds:

**y z zz qu**

We have also learnt s a t p i n m d g o c k ck e u r, h, b, f, ff, l, ll, j, v, w, x so far.



**Amazing Artists**

This week we started learning about our new artist for the term – **Wassily Kandinsky**, a Russian Painter. We explored the **primary colours** – red, yellow and blue and what happens when we mix them together. We also learnt how to use the paint pumps to dispense our own paint into pots.



**PE**

This week we joined in with a **Cosmic Kids yoga** session. The children learnt ways of moving their bodies whilst telling the story of Cracker the Dragon.



**Maths**

This week we have learnt about **capacity**, measuring the amount something can hold, to find out how full or empty something is. We used cups and different things such as rice, pasta, beads etc to explore filling and emptying, using the language **full, empty, half full/empty, nearly full and nearly empty**.

We also learnt about **number four**. We found things with the number on e.g. 4 spots on a dice, 4 spots on a domino (3 & 1, 2 & 2, 4 & 0), 4 x 1p coins, 2 x 2p coins. We learnt about 2 shapes which **have 4 sides and 4 corners** – a **square** and a **rectangle**. We used cubes to make a tower of 4 and a square to represent the number 4 Numberblock.

You can watch the Numberblocks 'Four' episode again here...

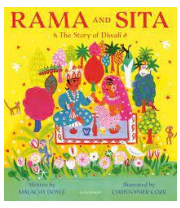
[Numberblocks Four](#)



**Discovery Detectives**  
**(History, Geography, Science)**

This week we have been learning about **Diwali, the Festival of Lights**. We explored how people prepare for Diwali and how it is celebrated across the world. Some of the Reception children shared how they celebrate Diwali with their families. We learnt about the story of **Rama and Sita** and enjoyed making our own **Rangoli patterns**.

**Watch the story of the week here**



[Rama & Sita](#)



**Welly Wednesday**

This week we started learning about '**Fantastic Forests**'. We learnt about all the different animals that live in a **UK forest** and talked about their features. We then used **natural resources** from the field to make pictures/models of our favourite woodland creatures. We learnt about several animals, including bats, weasels, adders, deer, hedgehogs, hares and wild boars, woodpeckers.



**RE**

This week we listened to the story 'A friend like you' and thought about how to be a **good friend**. We made a list of the characteristics that make a good friend such as being kind, sharing, taking turns and being a good listener.



**Continue your learning at home**

Look back at photos and talk about the **festivals and special times** you celebrate with your family. Which special day/event are you going to celebrate next with your family and friends?