

Key Stage 2 celebrate Diwali

At the beginning of the week all the children learnt about the story of Rama and Sita and each class made puppets and used role play to act out

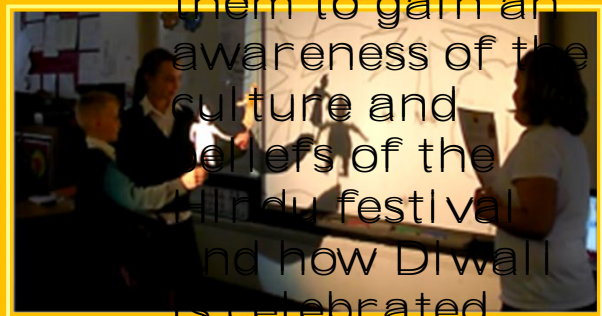
Recently, the children in Key Stage 2 took part in a week long of activities and shared in some of the cultural traditions of celebrating Diwali.

This enabled

them to gain an awareness of the culture and beliefs of the Hindu festival and how Diwali is celebrated.



Year 5 made shadow puppets



Year 3 made masks.



Year 4 made rod puppets



Rama and Sita

Year 6 made a puppet theatre for their stick puppets

Keira Gleeson, Charlotte Taylor, Kayleigh Porter and Katie May Wilde performed using their puppets for our celebration assembly at the end of the week.

The children not only took part in activities that were taught by their own class teacher, but also visited the classrooms of all the other teachers in Key Stage 2.

During Diwali, it is tradition to make a variety of sweets and cuisines made specifically for this festival. It is a way of spreading joy and goodwill among both



the givers and the receivers of these delights.



The children tasted and made some of the sweets that are given and eaten during Diwali. They enjoyed Coconut Barffi and frozen bananas dipped in chocolate! They



The children collectively created this stunning Diwali collage using sand and glitter. The children made their own patterns

The children made their own patterns by turning a line in a square



These patterns were made with coloured rice.

Rangoli is a very popular form of art in India. It is usually drawn by Indian women in front of their doors or gates during Hindu festivals and are meant as a shape: spreading welcoming areas for the Hindu Gods.

The children designed their own patterns of Mendhi and then we used their designs to paint them on the children's arms for



Intricate patterns of mehndi are typically applied to brides before wedding ceremonies but are also applied for



Dancing plays a very important part in many festivals and celebrations, particularly

The children also learnt a dance using typical Indian dance moves



All the children made their own Diya lamps using clay. They used different techniques to make the shape of a traditional Diya Lamp. We then used



Diya lamps are a significant symbol of Diwali and its celebrations. They symbolise the festival of light.



paint and



We completed the week with a whole school assembly which shared and celebrated the activities we had taken part in throughout the week. The children sang a Diwali song and exchanged cards. The children clearly enjoyed the activities throughout the week and learnt a lot about the Diwali festival!

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