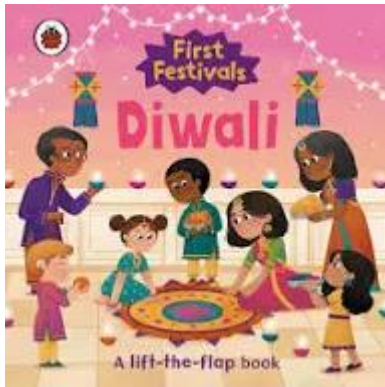




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Our topic this week is 'Diwali'. We have read books about Diwali celebrations. We have also learnt about Remembrance Day and Children in Need.

Books we have read:

- The Diwali story: Rama and Sita
- First festivals: Diwali
- Lighting a lamp
- Pudsey's great fundraiser

Activities/provision this week:

- We read 'Rama and Sita', learning about the origins of Diwali.
- Making Rangoli patterns- We watched videos of people making Rangoli patterns for Diwali. The children later made their own Rangoli patterns using coloured salt.
- Making Diva lamps - We read 'Lighting a lamp' and talked about Diva lamps. The children made their own 'Diva lamp' using coloured card, tissue paper, scissors and glitter.
- Diva lamp playdough - The children made 'Diva lamps' out of playdough and tea light candles.
- Rangoli pattern craft - The children made their own Rangoli patterns using black circular card, sticky coloured shapes, oil pastels etc.
- We talked about how Diwali is the festival of lights. The children experimented with light/dark by playing in a dark den with torches.
- Construction area - The children made Rangoli patterns and experimented with shapes using stickle bricks and wooden shapes.
- Diwali home corner - We read 'First festivals: Diwali' and talked about how people celebrate Diwali for example, with specific decorations and food. The children played in a Diwali home corner with party food, fairy lights, pretend candles etc.

Additional activities this week:

- Remembrance Day - We watched a CBeebies video about Remembrance Day and had a group discussion about what the poppy represents. The children made a poppy using floral cupcake cases, green/red pens and red tissue paper. They also made poppies using red playdough and black buttons.
- Children in Need - The children took part in a range of activities for Children in Need e.g. decorating a Pudsey bear. Thank you for the cake decorations!

Phonics: Body percussion

This term our phonics focus is Body Percussion! The children are learning to develop their awareness of sounds and rhythm. They have been using their bodies to make different sounds e.g. tapping, stomping, clicking, clapping. We have been practicing making sounds slow, fast, loud and quiet.

Maths: Order principle - counting in order

The children have been learning how to:

- Count in order from 1-5 or 1-10
- Count backwards from 1-5 or 1-10
- Count 1-5 or 1-10 objects, saying each number name in order
- Count objects in an irregular order

Next week the topic will continue to be: **Diwali**

Important information

- Please can the children bring in any **books from home about Autumn, dark/light, stars, nighttime etc.**
- **School open afternoon/stay and play - Thursday 20th November - 2pm-3pm.**
- **Applications for starting primary school in September 2026 open on 15th November 2025 and close on 15th January 2026.** The date that all allocations of school places are announced in England is known as 'offer

day'. For September 2025 primary school starters this will be on **16th April 2026**. Apply online at the Citizens Portal.

- Please send in WOW moments for your children to share at circle time - pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org