



This week Reception have been learning about the Hindu and Sikh festival of Diwali—the festival of lights. We read “Binny’s Diwali” by Thrity Umrigar & Nidhi Chanani as part of our learning and found out about some of the special ways people celebrate this festival. As part of this learning we made our own diya lamp out of salt dough, Rangoli patterns out of shapes, decorated hand templates with Henna patterns and decorated our home corner with paper chains and used the building blocks to build their own version of the Golden Temple in India.



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The children also enjoyed learning a special Diwali song.
Home challenge: Can you tell a grown up about a celebration you like to celebrate and how.

Phonics

We continued our Phase 2 phonics learning this week. We introduced the following graphemes:



For each grapheme we learnt its corresponding phoneme (sound); ‘v’ as in vet, ‘w’ as in wave, ‘x’ as in box and ‘y’ as in yo-yo. This week we continued to have a go at writing CVC words as well as reading some short captions.

Home challenge: Continue to practise letter formation using the sheets sent home with your child. Use the worksheet attached to have a go at sounding out (segmenting) and blending the words then colouring the correct picture.

Maths

Our maths learning this week we have been working on shape identification and starting to talk about the properties of these shapes. We have focussed on circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles and learnt mathematical language of corners and sides to talk about these shapes. The children have been looking for shapes in the environment and practicing describing these shapes using mathematical language.

Home challenge: Go on a walk around your local area or your house and see if you can spot any circles, squares, triangles and rectangles. Take photos to share with us.

Home challenges are helpful ideas for you in supporting your child to consolidate their learning at home. Please feel free to choose those you feel are achievable for you and share on Tapestry