



**Friday 19th November is Children in Need Day.** The children are invited to come to nursery in their 'Pudsey Bear' clothes or non-uniform on this day.

**Thursday 2nd December is our bedtime story reading session.** The children are invited to come to nursery in their pyjamas/nightdress/dressing gown/slippers. We will drink hot chocolate and listen to lots of stories throughout the nursery session. We kindly ask that parents/carers return to nursery at 11am (morning session) and 2.45pm (afternoon session) to join in with storytime and read stories to their child.

**\*\*Christmas\*\*** We are still in need of empty, clean tuna tins to cook them in. Please don't forget to check the Christmas cake ingredient list if you have not already done so. It is displayed in the cloakroom. Can the ingredients please be brought into nursery by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**The Nursery Nativity** will take place **on Friday 10th December in the morning.** The children who attend nursery in the afternoon will come to nursery in the morning 8.30-11.30am. You are invited to come and watch the performance at 10.30am. There will be NO afternoon nursery on this day.

**The Nursery Christmas party** will take place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.** ALL children will attend nursery in the morning on this day. There will be NO afternoon nursery session. We will send out our party food list at a later date.

**Christmas 'Stay and Play'--- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.** At this session, you and your child will take part in lots of Christmas activities. If you are unable to attend, a grandparent or a family member can come in your place. We kindly ask that only one adult attends per child and as we know you will want to work closely with your child. We kindly ask that toddlers and babies do not attend this session, (please see Mrs Windsor if this will be a problem). All children come to nursery at the normal session time. Adults then need to return at 10.15am (if your child attends nursery in the morning) and 2.15pm (if your child attends nursery in the afternoon).

This week's learning: We have learnt about the Hindu festival Diwali. We used the book 'Lighting a Lamp' by Jonny Zucker and Jan Bargar to help us to understand what happens at Diwali. We also listened to the story about Rama and Sita and watched how families celebrate this festival (CBeebies) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-diwali> You will find the story of Rama and Sita overleaf.

Our target vocabulary this week: Diwali (divali)-festival of light, diwa (diva) lamp, forest, temple, pattern, demon, prayer. We have also learnt the vocabulary soldier, remember and march. Please try and use these words at home.

The children have used the paint spinner to make firework pictures (this is a great activity to develop their gross motor skills).

The children have been developing their fine motor skills: They manipulated the dough to create a Diwa Lamp and sprinkled sand to make a Rangoli Pattern.

The children were introduced to Helicopter Stories (a storytelling activity that develops children's vocabulary, communication skills and imagination). They enjoyed acting out the story of Rama and Sita.

Our baking activity was making barfi, an Indian sweet that families make and eat at Diwali. It was delicious!

Please remember to ask your child about some of the learning that they have done in nursery this week.

Once again, we have shared some of this week's learning on Twitter- so please have a look at our tweets.

'Skills for Life Challenge', thank you to everyone who has sent photos of their child tidying away their toys. A sticker will be placed in their skills passport.

Thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to speak to us about any worries or concerns you may have, we are here to help. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Windsor and Mrs Hough.