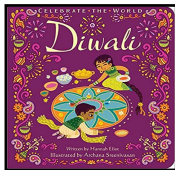
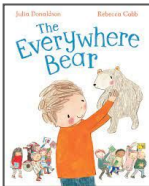
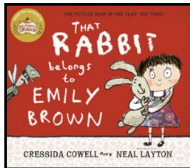
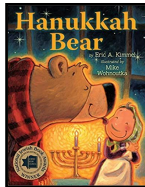










This half term, we will be learning about two religious festivals - Diwali and Hanukkah - as well focusing on mapwork and the geography of our local area, and learning about the past through toys and the story of Marguerite Steiff.

Diwali	My School Community	Toys	Hanukkah
			

Key Words

 celebrate	How do Hindus celebrate Diwali?	 map	What is a map?	 invent	Who invented the first cuddly toy?	 festival	What festivals do you celebrate?
 temple	What happens in a temple?	 directions	What directions do you need to go in to get to school?	 favourite	Which is your favourite type of toy?	 Hanukkah	What is Hanukkah ?

Key Experiences

A trip to a local temple/A visit from a member of the Hindu community	A walk around our local area and visits home from our own Everywhere Bear	A visit from Pollock's Toy Museum	Making potato latkes
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Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be focusing on our feelings and talking about how we feel and respecting others' feelings.

Talk about how your child is feeling and how they can manage their feelings.

Physical Development

We will be focusing on developing our fine motor skills through a range of activities including threading, using scissors and different mark making tools.

Practise the letters that your teacher has shared with you for your child.

Communication & Language

We will be focusing on using the new vocabulary we have learnt in our play.

Use our topic words when talking to your child at home. Praise them if they use them!

Literacy - Reading

We learn lots of new sounds and start orally blending sounds together! We will be beginning to read simple words and sentences.

Watch the RWI videos that are sent home every week.



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Literacy - Writing

The children will enjoy learning our talk for writing text 'The Three Little Pigs'. We will be drawing pictures from the story and using our letter sounds to label them.

Ask your child to show you the actions they have learnt so far.

Maths

We will be focusing on numbers within ten. We will be learning about one more and one less than a given number.

Go on a number hunt. What numbers can you see on your route to school?

Understanding the World

The children will have the opportunity to walk around the local community and touch some old toys.

Draw a map of your route to school.
Talk to your child about the toys you liked to play with when you were a child.

Expressive Art & Design

We will be making rangoli patterns for our Diwali celebrations.

Help me create patterns using different materials, such as pasta and rice, at home.