

# FS2 MOUSE CLUB

Term 2 – Week 1 Diwali (2024-2025)



Our topic this term is '**Sparkle and Shine**'. We are learning about celebrations and festivals that take place in our local community during November and December. It is important to understand and appreciate different traditions and celebrations.

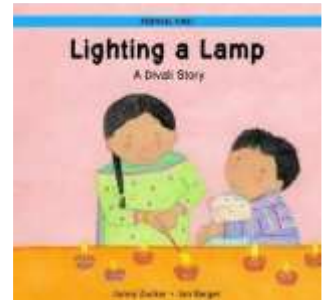
During the half term break was the start of the Hindu 5-day festival of Diwali. It is a festival also celebrated by Sikhs, Jains and some Buddhists. During Week 1 we are learning about the story of Rama and Sita and some of the ways some people in Britain prepare for and celebrate Diwali and why it is also known as the Festival of Lights.



Please follow the [link](#) and share this clip with your child. Talk about similarities with other celebrations that we know about, such as wearing special 'party' clothes, decorating our homes, eating special food and joining together with family and friends in community celebrations, such as a fireworks display.

## Our Book of the Week

- Lighting a Lamp: A Diwali Story by Jonny Zucker
- It follows a family as they make rangoli patterns, light divas and watch firework displays to celebrate Diwali.
- Please click [here](#).



## Our Song of the Week

- What is Diwali?
- Please click [here](#)



## Activities To Try at Home

- Make a 'Happy Diwali' card
- Design your own Rangoli patterns using crayons, coloured paper or chalk
- Please bring your pictures and cards to school or photograph them with 'Mouse' and pop the picture on Tapestry





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## Our Makaton Signs this Week:

- Celebrate
- Happy
- candle.



Celebrate



Happy



Candle



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