



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our rhyme of the fortnight is:

Autumn Leaves

(Tune - London Bridge)

Autumn leaves are falling down,

Falling down, falling down.

Autumn leaves are falling down,

Red, yellow, orange and brown.

What to do at home together:

- Discuss how the weather is changing. Discuss how the leaves are changing colours and falling from the trees. What do we think will happen next to the trees?
- Watch the song below to see all the actions and learn the tune together.
- Once familiar, experiment and play around with adding a different verse -

Brush them all up off the ground...off the ground, off the ground,
Brush them all up off the ground, all nice and clean.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7e6tYKYbyo>



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our rhyme of the fortnight is:

Diwali Time

Twinkle Twinkle Diva light
How you shine so nice and bright

Dancing in the dark of night
How you keep it nice and bright

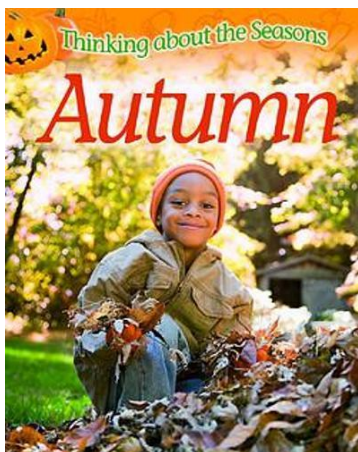
Twinkle Twinkle diva light
How you shine so nice and bright

What to do at home together:

- Talk about different types of light. Talk about why we need light to keep us safe. How does it make you feel when it is dark?
- Go outside at night and look up at the sky, what can you see? Can you see any stars shining bright?
- Watch the video below and see other videos for Diwali.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2H3o7ThtiY&list=RDY2H3o7ThtiY&start_radio=1

Our book of the fortnight is: Autumn By various authors

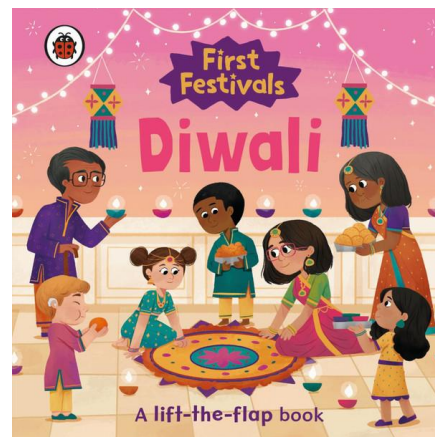


Non-fiction texts like this support the children to explore seasons, learning some interesting facts and seeing photographs. The book helps children to understand the changes seen as autumn sets in. It creates an interest for children to go outdoors and experience the awe and wonder of nature.

How to get the most out of reading to young children:

- Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages, too.
- Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. Talk to the children about pictures they have seen these things on their walk to school or in their garden.
- Ask questions and talk about the book. What do they think will happen next? How do we know when Autumn is over and another season is starting?
- Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story - as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices... your little ones will love it!

Our book of the fortnight is: Diwali

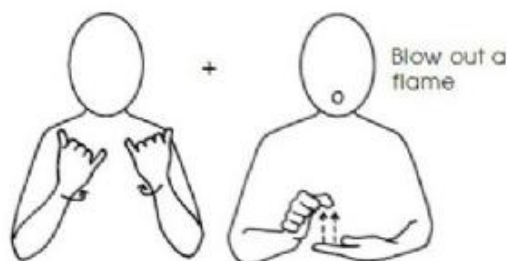


This story explores the celebration of Diwali across the world. These books give children the opportunity to explore a festival that may be the same or different to one that they celebrate. Learning about all festivals and celebrations helps children to understand similarities between communities and faiths.

How to get the most out of reading to young children:

- Be expressive!
- Picture books can be a great way to talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions. Give them space to talk, and ask how they feel about the situations in the story.
- Use props and toys to act out the story, either whilst you are reading it, or together afterwards

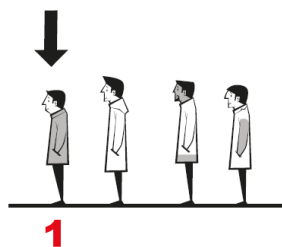
Our Makaton signs of the fortnight are:



Happy Diwali

(Always remember to say the word as you sign)

Our Concept Cat sign of the fortnight is:



First

Our Right of the fortnight is:

Article 14



You have the right to think and believe what you want and to practice your religion, as long as you do not stop other people from enjoying their rights. Your parents should guide you on these.

Over the next two weeks, we will be exploring children's right to freedom of thought and beliefs. The conversation will be provoked through: learning about celebration of Diwali.



This week we will be concentrating on oral health and the importance of oral hygiene. We want our children to understand the importance of oral health care.

*Oral health workshops on
21.10.25 at 8.30am or
23.10.25 at 12.30pm.*

Lots more early years health information, activities and recipes can be found on the Startwell website:

<https://startwellbirmingham.co.uk/>