

### Communication, Language and Literacy:

- Introduce basic Makaton sign language (See Key Vocabulary)
- To take part in a helicopter story.
- Experiment with different resources & textures for mark making.
- Begin letter and phonics recognition
- Join in with rhymes and story sessions
- Take part in daily phonics session
- Take part in a Talk4Writing session

### Personal & Social & Emotional Development:

- Take part in daily social interaction sessions.
- Take turns sharing news & celebrations – Exploring Diwali – The festival of lights
- Continue to implement our classroom rules, marvellous manners and our Learning Powers.
- Learning our friends' names.
- Talk about feelings and emotions

### Books to be read this week:

The story of Diwali – The festival of lights  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRpNNF4fB4g>

Ten little dinosaurs – Mike Brownlow  
Simon Rickerty, Room on the broom – Julia Donaldson  
Winnie, The Witch – Valerie Thomas

### Nursery Information Sheet:

Autumn Term 2019

Dinosaur Dig!  
Stegosaurus – Diwali & magic week  
Week: 28/10/2019

### Physical Development:

- Learning to be independent, take off and put on own shoes and coats.
- Take part in 'Funky Fingers' activities.
- Take part in a yoga session.
- Developing pencil control through a variety of activities – pumpkins, Rangoli patterns

### Understanding of the World:

- Using the interactive whiteboard to find out more about dinosaurs
- Exploring the environment – using our senses – sight, touch, smell, hearing.
- Learning about Diwali – The festival of lights <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-diwali>

### Key Questions

What do we know about a Stegosaurus and how can we find out more? What did they eat? What is Diwali? Who celebrates Diwali?

### Mathematics:

- Use numicon to count and match 1-5 / 1-10
- Practicing number recognition – using number line and numicon 1-5
- Use shapes to create a Rangoli pattern.
- Using the interactive board – counting, matching, number and shape recognition.

### Creative Development:

- Use imagination to explore roleplay and use props to retell stories.
- Exploring colours through paint, drawing, mark making, creating Rangoli handprints.
- Make a dinosaur out of creative construction.
- Use loose parts to create a Rangoli pattern.
- Explore still life drawings - Pumpkins

**Key Vocabulary** – Diwali, festival, Hindu, Rama, Sita, Hanuman, Rangoli, barfi, Pumpkins, spooky, bats, spiders, snakes, spells, magic, potions, Palaeontologist, herbivore, carnivore, excavate, dig, fossils, extinct, Stegosaurus, names of dinosaurs, descriptive words - spiky, sharp, bumpy, smooth.

**Makaton signs** - Days of the week, Months of the Year, Ok, Happy, Sad, Sorry, More, Letters of their names, water, milk, fruit, dinosaur, witch.

**RWI signs** – My Turn, Your Turn (MTYT) Team Stop, Turn To Your Partner (TTP)

**Welcome back**, hope you've had a lovely half term and are looking forward to the exciting term ahead.

**This week** we are looking at **Stegosaurus, Pumpkins and Diwali**. There are some links above for you to watch at home with your children. If you have any thing at home which is linked to any of these, please can you bring them into Nursery, labelled clearly so that we can return to you as soon as we have finished with them.

**On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30-10:30 we'll be holding a Stay n' Play session for any rising 3 year olds, please tell all your friends and families with children who are looking for a nursery place**

**As the weather is so unpredictable, please ensure your child has a warm coat, welly boots, hats, scarves and gloves clearly labelled, as we go out**