

To introduce our Celebrations topic the children were shown many different pictures of parties and celebrations. We discussed what a celebration was and why they are special. We then looked closely at Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate Bonfire Night, the children role played the story in groups which they really enjoyed, they created their own firework poems and in PE we learnt a firework dance. Also during free play the children made their own 'jail' for Guy Fawkes and they also made their own fireworks in the creative area to sell in the Firework shop. We then looked at Diwali and Remembrance Day, making our own Rangoli patterns and poppies.

The next celebration we looked at was Baptism, in this session the Nursery Nurses role played what happened during a Baptism. Areas of provision were set up for the children to perform their own Baptisms and we all worked together to collage a font for the display. This topic culminated with the Nativity story, we made a stable in the classroom where children could role play the story and gave writing opportunities where the children came up with an advent promise. We also made another role play area, a front room that was all ready for Christmas, in this area the children could wrap presents, write Christmas cards and act out how they would behave at home during Christmas time. The children loved this area and were very engaged in their play. The topic culminated in a visit to Totle Hall Farm, where parents were invited to watch their children dress up and perform the Nativity. The children were also given opportunities to ride on a donkey and hold a lamb.

Make sure you put some blocks here, so he can't escape. We have made a jail for Guy Fawkes.

Jesus was born at Christmas, he is very special. I like Jesus.

I am writing a Christmas card to Isabelle, then I am going to wrap a present for her.



Children playing in the front room role play area.



Visit to Totley Hall Farm



Baptism role play



Children playing in the role play area



The Christmas Nativity



The children dancing like fireworks in PE.



The children role played the story of Guy Fawkes

