

Unit Title: Nursery – Celebrations of Light	Guideline Time: 3 weeks	
Very Important Points (VIPs):	Fat Questions:	
Fireworks are used for celebrations all over the world. Bonfire Night is celebrated on the 5 th November every year. Diwali is celebrated by Hindus. Diwali is a Festival of Light	How is Bonfire Night celebrated? How is Diwali celebrated? Can you tell the story of Rama and Sita? What do fireworks look like?	

Area	Area of Learning & Development	What do we want children to learn? (Learning Outcomes)	What will the children do?	Depth of Learning	Key Resources
Paint	EAD BI 22-36 Beginning to use representation to communicate, e.g. drawing a line and saying 'That's me.' EAD BI 30-50 Captures experiences and responses with a range of media.	I can use the brushes and paints effectively to create a representation of a firework or person. I use one paintbrush for one colour.	Painting a picture of a firework or person.	Emerging - Marks/brush strokes of colour Expected - Lines and circles beginning to say what they have painted. Exceeding – Beginning to create recognisable pictures and can say what they have painted.	Paint Paper of different shapes/ sizes Pictures of pictures of firework patterns.
Malleable materials	PD MH 22-36 Shows control in holding and using mark-making tools. May be beginning to show preference for dominant hand. PD, MH 30-50 Uses one-handed tools and equipment.	I can use the tools I have chosen safely and appropriately.	Roll, cut, shape, and squeeze the dough.	Emerging - Shaping with hands Expected – Beginning to show control over some tools. Exceeding – Developing a controlled use of tools.	Play dough Shape cutters Rolling pins Plastic knife Bun cases Bun tins
Sand	PD MH 22-36 Shows control in holding and using mark-making tools. May be beginning to show preference for dominant hand. PD, MH 30-50 Uses one-handed tools and equipment.	I can use resources appropriately and safely. I can choose what I want to play with. I can share with my friends.	Use the sand, select resources independently and to use with care.	Emerging – using resources to fill and empty containers. Expected – showing increasing control over resources. Exceeding – can fill containers of different sizes.	Scoops of different sizes Containers of different shapes and sizes. Natural objects (shells, rocks) Funnels



Water	PD MH 22-36 Shows control in holding and using mark-making tools. May be beginning to show preference for dominant hand. PD, MH 30-50 Uses one-handed tools and equipment.	I can use resources appropriately and safely. I can choose what I want to play with. I can share with my friends.	Use an apron, select resources independently and to use with care.	Emerging – using resources to fill and empty containers. Expected – showing increasing control over resources. Exceeding – can fill containers of different sizes.	Bottles Funnels Tubes Scoops Cups Jugs Boats
Scrap materials	PD MH 22-36 Shows control in holding and using mark-making tools. May be beginning to show preference for dominant hand. PD, MH 30-50 Uses one-handed tools and equipment.	I can use resources appropriately and safely. I can tell an adult what I have made. I can describe how I made my model.	Use the range of resources to build models of their choice.	Emerging – Tearing and joining materials. Expected – Beginning to use spring-loaded scissors to snip/cut materials Exceeding – Using spring-loaded scissors to cut materials for a purpose.	Range of boxes/tubes Range of materials Spring loaded scissors Child scissors Wavy scissors Glue Tape
Maths	M N 22-36 Recites some number names in sequence. Creates and experiments with symbols and marks representing ideas of number. M N 30-50 Uses some number names and number language spontaneously. Uses some number names accurately in play. Recites numbers in order to 10. Knows that numbers identify how many objects are in a set. M SSM 22-36 Beginning to categorise objects according to properties such as shape or size. MSSM 30-50 Shows an interest in shape and space by playing with shapes or making arrangements with objects.	I can say some number names in order. I am beginning to count sets of objects. I can sort and talk about the shapes and objects.	Use the range of resources to explore number, shape and measure.	Emerging – saying some counting words. Talking about shapes and patterns. Expected – saying some number names in sequence. Talking about shapes and patterns. Exceeding –. counting sets of objects to 5 and recognising some numbers to 10. Recognising some 2D shapes.	Number pebbles Counting boards Number formation stones Shape stones Measuring snakes Objects to sort and count



Writing/mark making	L W 22-36 Distinguishes between the different marks they make. L W 30-50 Sometimes gives meaning to marks as they draw and paint.	I can use the resources to make marks. I can choose what I want to use. I can ask an adult for help.	Use the range of resources to make marks. To tell a friend or an adult what they have written / drawn.	Emerging – make marks on the paper. Expected – make marks and sometimes say what they are. Exceeding – make marks that say what they are, often making recognisable marks.	Paper of different sizes Pictures, words and objects based around Bonfire Night, fireworks and Diwali.
Science investigation	UW TW 22-36 Notices detailed features of objects in their environment. UW TW 30-50 Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects.	I can explore the objects on the display and handle with care and safety. I can begin to describe what I see and feel.	Pick up objects and talk about what I can see and feel.	Input as necessary reflecting on children's individual experiences Model appropriate language Questioning	Objects relating to Diwali and Bonfire Night.
Home corner	UW P+C 22-36 In pretend play, imitates everyday actions and events from own family and cultural background, e.g. making and drinking tea. UW P+C 30-50 Recognises and describes special	I can cooperate in a home environment with my friends.	Share their experiences of how to do things around the home.	Input as necessary reflecting on children's individual experiences Model appropriate language Questioning	Diwali Decorations
Book corner	times or events for family or friends. L R 22-36 Has some favourite stories, rhymes, songs, poems or jingles. L R 30-50 Shows interest in illustrations and print in books and print in the environment. Looks at books independently. Handles books carefully	I can take care of the books, holding them the correct way around and turning the pages carefully. I can talk about the pictures.	Access the books freely. Enjoy looking at the books and sharing with others.	Can look at books independently, with friends or an adult. Can talk about the pictures and ask/answer questions.	Seasonal books Celebrations books Diwali story sack
Music	EAD MM 22-36 Creates sounds by banging, shaking, tapping or blowing. Shows an interest in the way musical instruments sound. EAD MM 30-50 Explores and learns how sounds can be changed.	I can make a sound using an instrument. I can make a quiet or louder sound.	Use the musical instrument to good effect.	Can make sounds with the instruments, using them appropriately. Can make a quieter and louder sound.	Range of musical instruments Nursery Rhyme books/prompts



Small world	UW TW 22-36 Enjoys playing with small-world models such as a farm, a garage, or a train track. UW TW 30-50 Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world.	I can choose what I want to play with and put it away when I have finished.	Choose from the range of resources independently. Play with friends and individually. Put things back in the correct place.	By outcome Questioning at appropriate level extending thinking through questioning	Diwali story characters
Construction	EAD MM 22-36 Experiments with blocks. EAD MM 30-50 Beginning to construct, stacking blocks vertically and horizontally, making enclosures and creating spaces.	I can use resources appropriately and safely. I can tell my friend or an adult what I have built.	Use the range of resources to build models of their choice.	By outcome Questioning at appropriate level extending thinking through questioning	Bocks Tools Duplo Vehicles People
Finger Gym	PD MH 22-36 May be beginning to show preference for dominant hand. PD, MH 30-50 Uses one-handed tools and equipment.	I can use the resources appropriately to sort, lace and create patterns.	Develop fine motor skills by completing the activity with care.	Emerging – children use the resources appropriately with some control. Expected – children are able to complete a variety of activities with developing control. Exceeding – children complete each activity demonstrating good control.	Lacing boards Small shape/object sorting Peg boards Weaving Threading