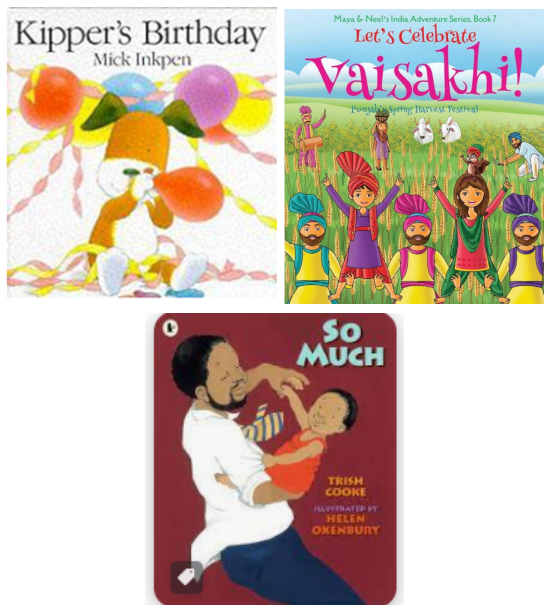


## Reception: Spring 2 2024- Festivals and Celebrations

The children have completed the following learning this half term:

### English



This half term the children focussed on three core texts which included 'Kipper's Birthday', 'Let's Celebrate Vaisakhi' and 'So Much'.

The children created class story maps of each story and described the main characters using adjectives.

During their writing lessons the children wrote time connectives to sequence their story maps.

We practised our key words and used our phonetic knowledge to help spell when writing out our sentences.

### Maths



This half term the children focused on learning key vocabulary to compare and sort objects, including 'more/less', 'heavier/lighter', 'short/tall'. We carried out lots of practical activities and the children really enjoyed learning how to weigh objects and using cubes as measuring units to see how much each object weighed.

## Topic



This half term our topic was based on festivals and celebrations. We looked at various festivals around the world which included; Chinese New Year, Eid, Easter and much more.

For mothers Day the children hosted an event in reception. We made dream catchers, decorated biscuits and planted daffodil bulbs.

We also created raksha bandhan bracelets, ramadan cards, and some lovely chinese lanterns.

## Other Subjects

**PHSE:** This half term the focus has been on 'Healthy Me' and children have been discussing ways to stay healthy, not just through exercise but through their diet. They also discussed the importance of sleep and how the lack of it can affect our learning in school. We finished the unit by talking about adults we can trust and who is a safe adult.

### Outdoor

We have had great fun outdoors practising and developing our gross motor skills through play.



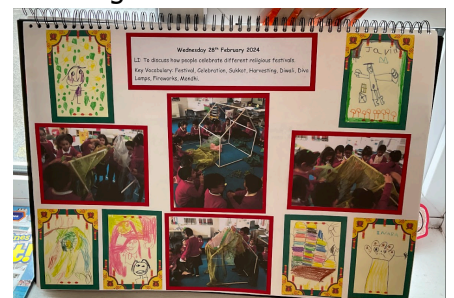
### Easter Bonnet Parade

We have had lots of fun learning about different celebrations. This includes our Easter Bonnet Parade where the children made their fantastic Easter Bonnets!!



### RE

In RE, the children looked at different festivals around the world and their importance for that religion.



In **Art**, the children developed their skills in finger painting to create different colours and effects. They painted trees in the Spring, focusing on the leaves. Children also used their fine motor skills to finger paint the leaves.



### **Festival Assembly:**



This half term the children had their very first Festival Assembly! The assembly was based on Ramadan and Eid-ul Fitr. We were very happy with the beautiful singing, acting and the narrators remembering their lines.  
Superb job Reception!

### **All About Me:**



Some children were selected this half term to share the 'All About Me' box with the class. They brought in 5 items that are special to them. This is a great opportunity for the children to build confidence with speaking and listening and develop their awareness with presenting to an audience. The other children also benefit in asking questions which develops their critical thinking skills.