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ECCE Activity Pack

Week 10

Embracing Culture Divali Festival in Trinidad and Tobago



After Carnival, **Divali** is the second largest open air national festival in our multi-religious, multi-ethnic Trinidad and Tobago. The Hindu Festival of Lights is marked by the lighting of

thousands of *deyas* (clay lamps) which are displayed on split bamboo tubes that are shape into artistic and creative designs.

Hindus and non-Hindus join in the celebration of Divali by lighting *deyas*, wearing ethnic Indian clothes, and partaking in traditional Indian foods and sweets.

It is important for all children to know about the festivals in their country and around the world. This encourages children to become globally aware citizens and can increase their cultural sensitivity.

Understanding different cultures is more than having an appreciation for our differences, but it paves the way for a world where we all stand together.

We're at a season in time when we need to do more than tolerate each other. We need to form a global community that encourages mutual understanding, learning, and growing together.



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Be heard!

The Ministry of Education is hosting its National Consultation 2020: Transforming Education. We want to hear from you!



Discussion themes:

- Conduct of SEA and Transition to Secondary School
- The Concordat
- Parental Involvement in Education
- Blended Learning
- Curricula Reform
- Teaching Service Commission

- Email suggestions and recommendations to: EducationConsultation2020@moe.gov.tt
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Activities for three (3) year old

Monday

Pallet Sticks Puzzle



- Introduction: Divali is the festival of lights. The deyas are used on Divali to represent light over darkness
- Using pallet sticks write the word **deya** and draw a deya to create a puzzle

Physical Activity: Colour Run

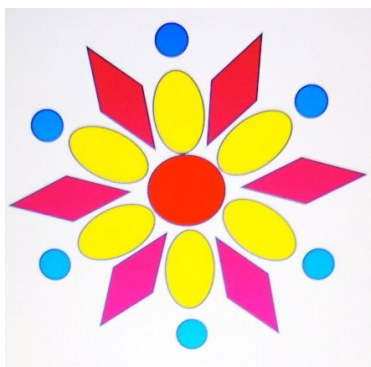
Mark out areas with different colours

- Name a colour
- Child will run to the colour area
- Continue to call out different colours and have the child run to the area

Wednesday

Making Rangoli Patterns

- Cut triangles, (child can also cut), circles, squares and rectangles using different coloured paper for each shape
- The child can create similar patterns as seen here



Physical Activity: Colour Action



- Use nine sheets of construction paper
- Write out nine action words on it and tape to the floor
- Give the child any object (plastic bottle/cover) to throw on a colour of his/her choice
- Identify that colour and do the action

Friday

Deya Delight



Ingredients

- 1 cucumber
- 1 carrot

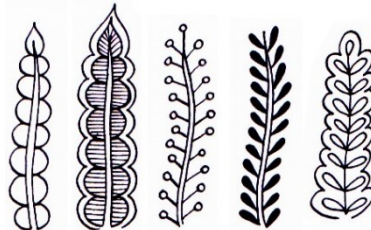
Steps

- Slice the cucumber into circles and cut the circles into halves
- Cut carrots into small triangles to make the flame



Tuesday

Making Henna Patterns



- Child will trace an outline of his/her hand on cardboard
- Create patterns using flowers, shapes, lines (curve, zig-zag) on the hand

Physical Activity: Colour Search

- Put pom-poms in container of water
- Parent say a colour and allow child to scoop it out
- Child places pom-pom in cup with matching colour



Thursday

Making a deya or clay pot

- Roll out clay or play dough to a smooth thin layer
- Use a small bowl or cutter to cut out a circle
- Place the clay circle into the small bowl to form the shape of the deya
- Decorate with beads or glitter

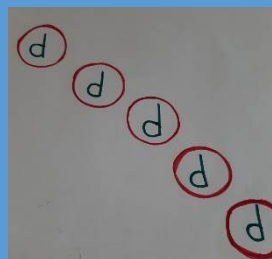


Physical Activity: Colour Identification



- Place pom-poms on the ground give the child the opportunity to identify the colours
- Give child clothes clip to pick up the colours identified

Physical Activity: 'D/d' Jump and Measure



- Gather a measuring tape and mark a starting line with chalk or tape on the floor
- Write five letter D/d's on the ground a short distance away from each other
- Ask the child to jump from the starting line to a letter D/d
- Measure with the child how far he/she jumped

Activities for four (4) year old

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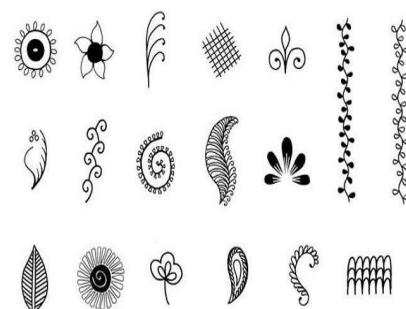
- Using pallet sticks write the word deya and stick picture to form a puzzle



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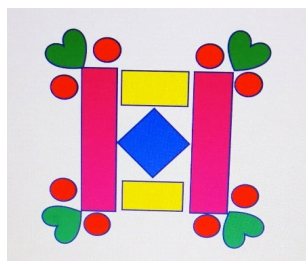
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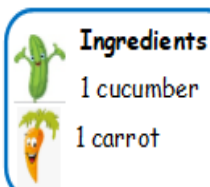
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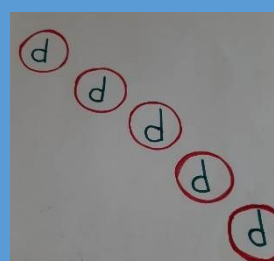


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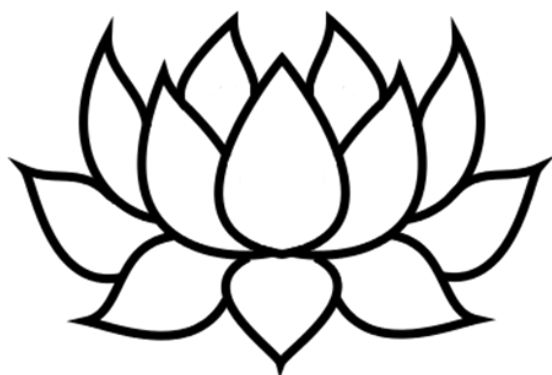


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November 10	Conduct of SEA and Transition to Secondary School	7:30 - 9:00 pm
November 12	The Concordat	7:30 - 9:00 pm

- Live stream the event at facebook.com/MoEduTT
- Call-in to studio
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Material: Pallet sticks, glue, markers, cardboard, construction paper, clay, play dough, pom poms, cucumber, carrot

