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Infants Activity Pack

Week 9-Term 1



On 4th November 2021, Trinidad and Tobago will join the Hindu community in celebrating Divali.

Divali means "a row of lamps". It is the Hindu festival of lights and is usually celebrated in the months of Kartika (October or November) every year. During this auspicious period, Hindus worship or pray to Mother Lakshmi. Deeyas are lit to represent good over evil and light over darkness. Divali is celebrated all around the world where Hindus live.

The Five Days of Divali



Did you know?

Divali is a festival that is celebrated over five days.
The 3rd day is Divali day.

Day One- Day of Fortune

People clean their homes and buy jewellery or kitchen utensils which can help bring good luck and wealth.



Day Two- Day of Knowledge

Prayers are offered to Lord Yamraj and a single deeya is lit outside the home. Homes are decorated sometimes with coloured rice, sand or powder patterns on the floor called a "Rangoli".



Day Three- Day of Light or Divali Day

This is the main day of the festival. Hindu families gather to pray to Mother Lakshmi the Goddess of Light. They prepare and eat delicious foods and sweets. They also light deeyas.

Day Four- Beginning of the New Year

This is the first day of the Hindu New Year. Govardhan prayers are done to remember Lord Krishna. Friends and relatives come together and exchange gifts and best wishes.



Day Five- Day of love

between brothers and sisters
Brothers and sisters show love for each other by exchanging gifts and sharing a meal together.



Celebrating Divali in Trinidad and Tobago

We should respect and show appreciation for each other's religion and practices. We can do so by:

Wearing East Indian clothing such as sarees and kurtas



Enjoying foods and sweets specially prepared for the day



Paratha, rice, dhal, channa and aloo and amchar.



Baiganee



Parsad

Kurma

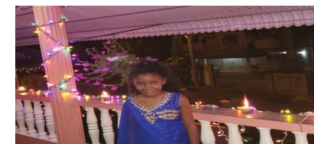


Gulab Jamoon

Ladoo

Barfi

Lighting of deeyas and decorating homes



Attending functions/celebrations at school and in the community

Visit the Divali Nagar where Indian culture and Divali are highlighted.



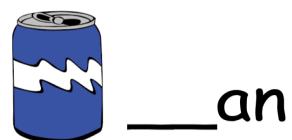
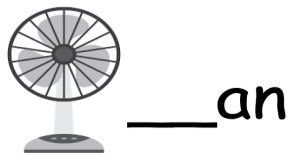
Infant 1

The 'an' family

Write a letter from the box to complete each word below.

c f m p v

an



Read these sentences.

Dan is the man in the van.

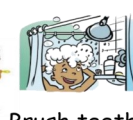
He ran with the can and the pan.

Sight words

Say the word 	is	and	the
Spell it! 	i-s ↓ is	a-n-d ↓ and	t-h-e ↓ the
Colour it! 	is	and	the
Trace it! 	is	and	the
Circle it! 	is as is sit is	and and can end and	het the at the the

Time

Here are some daytime and night-time activities.



Light diyas

Brush teeth
Take a bath

Read

Sleep

Circle the activities you do every day. Circle the activities you do every night.





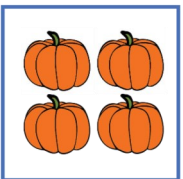

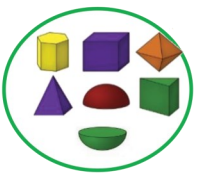





Write three activities you do both daytime and night-time.

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Ordering Numbers from 1 to 10

Count and write the number of objects for each set.

Put in the numbers from smallest to largest. The first one is done for you.

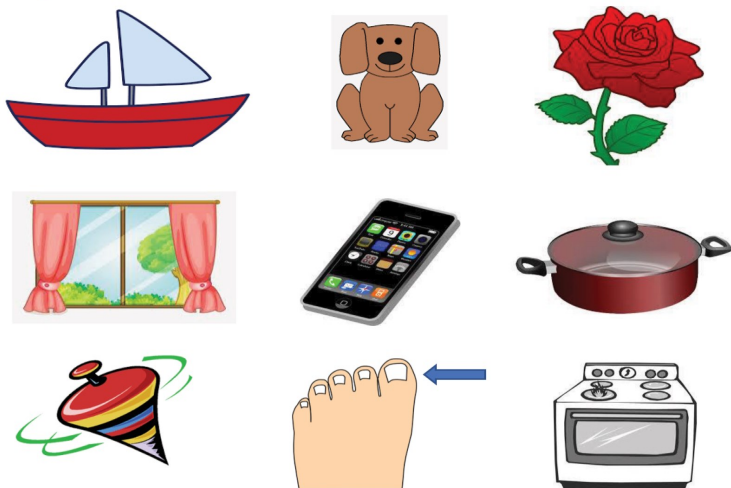
Count the Objects			Order the Numbers
 <u>5</u>	 <u>2</u>	 <u>3</u>	<div>2</div> <div>3</div> <div>5</div>
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Long 'o' - Phonemic Awareness

We can hear the long 'o' sound in the names of these pictures.

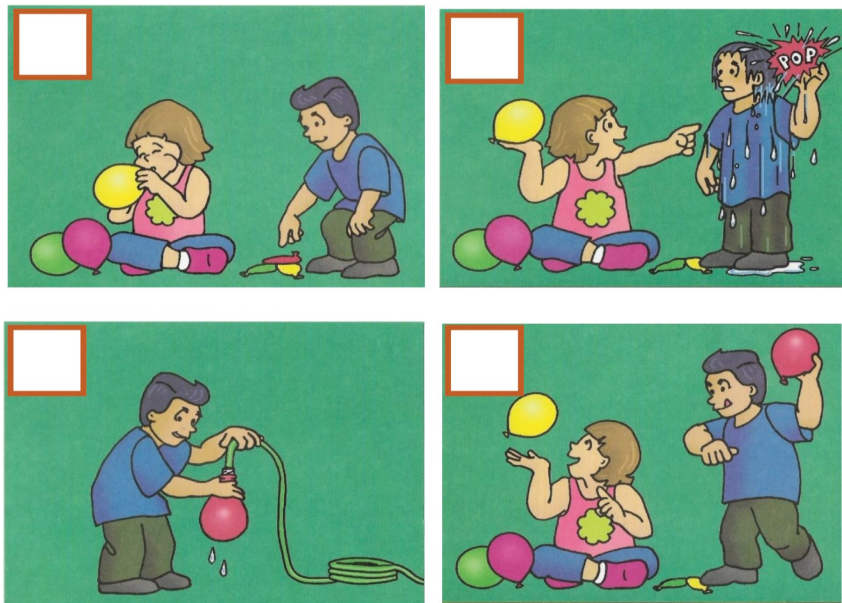


Circle the six (6) pictures with names that have the long 'o' sound.



Sequencing

Look at the pictures. Write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the boxes to put the story in order.



Tell the story to someone.

Read the questions and say the answers.

1. What was the girl doing?
2. What was the boy trying to do?
3. Do you think this story is funny?
Give a reason for your answer.

Infant 2

Comparing Weights

Write the correct response in the space provided.

1. The duck is _____ the chicken.
Heavier than lighter than
as heavy as
2. The basketball is _____ the shot put ball.
heavier than lighter than as heavy as
3. The book is _____ the newspaper.
heavier than lighter than
as heavy as
4. The avocado is _____ the watermelon.
heavier than lighter than as heavy as

Equivalence of coins and bills

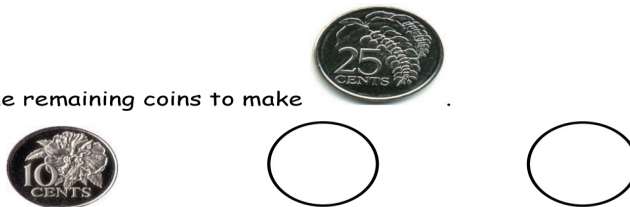
1. Circle the coins that altogether make twenty cents.



2. Cross out the bills that altogether have the same value as

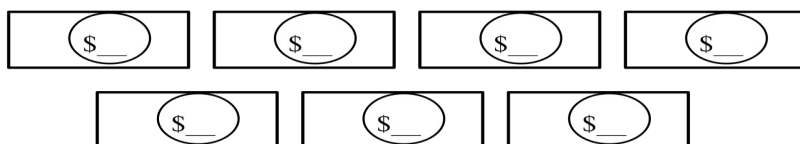


3. Draw in the remaining coins to make



4. The seven bills below altogether equal twenty dollars.

Write the correct dollar value on each bill.

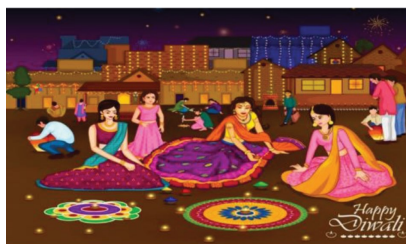


Celebrating Divali



You can also celebrate Divali by:

Attending **Ramleela** celebrations. Ramleela is a play that tells the Divali story.

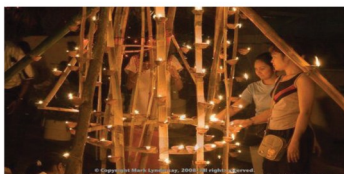


As a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago, we can take the opportunity to share in the celebrations of **all peoples, races and cultures**. As our Hindu brothers and sisters celebrate **Divali**, we can join in the festivities.

From our home to yours
Shubh Divali

Participating in **cultural activities** which takes place around Divali time.

Bamboo fun
(making rows of bamboo to light deyas, bursting of bamboo)



Garba dancing



THANK
YOU

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Nav Raatri 2021



Did you know **Navraatri** was observed on **7th October 2021**. It is celebrated **before Divali**.

Ashvin Navraatri means **nine nights**. Hindus worship or pray to Mother Durga through **fast and prayer** for **protection and strength**. They believe that each day Mother Durga takes a different form, to bless them.

These nine forms are:

Forms of Mother Durga	Hawan (offerings)	Forms of Mother Durga	Hawan (offerings)
1 Shailputri Devi Sh/I'll/a/put/ri Removes diseases and illness	Ghee 	6 Katyayani Devi (Kat/ya/ya/na(knee) Gets rid of trouble	Honey
2 Brahmcharini Devi Bram/a/cha/rin/i(e) Gives blessings and assist with studies	Sugar 	7 Kaalratri Devi (Kal/ra/tri) Protects from evil spirits	Jaggery (gur)
3 Chandraghanta Devi (Chan/dra/gan/ta) Removes evil and wicked people from your life	Milk 	8 Mahagauri Devi (Ma/ha/gow/ri) Blessings to have children	Coconut
4 Kushmanda Devi (Kush/man/da) Gives energy when you are weak	Malpua 	9 Siddhidatri Devi (Sid/hi(he)/da/tri) Protects you from misfortune and brings family together	Sesame Seeds
5 Skandmata Devi (Skan/da/ma/ta) Helps control your anger	Banana 	Shubh Nav Raatri 2021 to the Hindu Community	

Colour the deeya.

