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Dear Parents,

This week the children have enjoyed activities based on the story 'Hansel and Gretel'. They have read different versions of the story, taken part in activities involving sweets, looked closely at sweets using magnifying glasses and even made a junk model house complete with carpet! Thanks to Bhushan and Nikhil for sharing Divali treats with us – they tasted wonderful!

After half term 'Divali and fireworks' is the theme for the first week. The imagination room will be transformed again, this time into a 'Castle'. The children will be able to dress up in fantasy costumes ready to imagine a land of princesses, princes, knights, with maybe a dragon or two!! The children can have a go at making a Divali card with Hindi writing in the book area, wax resist pictures of fireworks in the craft area, find items longer or shorter than different candles in the number area and paint Rangoli patterns or firework pictures throughout the week. The sound of the week will be 'd'. Please send items for the interest table as usual. To help at home, please talk about Divali.

**Pudsey Bear information.....**

In your child's tray you will find an empty envelope with Pudsey on it. Please label the envelope clearly with your child's name. As a change from usual, this year would you be so good as to collect coins in the envelope over the next few weeks. You can decorate the envelope if you wish. Then please return the envelope with as many coins as you can on Friday 20 November when all of the coins will be used to cover a Pudsey shape in nursery. Many thanks.

**Fancy Dress Competition** On Friday 20 November – judging will be done by the Headmaster Mr James Priory. The theme for this year is 'Do something different' – PLEASE PAY £1 TO DRESS UP – thank you very much.

**Little Cub's** have had great fun planting cress seeds this week. They have watered them each day and watched them grow. Please enjoy the cress when it comes home!

Please check at home for 'Home School Link' books and place them in your child's bag. Thank you.

You can always find this newsletter on the school website.

Have a very happy weekend.

Lois Johnson