Our trip to a Hindu Temple



Year One enjoyed a visit to a Hindu Cultural Centre which was on Edge Lane in Liverpool.



We enjoyed meeting Newton who was the **Pandit**.

A Pandit is a Hindu priest.

When we arrived we had to take our shoes off.



We learnt that anyone entering a Mandir must remove their shoes on entering. This is to show respect to God/Brahman.



Did you know the Hindu name for their temple is a Mandir.



Can you see the bell?

Each Mandir has a Mandir bell which worshipers ring when they enter to announce their arrival to God.



There are many symbols in the Mandir, especially the Om symbol. Om is a special word said at the beginning and end of a Hindu prayer.



This is a statue of Hanuman, Rama's Friend.



Here is Rama and Sita. We enjoyed listening to this story learning all about Divali the festival of light.

Back in the classroom the children enjoyed making character masks and role playing the Diwali Story.



The children enjoyed making Diva lamps with clay.

They enjoyed learning and singing a new song...



See the candle burning bright Shining all through the night Come home Rama Come home Sita Welcome home, Welcome home



If would like to listen to the story again please go to...

http://www.iboard.co.uk/iwb/The-Story-of-Ramaand-Sita-64

Another site we looked at was...

<u>http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/short-</u> <u>stories/my-favourite-day-diwali</u>