

What did the elephants wear?

Read/listen to the story 'Elephant Dance' (see PDF file attached).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xsDWEvQawA>

Questions to ask your child about the story:

What did Ravi's grandfather see on the feast of Diwali?

Read out the words in the story used to describe the colours, for example 'orange as lentils', 'green as the parakeet', 'red as a watermelon'. Can you write your own sentences linked to each colour of the rainbow?



Explore where England and India are on a map.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1WpEMEiRPTCjF50QtBJJGFp2uug&mmsa=0&ll=19.007336976583503%2C76.01449250000007&z=5>

Talk about how India is shaped like an elephant's ear and look at an Indian elephants to make comparisons. Draw a map of India on the ground outside using coloured chalk.

Use stones for the peaks of the Himalayas and discuss how to create the River Ganges with blue fabric or chalk running from the mountains to the sea. Colour the mountain peaks white with chalk. Use coloured chalk to draw deserts and forests, and wavy lines to represent the Indian Ocean, using the map in the book for reference. Introduce small world animals, trees and boats and play imaginatively together, retelling the story together.

Remind them of how Ravi and Anjali coloured in the River Ganges and the Himalayas, painted deserts, forests and the 'great tiger sun', and then drew tigers, peacocks, crocodiles, elephants, snakes and monkeys on their map.



India is known for their tigers, elephants and peacocks.

Try creating your own Indian animals. Here are some ideas...



Listen to some Indian music and think about the different instruments they use.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCV7_LcEruw

See if you can create your own music in an Indian style.



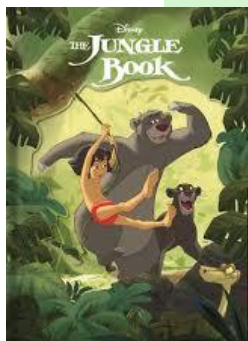
Can you make your own



Can you tell me about some of the animals that live in India?

Find out key facts about India.

<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/learn-about-india>



Have a special movie or story night and enjoy watching or reading The Jungle Book as a family.

If possible, look at different Indian art and think about the different colours and patterns they use.

Experiment with mixing the colours of the rainbow by only using the primary colours - red, yellow and blue.



Create your own salt dough Diwali lamps

<https://youtu.be/ZjHNBbpWq4o>

Draw around your hand and cut it out. Create your own Mehndi designs.

