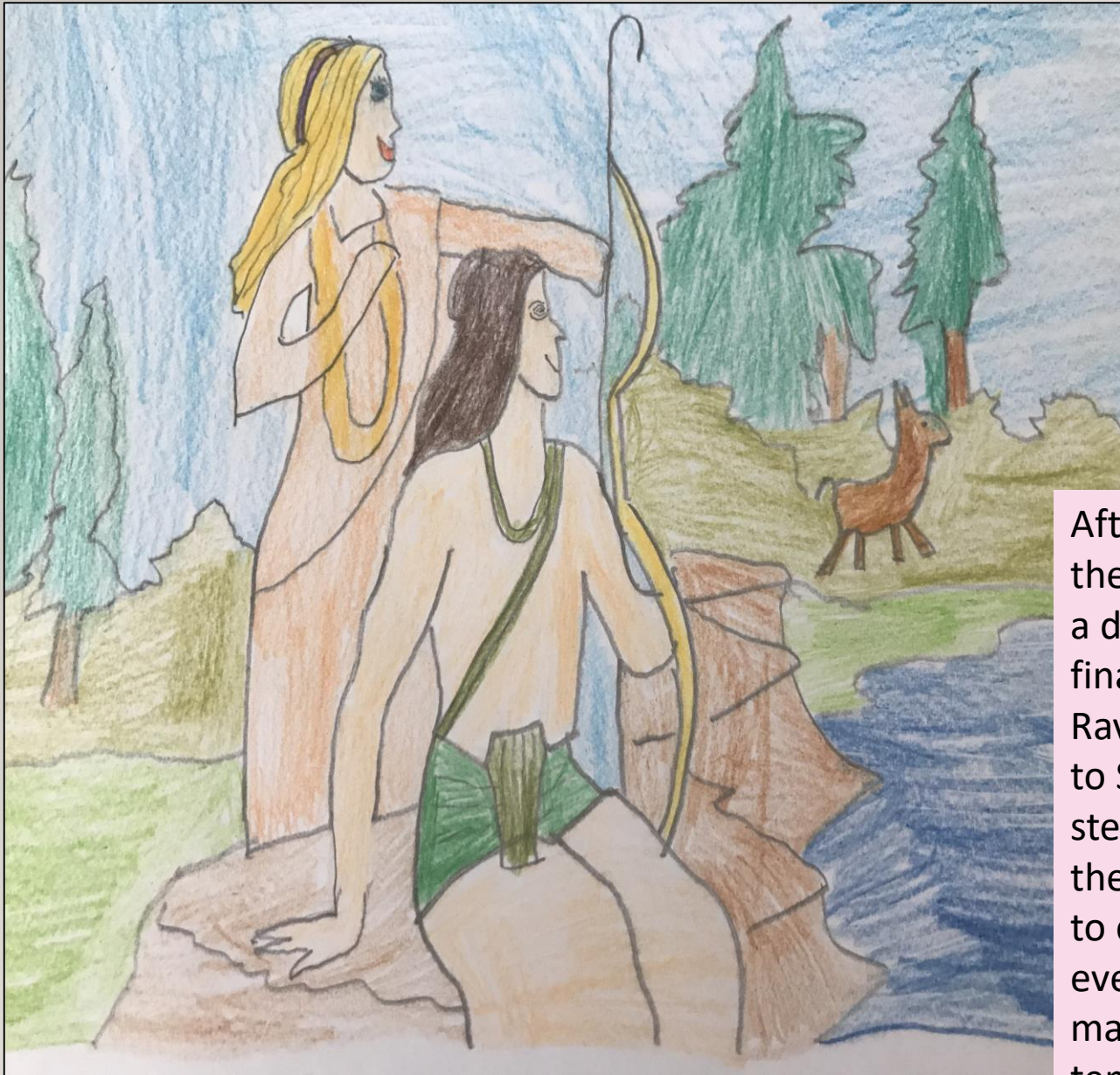




Year 7 RS

Super Scenes from the Ramayana
And Exciting Extracts from 'Diwali in
Lockdown'



ANNABEL

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After being banished in the woods, Rama and Sita enjoyed their life. One day whilst walking through the woods, they spot a deer. Sita begs Rama to go and get it as it is so beautiful, he finally agrees and puts Sita in a magic circle to protect her. Ravana transformed himself into an old man and walked over to Sita, persuading her to come out of the circle. As soon as she stepped out, Ravana grabbed her. This is an important part of the story, as it describes how Ravana was sneaky and managed to capture and steal Sita. Rama was not very thoughtful of Sita, even though he put her in a magic circle. He was easily manipulated and blinded by love to leave Sita alone and be tempted to step out of the magic circle. This shows that he is a weak character and easily influenced.

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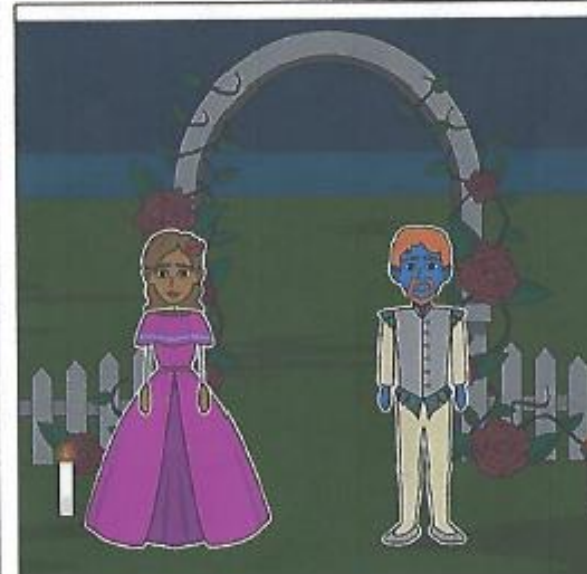
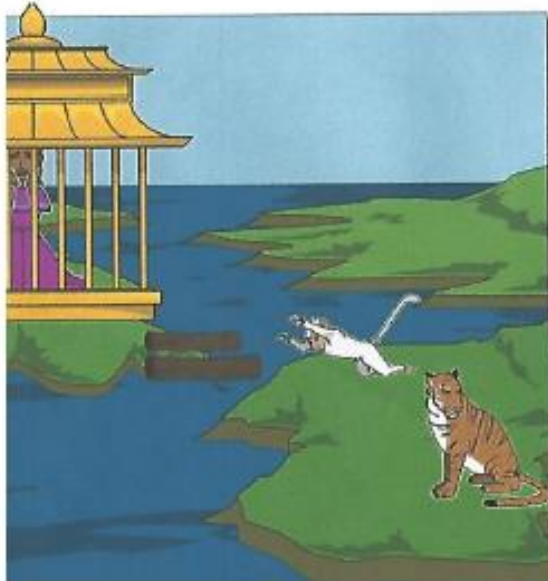
Once Rama had shot Ravana with the arrow sent down from the gods, they had won the battle. Everyone celebrated because Ravana was dead and because Rama and Sita could come back as their 14 years were up. To celebrate their homecoming everybody cleaned their houses and decorated everything with bright flowers. Once it became night people put a path of lamps to guide Rama and Sita home.

ARJUN'S FAMILY DIWALI



THE RITUAL!!!!!!

MADDIE: SELECTED SCENES



Extracts from Diwali Plan in Lockdown by Reuben

For Diwali in lockdown things would be very different. Finding special and traditional food would be hard, greeting neighbours would be a lot different and a lot harder, you will only be able to celebrate with your main family(household), finding decorations would be difficult. Furthermore, you might have to set up your own firework display.

Firstly, buying special food. With only various shops being open it will be difficult to find exactly what you would prefer. Buying special food also may not be available as shops will be selling the very important foods like cereal, bread, milk, rice, pasta, flour, etc..

Secondly, greeting neighbours would be different as you would be social distancing, some people could possibly be more worried than others and may not come out of the house. Greeting neighbours would also be different as you would possibly be communicating online or on the phone.

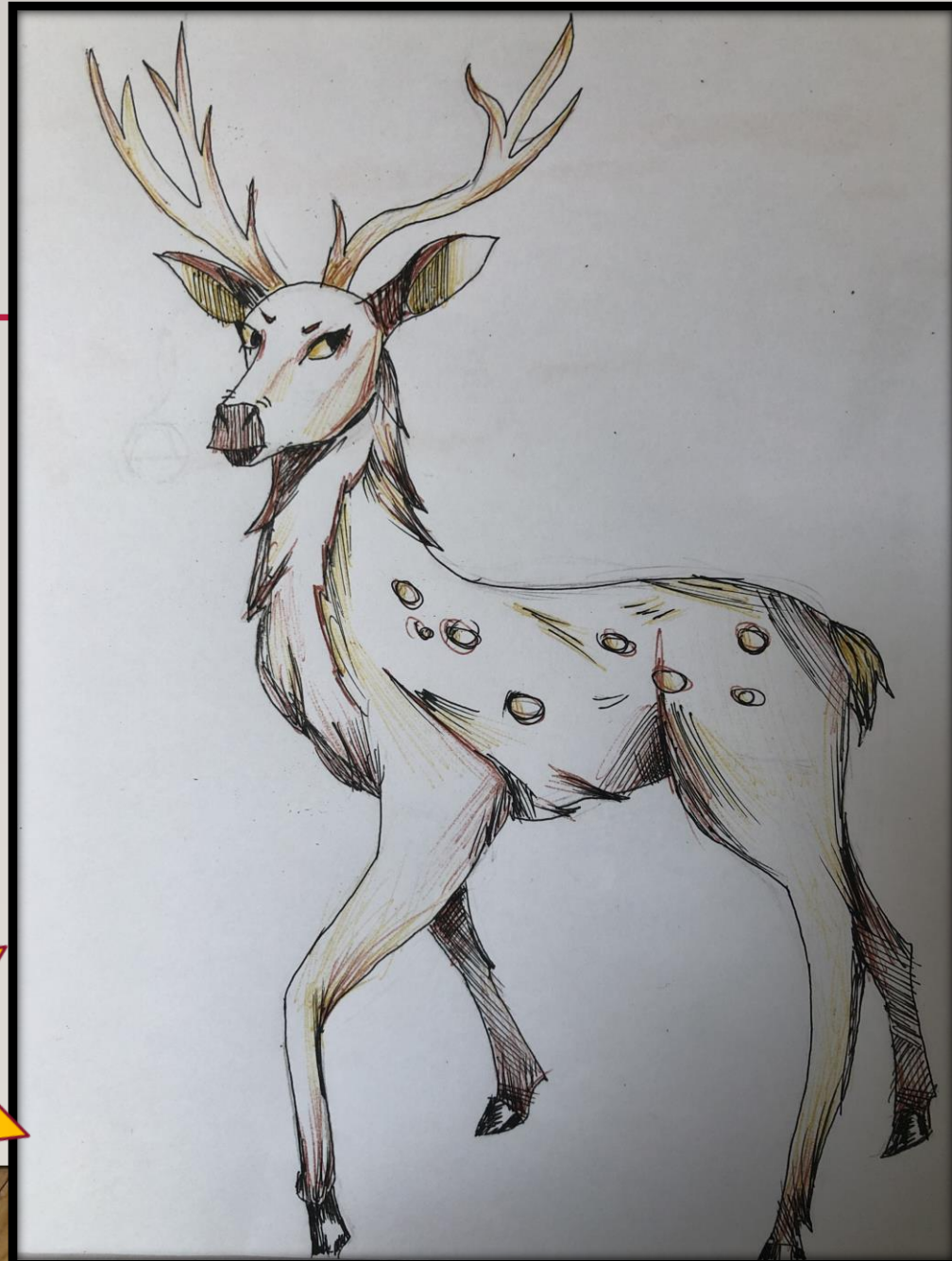
Thirdly, keeping in contact with wider family would be on the phone or online. It would be different only celebrating with closer family and not meeting wider family for such a big celebration would be really sad and feel weird.....

.....In conclusion, celebrating Diwali in lockdown is very different than in ordinary life. This is because of the reason I've shown. It will be harder, less of a celebration and most of all very lonely.



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TANISHA



When the demon king, Ravana, saw Sita, he was so mesmerized with her beauty he decided that he wanted her for himself. Ravana set up a plan - he would create a golden deer as a distraction, leaving him a chance to kidnap Sita and take her to his island. As soon as Sita saw the deer, she asked her husband, Rama, to capture it as a gift for herself. Rama left her in an enchanted circle to keep her safe, but Ravana lured her out with a disguise and kidnapped her.

I think the golden deer was important because if it wasn't there to distract the couple, then the story of the great battle between the demon king and Rama would've never happened, so Rama would've never returned back to his kingdom.

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Diwali

Celebrations

- > They light candles to help Lakshmi find her way into their homes—like the villagers led 'Rama' back home in the story they tell
- > They tell the story of 'Ramayana'—this is the story of Diwali
- > They clean their home
- > They exchange gifts
- > They have a fireworks display—this shows that no matter how much darkness there is, light will always shine through
- > They thank Lakshmi, Goddess of wealth, fortune and prosperity, for what they have—some do this by helping the homeless eg: giving money or food, this is called Dana
- > They leave colourful patterns made out of things like petals outside their house to welcome people. This is called a Rangoli
- > Sharing meals, singing dancing, etc



I think that the scene with the golden deer is very important because if they had not seen the deer then Ravana would have never caught Sita.

Above is a picture I drew of the Deer

Ramayana

This is known as the story of Diwali. Here are the character descriptions of the story:

- > Rama
A the oldest child of the King. Married Sita. He was next in line for being the king. He is good and kind
- > Sita
The most beautiful princess. Married to Rama. Very clever and quick thinking mind.
- > King Dashrta
He had 4 sons by 3 wives. Good and honest man.
- > Lakshma
Twin of Shatugna, son of the King.
- > Shatugna
Twin of Lakshma, son of the King.
- > Barat
Barat, the youngest child of the king.
- > Mother of Barat
Very jealous person. She is sly and careful.
- > Ravana
Evil, horrible and ugly. Very jealous and unruly. He is the demon king. Sly, mischievous and thoughtless. Very deceitful
- > Hanuman
White, king of monkeys, can fly, helpful, caring, considerate and clever.

Summary of Ramayana:

The King's 3rd wife is jealous of Rama, the next king, and wishes for the king to banish him and his wife to the forest along with his brother Lakshma. Ravana, the demon king, sees Sita in the forest and makes a plan to capture her. He creates a golden deer, which Rama goes out to catch, and lures Sita out of the magic circle by pretending to be an old man, then kidnaps her. He puts her in his chariot and flies away. Sita thinks on her toes and starts dropping her jewellery piece by piece to leave a trail for Rama. Rama follows this trail after he finds out that he had been tricked. It leads him to an island where the monkey king/god Hanuman lies. He tells Hanuman what happens and agrees to work together. They forge an animal army which creates a bridge to Ravana's island prison. There is a fierce battle but Rama kills Ravana with a golden arrow given to him by the gods. Victory is theirs and they return home by the light that the villagers leave outside their homes. Rama becomes king and they lived happily ever after

ANISSA



EDDIE



ELLA

How will we celebrate Diwali in lockdown?

.....I have an idea of how I can cheer up my family, I will create a beautiful PowerPoint of the story of Rama and Sita. It will remind us that light conquers dark, good conquers bad and love conquers hate. My mother has decided to cook lovely meals for the whole five days and my father will lead the Puja in our home.

This year our Diwali will be a lot quieter. There will be no crowds or gatherings. We will be singing and dancing in the comfort of our homes. There are many families that will be as affected as we are. All we can do is enjoy this time with our families and keep praying to our gods and goddesses. I believe that this is all part of their plan so we will do what they expect and continue to keep on living and praying. I can continue with my school work for father and I will help mother in the kitchen.



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This is the scene when Sita has been captured.....
by Ravana and is being taken away to his island.
However, Sita has a clever idea. She drops her
jewelry to make a trail for Rama to follow
to where she is being taken. When Rama
finds the trail, he follows it until it
reaches the sea. This is a vital part
of the story because if Sita had not
dropped her jewelry, the Rama would have
never found Sita and Diwali would
not exist.

JAMES

It's nearing Diwali and we are still going to be in lockdown when it comes in a week's time. We are having to make different preparations to normal because we are not allowed to meet our family and friends.

We will have to change the firework display to a video of a previous year or find a display on the internet. This unfortunately will not have the same effect as a live display. We are all very disappointed to miss this special event.

We may also not be able to get new clothes and sweets to give to friends from the shop so we may have to iron and clean our old clothes and make our own sweets. Making our own sweets will make giving them away to neighbours more special because we will have spent the time making them.

We will still spring clean to invite Lakshmi in so she can give us her blessing and this will fill the extra time up and maybe make me bond more with my siblings because we will do it together.....

.....This will be a very special time for us and I hope next year we will be able to celebrate together, go to the mandir and have a live firework display because they are an important part of Diwali.

MICHAEL

My family and I are getting ready to celebrate Diwali. This year though it is a little different, since we are celebrating in lockdown.

In the morning, Mum and I go to the shops to buy ingredients to make special foods like mithai and chivda.

When we were returning from the shops, we see our neighbors, who are also Hindus, leaving their house. We maintain distance and starting talking to them about how they are going to celebrate Diwali.....

Then, we video call our wider family for about an hour and tell stories about how we are coping in these tricky times.....

Next, we clear up the plates and crowd around the window. At first, nothing seems to happen, but then a loud crack is heard and blue sparks fly through the sky, the fireworks had begun!

After a thoroughly entertaining fireworks show, we begin to get ready to go out to the mandir.

After walking for a few minutes, we arrive at the mandir, where each family in our small community gets to go in few minutes, 3 at a time. We all, in turn, perform another puja before returning back home.

When it we get home, it is late so we all immediately go to bed after a great, but slightly different, Diwali.



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This year for Diwali we will have to change some of our traditions, because of lockdown.....

.....We are still going to go to the mandir, but the services will be in smaller (mainly family) groups. We will go through the ritual as usual and eat the food at the end, once it has been blessed as usual.

Sadly, this year we will not be able to give food or money to the poor and homeless, as we might catch something from them, or they might catch something from us.

We will do our cleaning of the house as usual, but we will all spend more time this year on it as we don't have anything else to do. When Lakshmi arrives at our house this year, she will be amazed to find the whole house spotless. We are also going to decorate our shrine more lavishly this year, so the gods will still be happy about the whole festival. Offering them more food and spending more time decorating will, hopefully, make up for the measly firework displays, not having large congregations to celebrate and not giving food and money to the poor and homeless.

This year, we may not have the massive congregations to celebrate, but we can still have a good time.



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Diwali in Lockdown



Because of the coronavirus, we are in lockdown and Diwali is coming up, so we want to celebrate it at home, so we have come up with a plan to do this. At the moment the mandirs are closed so we cannot pray to the Gods but we do have a shrine at home so we can do puja. At home we will make Rangolis and put candles around the house so that we can welcome Lakshmi into our house because during Diwali we mainly pray to her and this is the festival of light and Diwali means row of lights.



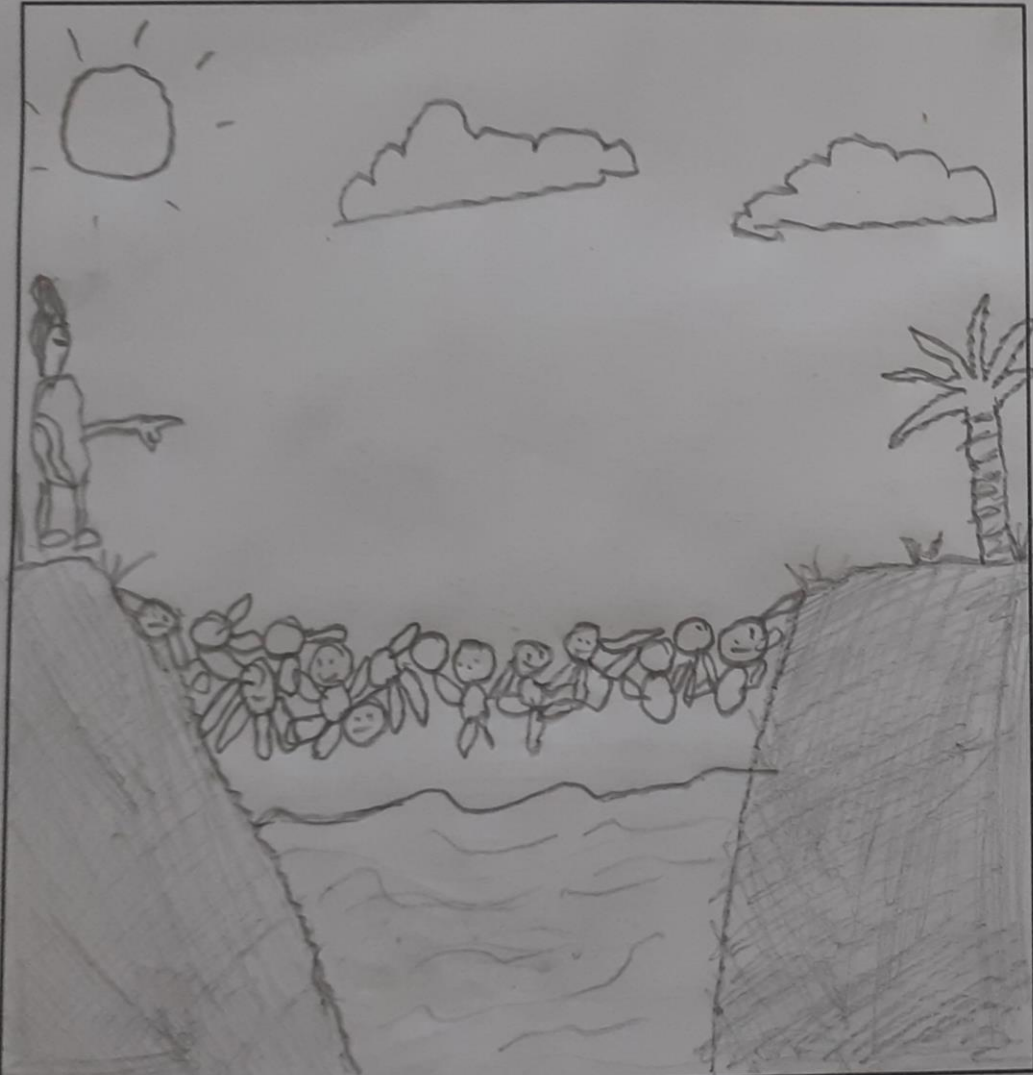
Because at the moment we cannot see our extended family we will do a Zoom call with all of our family and celebrate with them, for Dana we are donating lots of money to several homeless charities because that is what we do every time we celebrate Diwali. At the moment we cannot be in big crowds watching the fireworks with lots of people because of the lockdown rules, so we are going to put a firework display on the TV because that is the closest we get to having real fireworks.



During Diwali we will eat lots of sweets because when Rama and Sita came home everyone was very pleased, so they decorated their houses with candles and Rangolis and they ate sweets to celebrate this special occasion, so it is a tradition to eat sweets during Diwali.

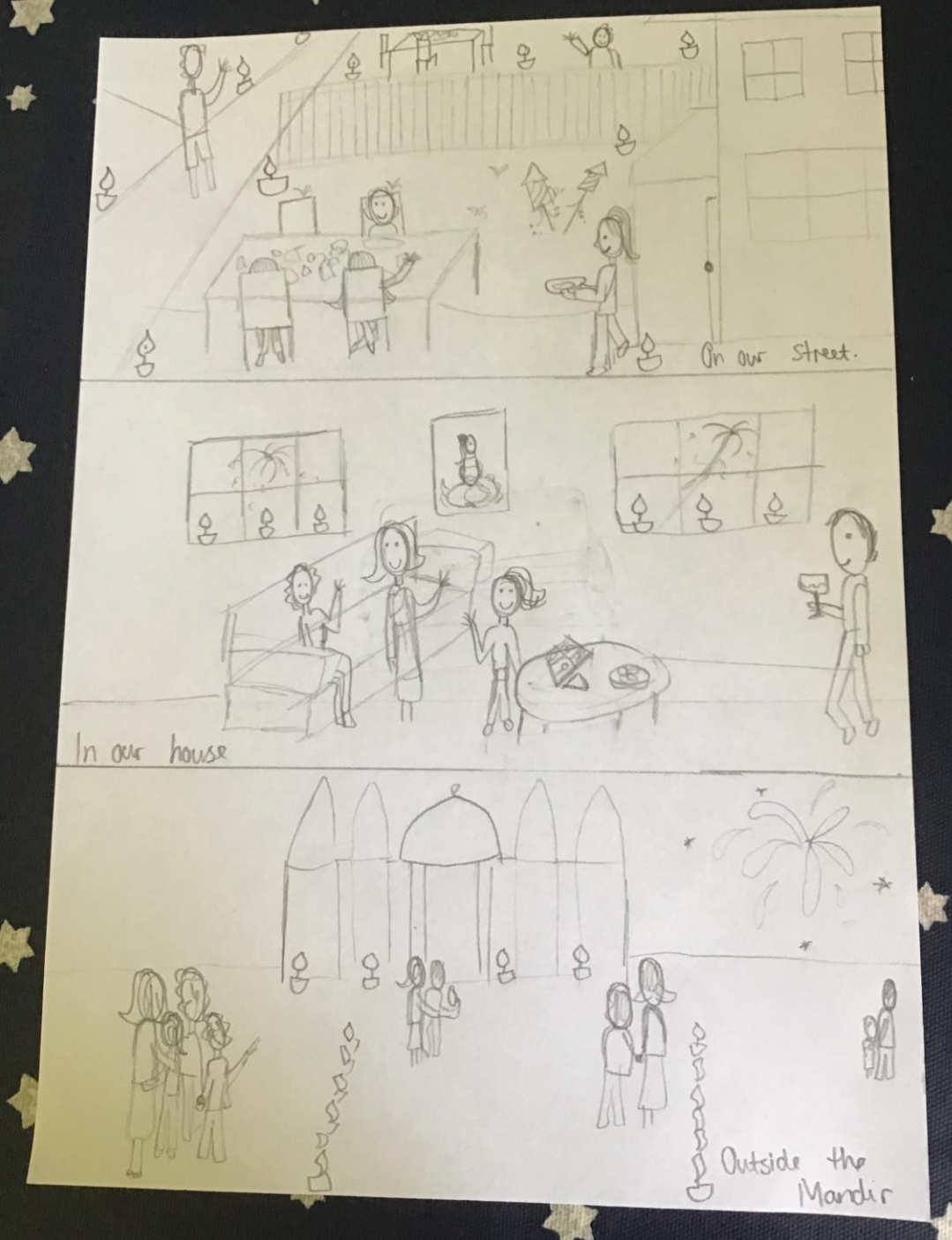
Because of the coronavirus we cannot talk to our neighbours when we are close together so will talk to them through the windows of our houses and we will wish them a great Diwali. Later we will go to our shrine and pray to Lakshmi and thank the Gods for how lucky we are and tell them how grateful we are.

WILLIAM



Hanuman's army of monkeys, bears and other animals built a bridge to Ravana's island, where he was keeping Sita. The battle was long and terrible - good vs evil, animals vs demons.

SOPHIE



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SOPHIE

Some things about celebration of Diwali don't have to change. We will still light many candles in the windows which is what Diwali is all about - when Sita and Rama made their way home it was the candles that guided them. We will pray to Lakshmi as a family who we hope will bring us good fortune.

We have also bought some fireworks for the garden which is a traditional way of celebrating Diwali! We will set them off in our garden and I hope lots of people will be able to see them. Usually when we watch the firework displays, there are many people there watching as a community, however this year it will just be me and my family which is still a great way to celebrate!

Normally at Diwali we would go to the Mandir and worship with the community. This year we will not be able to go inside the Mandir however me and my family are going to take a quick walk up to the Mandir where we will say a prayer. Lots of people are going to do this but not stay for very long and stay at least two meters apart. We will be outside of the Mandir but there will be lots of candles lit.