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Pongal

This is a three day festival celebrated in Southern India where rice is boiled in milk and offered to Surya the sun god.



- 1 Sit down with the children and show them the series of pictures overleaf. You may wish to lay the sheets out either on a table or the floor, and then read the story.
- 2 Ask the children the following questions and discuss them:-
What part of the story did you like?
What part of the story didn't you like?
- 3 Explore the child's perception of the Sun.
- 4 Create some Rangoli patterns with the children. You'll find a rangoli pattern activity within the Pongal section on iChild.
- 5 Create some Pongal greeting cards for the children to give to friends and relatives.

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The Hindu Story of Surya the Sun God celebrates the creation of the Sun. Hindu's believe that the Sun is the only visible form of God that can be seen by everybody.



The Sun gives us light and warmth. It helps our crops to grow so we shall not be hungry. The crops grown in South India include rice.



Hindu's often celebrate festivals by decorating their floors with Rangoli patterns made from coloured rice, beads or flowers.