

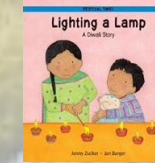
## Dear Willow Nursery Parents...

here is our topic for this half term. Please use it to aid your own research or bring things into class to support our learning. Have fun!

### As effective learners we will:

Take part in anti-bullying week to learn how we can look after each other.  
We will learn about physical health and mental well-being through our PSHE lessons. We will also learn how to take risks and try new activities, trying again when something doesn't work the first time.

As individuals and friends we will:  
Learn about Diwali and recognise different celebrations from around the world.



We will talk about Christmas traditions in our homes and celebrations from other faiths.

### As healthy movers we will:


Handle tools in the classroom safely. Using play dough and clay we will make our hands strong for writing.  
We will take part in 'PE with Max' and use the story, Alien's Love Underpants, to learn how to move in different ways, negotiate spaces and avoid obstacles, hold balances, perform different roles, climb using alternate feet, and travel on and off climbing apparatus.

### As readers and writers we will:

We are reading: 'After the storm' by Nick Butterworth..



A Diwali story 'Lighting a Lamp' by Jonny Zucker, and we will also listen to and recreate the Christmas nativity story (book by Ian Beck.)

We will learn to write for different purposes. We will write letters to Santa and Christmas cards. In our post office role play area we will be writing letters, postcards and labels for parcels. We will also be spending time writing our name. 

# Why do we have day and night?



### As explorers and investigators we will:

Explore signs of winter and learn about changes in our weather.



We will learn about nocturnal/hibernating animals and the differences between day and night. We will also use magnets to begin to investigate forces.

### As mathematicians we will:

We will continue to develop our counting and cardinality skills, learning how to rote count, touch and count and subitise. We will learn about the concept of time, from day to night, and we will sort related items.

We will develop spatial vocabulary, and construct with 2D and 3D shape, using positional language to talk about our creations. We will talk about the names of shapes and we will learn about the properties of these shapes.

### As artists, actors and musicians:

Make nests for hibernating animals.  
Make day/ night sounds using instruments.

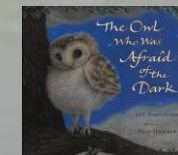
We will prepare for our Christmas play, learning new songs and how to be confident performers.

We would love to practise our Christmas play songs at home so that we can be especially confident when we perform.

### As communicators we will:

Play listening games and building a bank of exciting words to describe day and night.

We will discuss our dreams and fears of the dark.



We will orally retell stories through role play.