



Whitemoor Primary & Nursery Academy Knowledge Organisers

Reception Autumn 2 'Light & Dark'



Sticky Knowledge

I can name different celebrations such as Bonfire Night, Diwali, Eid and Christmas.

I can retell the Christmas story with support.

I can know the difference between night and day

I can talk about a simple routine

I can use scientific language to investigate light, dark & shadows.

I know that there are planets in space and can name some of them.

I can talk about what changes I have observed in Winter.

I know how to use tools and materials to create decorations.

I know that some animals are awake at night and sleep in the day.

Topic specific vocabulary

Celebration, celebrate, festival, religions, dates, calendar, Eid, Diwali, Christmas, birthday, wedding,

Light, dark, shadow, nocturnal, first, next, then, after, later, morning, evening, night, day, sun, moon, stars, Earth, planets, astronaut, space.

Nativity, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Bethlehem, stable, manger, carols.

Winter, cold, snow, weather, frosty, icy.

Scissors, tape, glue, stick, attach, cut, trim.



Books & Experiences

The Bat Book (CS)

Whatever Next (CS)

Flashlight (CS)

The Darkest Dark (CS)

Sweet Dates to Eat (CS)

What's Next? (CS)

Owl Babies (CS)

When you're fast asleep, who works at night time?

Nativity Play

Diwa lamp craft, Xmas cards/decorations, Shadow puppets, dark tent & torches, light trays, Repeated patterns with torches, Glow stick shapes, Make own camp site with den building, Make sun catchers/stain glass windows

Pantomime production to watch

Key questions

What festivals do you celebration at home?

Why do we celebrate Christmas?

Can you name any nocturnal animals?

What could you use to create a picture of the night sky?

How can we create shadows?

What do you do in the morning?

How do you get ready for bedtime?

Whitemoor Goals

To settle in.

To eat a meal at a table.

To know a range of stories.
simple sentence.

To create a piece of art.

To grow a plant.

To read, write & recognise numbers to 10.

To take care of an animal.

To write a



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