

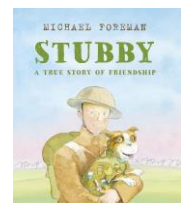
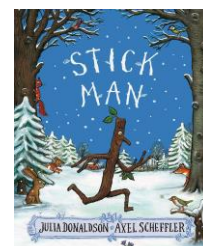
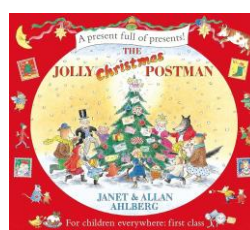
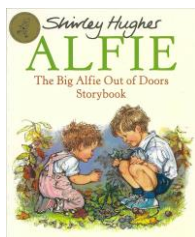
# Let's Celebrate

Dear Willows Families,

This term we will be looking at 'Celebrations'. We will be spending time looking at how we celebrate different winter festivals such as November 5<sup>th</sup> (Bonfire Night), Remembrance Day, Christmas, recapping Diwali and even looking at different birthday celebrations around the world. We will be remembering times when we have celebrated events, and considering how celebrations differ around the world. **If you have any celebratory traditions or festivals which you celebrate in your family, please do share with us! We would love to hear about them and hear the children share their stories.**

The boxes below briefly explain the areas we will be looking at and some of the work we will be doing. This will be explored through play and teacher focused activities. As part of this topic, we will begin to look at 'Light and Dark', non-fiction books and will be writing letters, lists and recipes.

Some of the texts we will be looking at are:



## Understanding the World

Light and Dark

Different celebrations such as Birthdays, Remembrance, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas around the world

Finding out about the past

Exploring seasons

<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b>	<p>Safety and rules in different situations</p> <p>Working and creating role play together</p> <p>Remembrance</p> <p>Being thankful</p>
<b>Expressive Art &amp; Design</b>	<p>Firework art</p> <p>Making poppies</p> <p>Making Diwali puppets</p> <p>Cooking cakes/biscuits</p> <p>Christmas craft</p> <p>Cards &amp; Decorations</p>
<b>Communication and Language</b>	<p>_Listening and following instructions</p> <p>Thinking and talking about celebrations</p> <p>Understanding and sequencing stories and events</p> <p>Songs</p> <p>Circle time</p>
<b>Physical Development</b>	<p>Bonfire safety</p> <p>Holding pencils correctly</p> <p>Wrapping and cutting skills</p> <p>Letter and number formations</p> <p>Diwali dancing</p> <p>Threading</p>
<b>Literacy</b>	<p>Story exploration</p> <p>Writing firework sound labels</p> <p>Colour poetry</p> <p>Writing recipes, cards, instructions, invitations, lists and letters.</p>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<p>Counting skills &amp; recognising numbers</p> <p>Subitising</p> <p>Time exploration</p> <p>Number bonds to 5 and addition</p> <p>'one more' and 'one less'</p>



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### Home Learning

I would like to thank you all for your effort with last term's home learning tasks including reading with your children. The children have already made great progress with learning sounds and every read will help this to become more secure. Some **useful websites** are outlined below.



[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) and

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games/numberblocks-make-and-play> for Literacy and Maths games.

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) Phase 2 games, blending sounds and words.

### Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a named **water bottle, coat** and their **book bag with reading books** each day.
- The children need a **full change of clothes** in a named plastic bag just in case of any accidents or need of changing.
- This term, we have PE sessions twice! We will be enjoying these sessions on a **Monday** and a **Friday**. The children will come into school in their PE kits.
- Books will be changes on a Wednesday.

We hope you all have a lovely second term supporting the children in their learning and can see how much they have learnt already. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if necessary.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs May