



Robins Reception – Topic Overview							
Term:	Autumn 2			Topic:	Light and Dark & Winter		
C&L / Literacy	PSED	Past & Present	People, Culture & Communities	The Natural World	Creating with Materials	Being Imaginative and Expressive (Rhyme & Rhythm)	Gross Motor (PE)
The Story of Rama & Sita, Can't You Sleep Little Bear, Orion & the Dark	Little Bear/Orion is scared of the dark. Are you scared of the dark too? Who can help you when you're feeling frightened or worried?	Did the Diwali story happen a long time ago? Why did they use diva lamps to get home? Why didn't they use a torch on their phone?	The story of Rama and Sita originates from India. What is the same and different about clothing, food and how we celebrate? Where is India? Is it far away? Let's find it on a map and on Google Earth. How would you get there? How does Jessica in Manchester celebrate Diwali? What's Jessica's temple like? Let's learn about the Hindu temple in Brighton and famous ones in India! Who celebrates Diwali? How do people celebrate Diwali? What is the Diwali story? Let's learn our Rama and Sita story map. Why is this story important to Hindus? How does Jessica prepare for Diwali in Manchester? Let's make diva lamps. Why are they used during Diwali?	What is the dark? Why does it get darker in the autumn/winter/morning? When does it stop being nighttime? Why does Orion's Dark fade? Little Bear is scared of the dark. How can we make it lighter/darker? What animals come out at night? How do we stay safe in the dark? What is reflective/non reflective?	<div>Publishing</div> <div>Art: Coil Clay Diva lamps and paint printing flames</div> <div></div> <div>Writing: Word/caption flames</div>	On Bonfire Night Hickory Dickory Dock Incy Wincy Spider Baa Black Sheep 5 Little Ducks	Body Management (Involves balancing the body in stillness and in motion) Nocturnal animals come out at night. Can you move/dance like one? Can you act out Rama & Sita's story map as a dance? Can you learn a traditional Diwali dance?
Stickman The Nativity	Why does Stickman want to get back to his family tree? (To see his family.) Who's important to you? The girl threw Stickman into the river? Was that a kind choice? Was it an accident?	What was life like for Mary and Joseph? How is it different to our world now? Who would help Stickman if went in the fireplace? Firemen!	Receiving postcards/poems from Stickman. He's in Brighton! Look at the photos to work out where he is. What can you see? (tree, buildings, water, beach, town) Have you been there before? What is a stick where does it come from? Let's plot Stickman's journey in Brighton on a map cartoon map. Stickman's in our school. Where could his family tree be? Is it in our EY garden? How does we keep warm in winter? How does our EY garden change? Stickman's at the beach! What is a beach? Do we live near a beach? Why and how do Christians celebrate Christmas? Why is the Nativity story important to Christians? Who is Jesus? Why is he special? Is it ok to celebrate Christmas if you're not a Christian? (Yes.) Does everyone celebrate Christmas? What is a carol singer? When/why do we have carol singers?	We're learning about Stickman. What is a stick insect? Let's look one at one and draw it! How is the river different to the pond in the Stickman story? Why do we wear coats in the winter? How do we keep warm? How does our EY garden change in the winter? What happens to the water?	<div>Van Gogh inspired Winter Starry Night Christmas Card</div> <div></div>	Nativity Songs	Body Management (Involves balancing the body in stillness and in motion) Overcoming the obstacles in the story! Act out Tingalayo the Donkey's difficult journey to Bethlehem!