

light: something that makes it easier to see (the lights in the classroom or sun's rays outside)

dark: something that makes it difficult to see (no light)

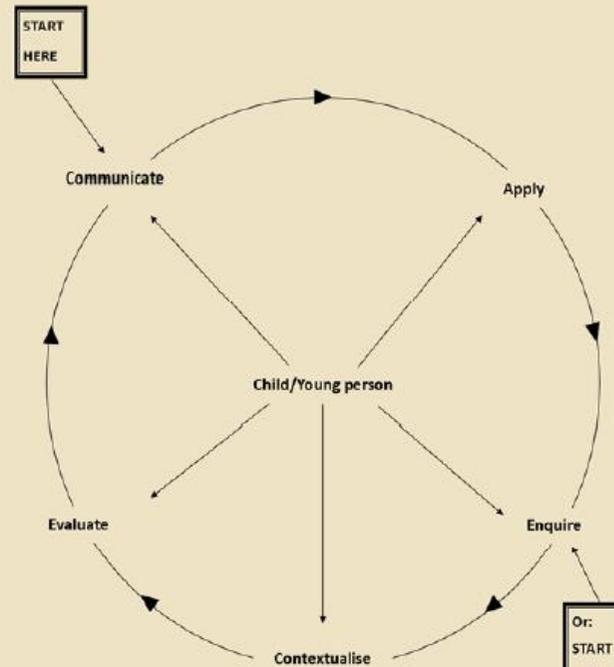
What do light and dark mean to you?



What does light symbolise for you in your life?

## Year 3 Light Knowledge organiser

The process for a cycle of enquiry



Light and dark is used every day in different events with different emotions linked to them.  
For example:

fireworks: excitement

candles on a birthday cake: happiness

candles at a funeral: sad

lights to light the way in the street: safe

darkness at night time: comforted/scared

dark when they shut their eyes: calm

dark in the cinema: excitement

Light and dark can be good and bad. Too much light can be bad if it creates light pollution or during a blackout when the darkness kept people safe from bombers. Light is good though as it can help us to see where we are going. Darkness can be bad if people are scared of the dark but it is good to help people sleep. Can you sleep with the light streaming in from the curtains? Darkness can help people see somethings better like fireworks and the dark is good for lots of creatures that come out at night.

For Hindus, light represents good over evil. The story Rama and Sita tells of when Sita was captured by a demon king Ravana. Rama searched all over and with the help from some friends found her and defeated Ravana. Rama rescued Sita and as it got dark, people put out oil lamps to guide them on the way home.

Diwali is the festival of lights which celebrates good over evil and light over dark. People wear new clothes, spring clean houses and have feasts. They decorate their homes and buildings with lights, exchange sweets, re-enact some legends and draw rangoli patterns on the floor.

For Christians, light is linked to Jesus and represents Him being the light of the world. Jesus is the saviour Leading the followers away from darkness, giving opportunity to lead a good life in the 'light'. He also leads followers through the dark in difficult times in their lives, providing guidance and hope.

Advent is the lead up to Christmas day- the countdown to Jesus arriving. The candles act as reminders to Christians: The first candle is the candle of 'Hope', the second candle is a symbol of God's 'Peace', the third: 'Love', the 4<sup>th</sup>: 'Joy' and the fifth candle reminds Christians of the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.