

# The Light



This year, we are inspired by the sources that brighten our world and our theme is **The Light**.



Light exists all around us. It can be natural: the sun and the moon, stars in the night sky, lightning in a storm, or a burning fire. Light can also be manmade – lightbulbs, phone screens, streetlights, lasers or even the Olympic Torch are all types of light that could inspire your story.

What about magical light? The sparkle of fairies, the flames of a fire-breathing dragon, the glow of a mystical object. What could light represent – hope, a special power or a bright new idea?

Is it a lighthouse in the middle of a sea or a glowing spaceship flying through outer space? Perhaps it is the lights of a football stadium or the spotlight on stage for a dancer, actor or singer.



How might you feel when you see these lights? You could start your story with a single beam of light in darkness.

Many events and celebrations use light- Diwali, Bonfire Night, Hanukkah and Christmas all involve lights from candles to fireworks. How and why do these traditions involve light? Could you write about a celebration you know, or invent your own festival of light?

Remember, creativity and imagination are the most important part of any writing and something that the judges will be looking for. **What makes your story or poem unique?**

