**Story Telling (1.5 hours)**

Can you think of a story you might use to explore the following themes:

Bullying

Loneliness

Conquering Fears

Loss

How would you use it?

**Evidence: Develop a list of questions you would use to support your discussion around the theme.**

**The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark**

This book can be used to introduce the topic of conquering fears. It gives an insight into what Plop is afraid of and what he does to try and conquer his fears (he speaks to people for support). Its focus is to look at the positives over the negatives and see all the good that can come from it rather than the bad e.g. when it is dark you can watch the fireworks, gather around a camp fire & sing songs or look through a telescope at the stars & the moon.

*Possible Questions:*

* What was Plop afraid of?
* Why does he think that?
* What did he do to find out more about the dark?
* What did the people he spoke to say?
* Were they encouraging?
* What would you say to Plop to support him?
* What does Plop think about the dark at the end?
* Why does he think this?
* Has he managed to conquer his fear?

\* This book may also be useful to cover the topic of friendships and support. Being a good friend may help someone to overcome a fear. It shows that if you are afraid, you should talk to someone about it as they may be able to help.