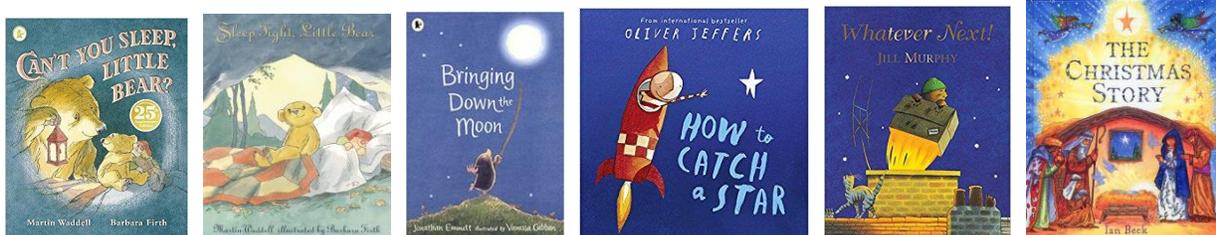


Holmwood Nursery - Foundation Stage 1

Autumn 2 –Light and Dark

We are really pleased with how well pupils have settled into their new nursery school. This term our theme is 'Light and Dark' which continues from the learning completed before half term with Owl Babies.

We have chosen the following books as our core texts for the half term;



The activities we will be covering will be linked to our core texts.

Personal, social and emotional development

We will be thinking about how things make us feel, how to be kind to others and how to be a good friend. Pupils will be encouraged to start conversations, develop their learning through play with friends and to ask for help.



Language, Communication, and Literacy

We will understand who, what, where, how and why questions and start using these ourselves. We will be using talk to recall events, to play imaginatively and to connect ideas/talk about what might happen. We are going to try and talk about the characters and events in our stories and suggest how they will end. The sounds that we are focusing on this term are **a, m, s, t, d, i, o & p**; we will be practising how to write them, finding words which begin with them and use these sounds to build simple words. We will be telling people about the marks we make and what they mean.



Mathematical development

We will be using the language of size to order and compare items by length/height. We will continue to explore numbers using numicon to support us to count accurately, work out totals and say one more than a given number. Through our creative learning we will be looking at some 2D and 3D shapes; naming these and talking about their properties.

We will continue to recognise and order numerals and to count out amounts accurately.



Understanding the World

As part of our science learning we will be comparing light sources, building simple circuits to light up bulbs, making balloon rockets and finding out about the night sky and space. We will find out about the features of bears and how they live in the wild.



We will use programmable toys to move around a map/obstacles. We will talk about the traditions and customs we follow in our family.



Physical development

Our fine motor skills will be developed with circuit building, threading activities, mark making activities and cutting activities. We will be exploring how to move in different ways, negotiating space and moving over/under/around obstacles.

We will express when we are feeling tired/hungry/thirsty etc. and be increasingly independent with our personal hygiene.



Expressive Arts & Design

We will be developing our imaginative role play in the bear cave...in mole's hole...or in the spaceship! As part of our creative development we will be painting bears, making masks/puppets, building space rockets with junk modelling resources & we will combine wax crayons and paint to develop pictures of the night sky.