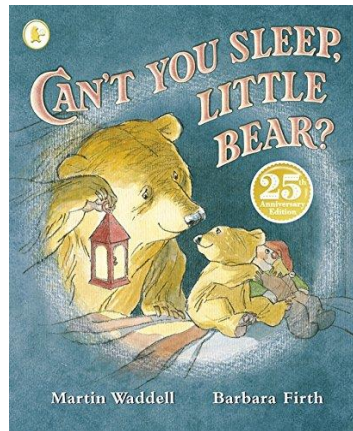


Can't you sleep little bear?

By Martin Waddell



This book is from a series of books by Martin Waddell. It is a lovely story to share with young children especially at bedtime and share a cuddle. This brings me such fond memories of sharing this story with my eldest son.

If you are lucky to have a copy, share it at bedtime. If you have one of the other stories about Big Bear and Little Bear share this too.

Within the story there is a lantern. If you have a lantern in your home look at it with your child. Consider where the candle or bulb goes. How does it turn on/create light? How can we make it dark/turn off?

If you have a torch use this instead. Turning it on and off.

With a torch you may like to create a Den or a Bear's Cave and allow your child to play and explore the light using the torch. At Nursery the torches create a lot of excitement so I'm sure your child will love playing with one.

Prepositions

Under the story on the website page there will be a document named Bear Prepositions.

There is no need to print this. Look at the images of the bear and talk about where the bear is in relation to the tree/chair/bed etc.

Use the mathematical terms - under, on, in, above, beside

Flash between the images and ask your child to name where the bear is.

Extension -

Using a soft toy and a chair or table, move the toy to different positions asking your child to name them.

Or ask your child to put the soft toy 'under', 'above', 'beside' etc.

Completing these activities with your child will cover the following areas of the EYFS

Physical development (fine motor skills to turn a switch on and off), **Personal and social development** (sharing a story and a cuddle), **Maths** (language of size, propositions) **Exploring the world** (light and dark).