

Holmewood Downstairs Classroom - September



We are reading:
**'We're going on
a bear hunt'**



If you don't own
the book here is a
link to a video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gyl6ykDwds>

Our main focus this half term is...
Settling in to life at nursery!

This half term, we will be welcoming new children to the downstairs classroom; it will be some of the children's first nursery experience - how exciting! It is important that we take the time to establish routines and start to learn how to interact with other children and the resources that are available throughout the day. You can help us do this by arriving promptly at the start of the session (8.45 or 12.30), supporting your child to hang their coat up and saying goodbye to them so that they are able to engage with the learning opportunities that are available to them.



We have been singing:
A range of songs and rhymes!



We are introducing the children to a number of songs and rhymes, allowing them to take turns to choose which song they would like to sing. Here is a great medley of rhymes that we will be learning throughout the year.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1NXZnhLCzJo>

Storytime

Storytimes are an important part of your child's learning at Nursery. The **morning storytime** starts promptly at **8.50 am**. **If you arrive late, you will need to wait in the hall with your child until 9.05 am**. This is so the learning of children at storytime is not disrupted.

Wriggle, Rhyme and Coffee Time

Please join us in the hall on **Wednesday 15th October at 8.50am** for our first Family Story session. The story session will be followed by a coffee morning (with tea and biscuits, too!). Everyone is very welcome!

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Key Vocabulary this term:

Hello
Help me
Please
Thank you
Waiting
My turn
Your turn
Downstairs classroom
Lunch time
Our names

Parent tip - Learning new vocabulary is important in developing both communication skills and early literacy. Speak to your child each day, telling them about what you have done while they have been at nursery and encouraging them to share their day with you. Modelling

We will begin cooking with the children over the next few weeks. Here is a simple recipe you can try at home!



You will need: a cup for measuring - this can be any cup at all!

1 cup of flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ a cup of butter
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of sugar
Jam

1. Mix the flour, sugar and butter together until a dough is formed.
2. Take a small amount of dough and roll it into a ball.
3. Squash it so that it is flat.
4. Press your thumb gently in to the top of the dough - don't go all the way through!
5. Spoon a little bit of jam in to your thumb indentation.
6. Cook in the oven at 180 degrees for 10-12 minutes, until they look golden.
7. Leave them to cool down before eating.