



Holmewood Nursery Curriculum Newsletter

The children have returned to the Upstairs Class eager to play with friends, share stories and discover new things! In preparation for the RSPB 'Big Garden Birdwatch' we will be inquiring about birds, as well listening, noticing and watching them outdoors. Look out for our important dates below and in the Spring newsletter.

Our core book is *Shh We Have a Plan* by Chris Haughton



Listen to the story being read here;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RAq03mle0W0>

Key vocabulary

plan - cage - trap - net - ladder - bird - squirrel

to tiptoe - to climb - to paddle - to creep

slowly - lots of

Activities

Make your own plan - Support your child to make a plan to catch the squirrel! After drawing the plan you could act it out with toys or props at home. Use the following page or click on this link; <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/e3ih9gcjqzbc70alwp45t/AAF8Q3dSRu0PpMALvPy3XBY?dl=0&e=1&preview=worksheet-plan.jpg&rkey=gxso3hzxuwf495coa2uk76>

On the way home challenge - In the story the littlest friend manages to attract **lots of** birds. On your journey home from Nursery talk about things you see that there are **lots of**. It might be 'lots of cars, lots of people or lots of dogs.'

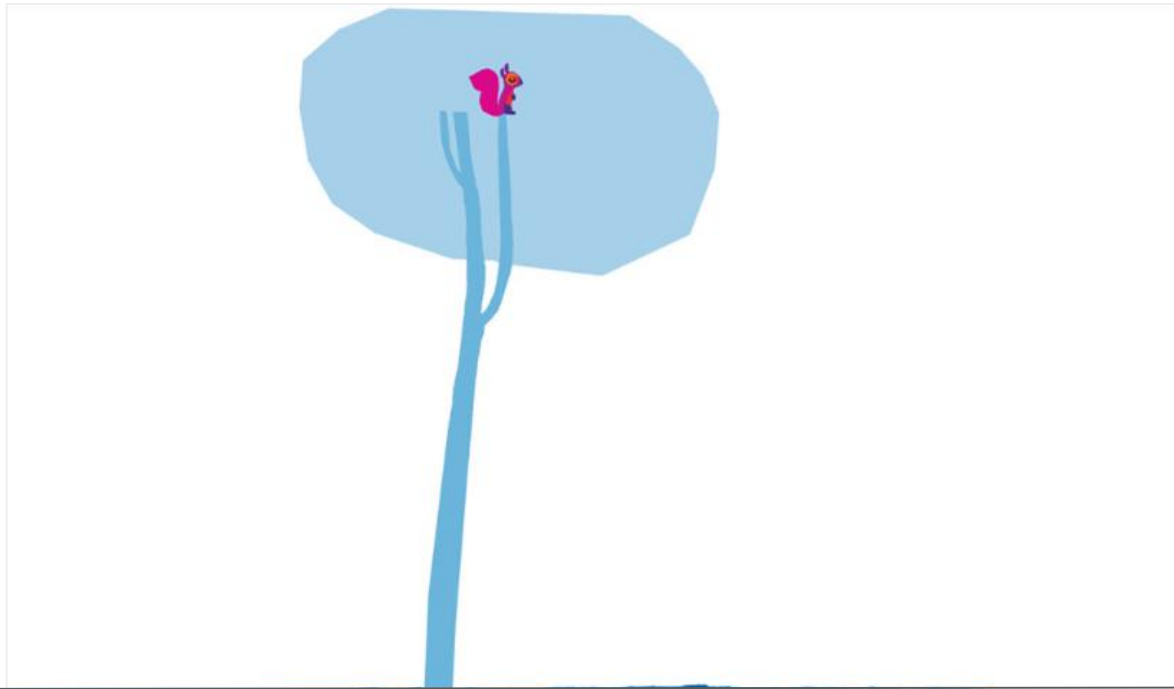
Binoculars - Use the link below to follow instructions to craft binoculars with your child. Take the binoculars outside with your child and encourage them to talk about what they can see. *Tell me what you can see/notice ...? Tell me about the colours/patterns? Does it have a long/short beak? How is the bird moving? Where is it? In a nest or in the water?* <https://www.bbwt.org.uk/blog/andree-payne/family-activity-how-make-wildlife-watching-binoculars>



Important dates this half term

- Wednesday 21st January - 'Wriggle Rhyme and Story Time' in the hall, 8:45 - 9:10
- Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd January - Parents and Children Outdoors Activity Session
- Friday 23rd January - The Big Bird Watch
- Wednesday 4th February Outdoor Maths Workshop
- Wednesday 11th March - **Trip to the Horniman Museum** (More information to follow shortly)
- Thursday 5th March - World Book Day!

We would be grateful for donations of clean recycling to create with e.g. plastic bottles and lids and kitchen roll tubes. Please hand over to staff in the Upstairs Class!



How will the trio try to catch the squirrel?

With a net? By cutting down the tree? With a trap?

Or do you have a better plan...?

Think of a way to catch the squirrel and draw the plan. Next, think about what happens next – will they miss again?

Can you think of a plan to catch the squirrel?



is net?



A net?
next?



cut down the tree?



is trap?

Cut down the tree? A trap? what

what else?

