



**TITLE: Peace at last**

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**INTEREST AGE: 3-6 Years**

**BOOKBAND: Gold**

**OUR REVIEW:** Quite simply - a classic. A delight to read again and again.

### English

- Write a story about the dream that Mrs Bear might have while she is sleeping.
- Write a description of what it is like in your house at night. What does it look like? What does it sound like? What does it feel like?
- Mr Bear is tired. Make a list of other words that mean the same as 'tired'.
- Can you write one of the stories on Mr. Bear's newspaper. What news events might have taken place that day?
- Think of some speech / thought bubbles for each bear in the illustrations.
- Look at the use of capital letters in the story. Why has the author written some words in capitals?
- Mr Bear hears lots of sounds during the night. Can you find the words which describe these sounds? Can you think of any other words that describe a sound?
- Mr Bear eats a sandwich in the middle of the night. Write a set of instructions to teach someone how to make their own delicious sandwich.
- Rewrite the story from the point of view of Mr Bear. How was he feeling at each point in the story?

### Maths

- Look at the clocks in the illustrations. What times are shown? What is the difference between the times on each clock?

### Art

- The book has black and white pictures as well as colour illustrations. Can you draw your own black and white pictures? Can you draw your own colour pictures?
- Look at photographs of night time scenes. Can you use these to draw / paint your own pictures of places at night?
- Can you draw some pictures of objects and their shadows?

## Science

- Find out about animals that are nocturnal. What do they do at night time? What do they do during the day?
- Investigate why we have night and day.
- Learn about shadows and how they are formed.
- Find out why we need sleep. How does it help our bodies? What happens if we don't get as much sleep as we need?
- The moon is shown in a number of the illustrations. Use a book about space to find out about the moon and how it affects us here on Earth.
- Look at the shape of Mr Bear's feet in the pictures. Can you find out about the footprints of different creatures? How are they similar / different?
- The 5 senses (sound)

## Design Technology

- Design and make a new pair of slippers for Mrs. Bear.
- Make a new mobile to hang above Baby Bear's bed.
- Design a machine that might help Mr Bear sleep.

## Music

- Compose a bedtime song to help Mr Bear to sleep.

## Geography

- Draw a map that shows the layout of the Bears' house. Don't forget to include the garden and the car!

## Other books by Jill Murphy include...

