

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

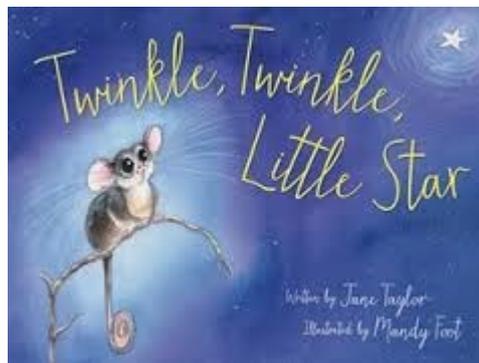
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Twinkle, twinkle, little star, How I wonder what you are! Up above the world so high, Like a diamond in the sky. When the blazing sun is gone, When he nothing shines upon, Then you show your little light, Twinkle, twinkle, all the night. When a baby pygmy possum wanders off into the night, a very special star guides him home. Along the way, he encounters many other Australian animals. This lushly illustrated book is perfect for bedtime!



Themes:

- Nursery rhymes
- Australian animals
- Finding home
- Stars

Discussion Points and activities:

- Looking at the front cover, do you know what animal this story is about?
- Do you know the nursery rhyme Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star? Have you ever heard the full version of it as is it written in the story?
- What is a 'nursery rhyme'?
- What are some other nursery rhymes that you know? Which one is your favourite and why?
- What do you know about stars? Do you ever just lay on the grass and look at how amazing and beautiful they are?
- Why do you think the pygmy possum wandered off? What was he chasing?
- Can you name all the other animals that you see in the story?
- The star lead the pygmy possum home. When else might stars be useful to us?
- Put on a class performance of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star, with the children all having learnt the words. You may like to make up your own actions to go along with it and have all the children help make a giant star as the backdrop.
- Choose your favourite animal from the story and do a pastel drawing of it to display in the class.