



Nursery Rhymes

Nursery rhymes are a hugely important part of early literacy skills and enable children to become interested in the rhythm and patterns of language.

Consider the alliteration in “A Sailor Went to Sea Sea Sea” and rhyme in “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star”. Many nursery rhymes are also repetitive which can support the development of memory and kickstart the practice of listening and speaking.

Your child might:

- Join in as you sing the nursery rhyme.
- Sing or say nursery rhymes from memory.
- Notice the rhyming patterns and change the words to make their own nursery rhyme.

Below are some ideas for supporting your child’s learning in this area:

Choose a simple rhyme and use it to accompany one of your daily routines such as brushing hair, getting dressed etc.

Make puppets and use them to recite a familiar nursery rhyme.

Discuss the characters in nursery rhymes and ask your child questions about what happens in the story. Where could Humpty Dumpty sit?



Listen to the rhymes together. Can your child hear the initial sounds of some of the words?

Put together a ‘Rhyme Bag’ for children to explore and fill it with rhyme related objects such as puppets, cookie cutters (Five Currant Buns), small world characters, a toy teapot and cup and saucer (Polly Put The Kettle On, I’m A Little Teapot) or rubber ducks (Five Little Ducks)

Learn how to sign a nursery rhyme with Mr Tumble.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/collections/nursery-rhymes>

Pop Goes the Weasel

All around the mulberry bush
The monkey chases the weasel
The monkey thought 'twas all fun
Pop! Goes the weasel



Half a pound of tuppenny rice
Half a pound of treacle
That's the way the money goes
Pop goes the weasel

One, two, three, four, five

One, two, three, four, five
Once I caught a fish alive
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten
Then I let it go again

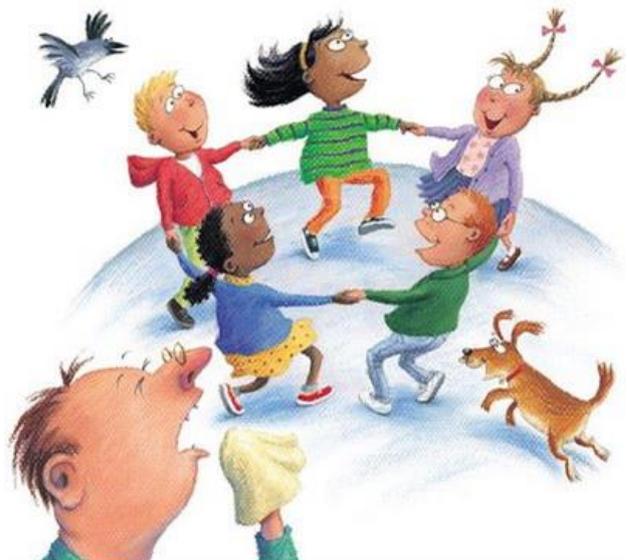


Why did you let it go
Because it bit my finger so
Which finger did it bite
This little finger on my right.

Ring a Ring of Roses

Ring a ring of roses
A pocket full of posies
Atishoo Atishoo
We all fall Down

Fishes in the water
Fishes in the sea
We all jump up
With a One...two...three!



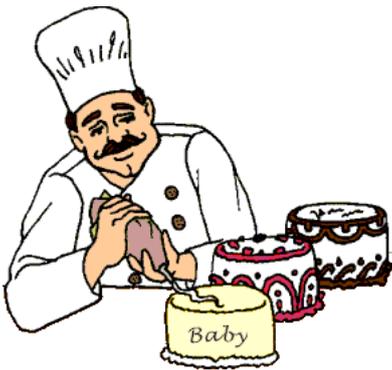
Little Miss Muffet

Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet
Eating her curds and whey
Along came a spider
Who sat down beside her
And frightened Miss Muffet away



Pat a Cake

Pat a cake, Pat a cake, baker's man
Bake me a cake as fast as you can
Pat it and prick it and mark it with 'B'
And put it in the oven for baby and me



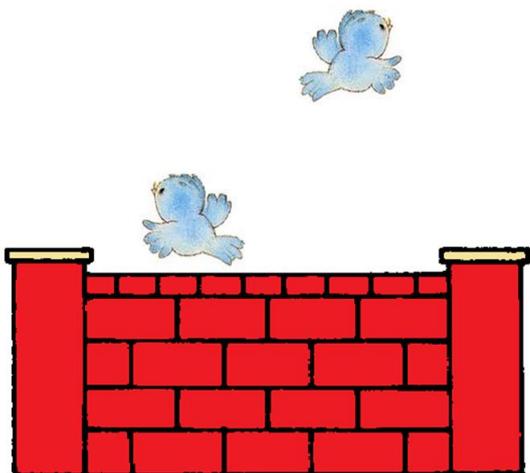
See Saw Margery Daw

See saw Margery Daw
Johnny shall have a new master
He shall earn but a penny a day
Because he can't work any faster



Two Little Dicky Birds

Two little dicky birds sitting on a wall
One named Peter, one named Paul
Fly away Peter, fly away Paul
Come back Peter, come back Paul



Hot Cross Buns

Hot cross buns
Hot cross buns
One a penny, two a penny
Hot cross buns
If you have no daughters,
give them to your sons
One a penny, two a penny
Hot cross buns



Incy Wincy Spider

Incy Wincy spider climbed up the water spout
Down came the rain and washed the spider out
Out came the sunshine and dried up all the rain
So Incy Wincy spider went up the spout again.



The Grand Old Duke of York

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He had ten thousand men

He marched them up to the top of the hill
And he marched them down again



And when they were up, they were up
And when they were down, they were down
And when they were only halfway up
They were neither up nor down

Hey Diddle Diddle

Hey diddle diddle,

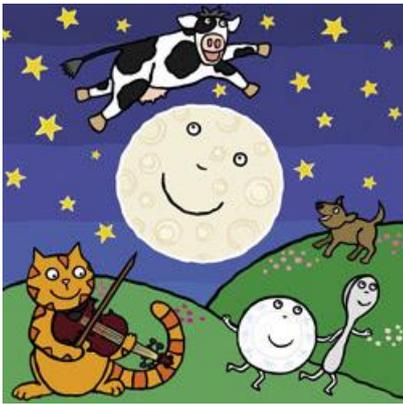
the cat and the fiddle

The cow jumped over the moon

The little dog laughed to see such fun

And the dish ran away with the spoon,
it did

And the dish ran away with the spoon



Hickory Dickory Dock

Hickory dickory dock

The mouse ran up the clock

The clock struck one

The mouse ran down

Hickory dickory dock

