

Nursery Rhymes

Why are Nursery Rhymes important?

Rhymes help babies to learn words by:

- ⇒ Using gestures
- ⇒ Repeating words

Quiet songs can soothe babies as they love the sound of your voice. You can use songs during routine activities and make up new ones about things you do.

Rhymes help toddlers to:

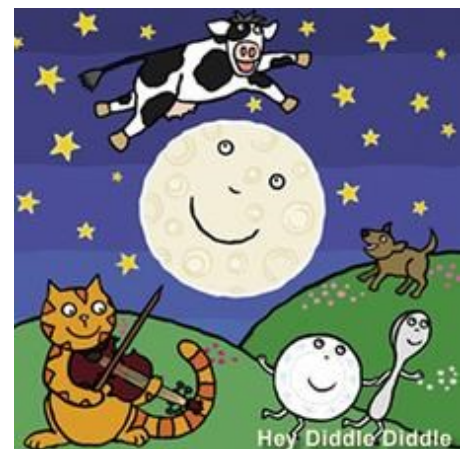
- ⇒ Learn new words
- ⇒ Begin to understand how actions and words link together
- ⇒ Increase their confidence
- ⇒ Start to understand sequences and story telling

Children find it easier to remember songs and rhymes and begin to know what is coming next. They can join in with **actions and words**.

Rhymes help older children:

- ⇒ Learn about sounds in words
- ⇒ Learn concepts (e.g. up/down)
- ⇒ Learn new vocabulary

These are important skills for reading and writing.



Below are some nursery rhymes you could sing with your child. Try visiting 'Singing Hands' Youtube channel for lots of nursery rhymes with Makaton signs.

Hickory Dickory Dock



Hickory dickory dock,
The mouse ran up the clock,
The clock struck one,
The mouse ran down,
Hickory dickory dock,
Tick, tock, tick, tock!

Round and round the Garden

Round and round the garden,
like a teddy bear,
One step, two steps.....

.....Tickly under there!

(Other hand)

Round and round the garden
Like a teddy bear
One step, two steps.....

.....Tickly under there!



Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
Life is but a dream
Row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream
If you see a crocodile
Don't forget to scream!



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,
climbed up the spout again!