



Nursery Rhyme Progression across EYFS

Nursery rhymes are a core element of our curriculum with the Early Years Foundation Stage. Nursery children will learn basic nursery rhymes which are repeated in pre-school and a couple more rhymes are introduced. These will be repeated in Reception to ensure that pupils are fluent whilst developing their communication, language and early literacy skills whilst introducing new songs. In Nursery, children will take part in a daily Nursery Rhyme teaching and learning session which will be enhanced through the use of props and actions. Nursery children will have a Nursery Rhyme pack to further enhance their learning at home. Reception children will also sing songs and recite Nursery Rhymes throughout their day.

	Nursery 2-3	Nursery 3-4	Reception
Autumn 1	Twinkle, twinkle. Dingle dangle scarecrow Pat a cake Baa baa black sheep	It's raining, it's pouring Five Little Monkeys Jumping On The Bed Head, shoulders, knees and toes.	This Old Man Things For Fingers The penguin song
Autumn 2	Round and round the garden Humpty dumpty Horsey horsey Sleeping bunnies	Hickory Dickory Dock The grand old duke of York	I'm A Little Teapot Ring O' Roses The ABC Song
Spring 1	Hey diddle, diddle Wind the bobbin up Teddy bear teddy bear	Five Little Ducks 5 little speckled frogs If you're happy and you know it...	Rock-a-bye Baby Frere Jacques London Bridge

Spring 2	2 little dickie birds Incy wincy Old mcdonald had a farm,	Polly put the kettle on Jack and Jill The wheels on the bus	The Hokey Cokey The animals went in two by two The Farmer's in his Den
Summer 1	Hickory dickory dock Row, row, row your boat	Little bo peep (first verse) One finger one thumb	Three blind mice A sailor went to sea When I was one... Goldilocks song
Summer 2	The wheels on the bus.	Tommy thumb Open shut them Here we go round the mulberry bush	10 green bottles 10 in the bed Down in the jungle Down by the river



Nursery Rhymes are like rocket fuel for a child's development.

- language and communication
- creative expression
- physical development
- numeracy skills
- confidence & independence
- knowledge & understanding



'If a child knows 8 nursery rhymes by heart by the time they are 4 years old, they are usually among the best readers and spellers in their class by the time they are 8'

Mem Fox

