

THE IMPORTANCE OF NURSERY RHYMES

Nursery rhymes are powerful enhancers in the development of young children.

The skills used in the learning, singing, recall and actions of nursery rhymes has been shown to improve the development of speech, reading, vocabulary, memory, gross motor skills, as well as many other areas of early childhood development.

One area of development that Nursery Rhymes have the biggest impact on is speech, language and communication.

Speech & Language

- Nursery rhymes are important for language and speech development.
- They help children develop skills such as discriminating between sounds and developing an ear for the music of words.
- They support the development of listening comprehension; the ability to understand what is said to them.

Language

- Nursery rhymes increase vocabulary (*like the word "gently" in Row, Row, Row Your Boat*).
- They are a great, wonderful introduction to poetry.
- They promote spelling skills.
- Verses like these introduce literary devices like alliteration, onomatopoeia, and imagery.

PRE-SCHOOL TO RECEPTION TRANSITION PROJECT

Over the last year, pre-schools and reception leads from settings across Bradley Stoke, Almondsbury and Stoke Lodge have been working together on a project to help support the transition of our children from pre-school into primary school. Our focus has been on developing the language and communication aspects of learning through the use of stories and rhymes.

We hope that all pre-school children in our area will receive this leaflet and will enjoy sharing these rhymes with their parents and carers. Along with a set of 5 carefully chosen stories (*We're Going on a Bear Hunt, The Gingerbread Man, The Little Red Hen, The 3 Billy Goats Gruff and Max the Brave*), teachers and pre-school leaders will also be sharing and enjoying the rhymes with children in their settings.

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NURSERY RHYMES

Five Little Ducks



Five little ducks went swimming one day
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
But only four little ducks came back.

Four little ducks went swimming one day...
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
But only three little ducks came back.

Three little ducks went swimming one day...
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
But only two little ducks came back.

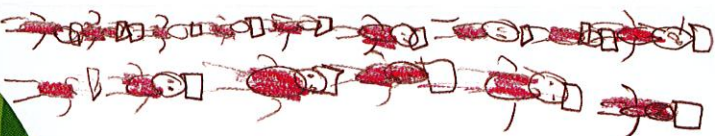
Two little ducks went swimming one day...
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
But only one little duck came back.

One little duck went swimming one day...
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
But none of the five little ducks came back.

Sad mother duck went swimming one day...
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
And all of the five little ducks came back.



Grand Old Duke of York



Oh, the grand old Duke of York,
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 half way up,
They were neither up nor down.



Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star



Twinkle, twinkle, little star
How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle, twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are.

When the blazing sun is gone
When he nothing shines upon
Then you show your little light
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night
Twinkle, twinkle, little star
How I wonder what you are.



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 river,
If you see a Polar Bear,
Don't forget to shiver!

Row, row, row your boat,
Gently down the stream,
If you see a crocodile,
Don't forget to scream!

Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Head, shoulders, knees,
and toes, knees and toes.
Head, shoulders, knees,
and toes, knees and toes.
Two eyes and ears a
mouth and a nose.
Head, shoulders, knees,
and toes, knees and toes.

