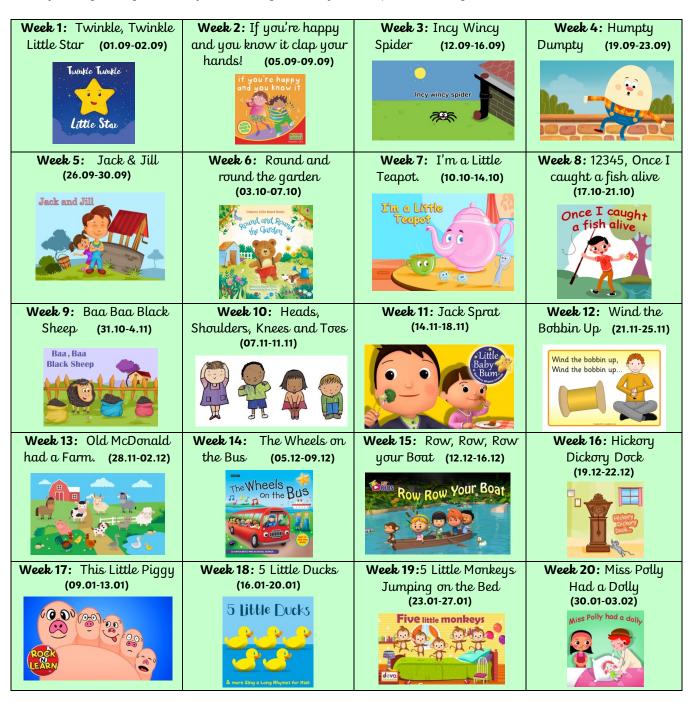


Why is rhyme important in EYFS?

Rhyming helps children learn about words, sounds and language formation. Hearing and using rhyme, rhythm and repetition helps children develop early literacy skills, with a prominent focus upon developing spoken language. Many nursery rhymes also have a clear beginning, middle, and end to help children understand story structure and sequencing. As children hear a nursery rhyme, they're often called on to think like an actual reader – making connections and inferring what might happen next. Literacy and child development experts have determined that children who know at least 8 nursery rhymes by heart by the time they are 4 years old are usually among the best readers and spellers in their class by the time they are 8 years old 1. In EYFS, we focus upon a new rhyme each week. We listen to it, perform it and discuss it; meaning that children will have a core bank of 40 rhymes by the end of the school year. Feel free to explore these rhymes at home too!



¹ https://www.pacey.org.uk/news-and-views/pacey-blog/2019/october-2019/the-importance-of-nursery-rhymes-in-early-childhoo/

Week 21: Once there was Week 22: Rock-a-Bye Week 23: B-I-N-G-O Week 24: Teddy Bear, (27.02-03.03) a dinosaur (06.02-10.02) Babu Teddy Bear (13.02-17.02) (06.03-10.03) Week 25: Ten in a Bed Week 26: Rainbow Week 27: The Grand Old Week 28: Hot Cross (13.03-17.03) Duke of York. Rhyme Buns (20.03-24.03) (27.03-31.03) (03.07-07.07) Hot on sing a rain Cross Buns Week 29: London Bridge Week 30: Hey Diddle Week 31: Little Miss Week 32: Pussycat, Diddle is Falling Down (02.05-05.05) Muffet. (08.05-12.05) Pussycat (24.04-28.04) (15.05-19.05) PUSSYCAL Week 33: Old Mother Week 36: Here We Go Week 34: Three Blind Week 35: Ring-a-ring Hubbard (22.05-26.05) Mice (05.06-09.06) o'roses (12.06-16.06) Round the Mulberry Bush (19.06-23.06) Blind Mice Here We Go Round The Mulberry Bush Week 37: One, Two Buckle Week 38: A Sailor went to Week 39: Rub-a-dub-dub Week 40: The Doubles (10.07-14.07) My Shoe (26.06-30.06) sea, sea, sea... (17.04-21.04) Sonq (17.07-21.07)

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