

EYFS Rhyme Spine

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 old¹. 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!

<p>Week 1: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star (01.09-02.09)</p> 	<p>Week 2: If you're happy and you know it clap your hands! (05.09-09.09)</p> 	<p>Week 3: Incy Wincy Spider (12.09-16.09)</p> 	<p>Week 4: Humpty Dumpty (19.09-23.09)</p> 
<p>Week 5: Jack & Jill (26.09-30.09)</p> 	<p>Week 6: Round and round the garden (03.10-07.10)</p> 	<p>Week 7: I'm a Little Teapot. (10.10-14.10)</p> 	<p>Week 8: 12345, Once I caught a fish alive (17.10-21.10)</p> 
<p>Week 9: Baa Baa Black Sheep (31.10-4.11)</p> 	<p>Week 10: Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes (07.11-11.11)</p> 	<p>Week 11: Jack Sprat (14.11-18.11)</p> 	<p>Week 12: Wind the Bobbin Up (21.11-25.11)</p> 
<p>Week 13: Old McDonald had a Farm. (28.11-02.12)</p> 	<p>Week 14: The Wheels on the Bus (05.12-09.12)</p> 	<p>Week 15: Row, Row, Row your Boat (12.12-16.12)</p> 	<p>Week 16: Hickory Dickory Dock (19.12-22.12)</p> 
<p>Week 17: This Little Piggy (09.01-13.01)</p> 	<p>Week 18: 5 Little Ducks (16.01-20.01)</p> 	<p>Week 19: 5 Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed (23.01-27.01)</p> 	<p>Week 20: Miss Polly Had a Dolly (30.01-03.02)</p> 

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

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