

Nursery Rhyme Challenge

Try our one-a-day nursery rhyme challenge to develop children's emotional, social, cognitive and physical skills.

Learning aims

- Speech and language - sounds, vocabulary, pitch and volume
- Maths - number and counting, size, measure, concepts
- Physical – whole-body movement, facial expressions, clapping
- Social/emotional - being with others, developing a sense of humour, expressing emotions
- Expressive Arts and Design - music and drama.



Resources

- Nursery rhyme CD/books/cards
- CD Player
- Props.

Activity outline

- Take a small group of children into a comfortable, quiet area
- Introduce them to one nursery rhyme per day
- Encourage children to join in with the nursery rhyme through singing, actions, sharing books and the use of props
- Embed children's learning by repeating and revisiting the rhymes during the week
- Support children's vocabulary and recall by pausing and encouraging children to repeat keywords and phrases
- Help children to 'act out' nursery rhymes through the use of actions and props.

Extending the activity

- Encourage older children to make up their own nursery rhymes/songs and stories and act these out
- Extend children's nursery rhyme experiences based on familiar rhymes e.g. The Queen of Hearts - tarts.