

Home learning week beginning 22nd February 2021

Hello everyone and welcome back. We`re going to try something a little different this week, our work isn't based around one story but lots of Nursery Rhymes. Nursery rhymes are great to get children used to rhythm and rhyme. They learn patterns of sound and words without realising. A lot of rhymes can be sung together and children enjoy hearing you sing along too. There`s lots of fun things to try with this small selection, you will know many more to share with your child, no doubt they have a favourite.

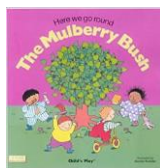
(We will begin a special story as from next week.)



Row Row Row Your Boat

There`s quite a lot to do here, so I suggest 2 days (Monday and Tuesday) for this.

- Listen to the nursery rhyme and join in. Who will be your partner in the boat? Maybe you could use some of your toys to ride in pairs in other boats, you could even put them in empty boxes or the washing basket as a boat. <https://bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-row-row-row-you-boat/zjp7kmn>
- Watch the nursery rhyme here <https://youtube.com/watch?v=oWYfntM2NzI>
- When you sang the song, did your boat sink? I hope not! Find out what these words mean - float and sink <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-understand-what-floating-and-sinking-is-74w6ct>
- You`ll need to collect things around your home to test if they float or sink, but remember to check what you`re allowed to use first! You could try this experiment in the kitchen sink, in a bucket outside or even in the bath <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/floatsink-experiment-6dh3gr> **Float / sink experiment.** Make a chart to record what you think before you test, this is called a prediction, and then test your ideas, were your guesses correct? Did anything surprise you? **Mrs Boyes shows this on Dojo.**
- Find out how to build a boat from paper that floats! <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/build-a-boat-that-floats-cgwk0r> Listen to the book Brilliant Boats by Tony Mitton.
- There is a famous story in the Old Testament which is part of the Bible called Noah` Ark. God gave a man named Noah a very important and special job to do, it involved making a boat big enough to carry 2 of every kind of creature, and a lot of rain!! I don't think Noah`s Ark was made from paper though! Watch it here, <https://www.youtube.com/watch/QAsfOcGjgoM> Noah`s Ark story, or maybe you could find it in a Bible if you have one. If you have any toy animals, can you march them into a pretend boat in pairs, or maybe you could draw them.



Mulberry Bush (Wednesday)

This rhyme can be sung with everyone in your house, even your toys could join the circle to sing. Listen and watch the rhyme here <https://youtube.com/watch?v=NZ1a94-tNyw>

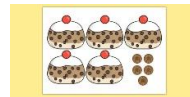
- This shows the words to the rhyme but you could make up your own words to add more verses. <https://nurseryrhyme.org/here-we-go-round-the-mulberry-bush-words>
Mrs Boyes shows a selection of rhyme ideas on Dojo.
- When we sing The Mulberry Bush rhyme, we use the word `around`. What does this mean? Find out what other position/ movement words mean here, they describe where things are. <https://bbc.bitesize/topics/zf33y9q/articles/zrcshbk>
- Keeping clean is very important especially at the moment when we are all trying not to spread germs to each other. At Nursery, we all wash our hands, use hand gel when we need to, and throw away dirty tissues in the bin. We sing about a lot of ways to keep clean and get ready for the day in the rhyme. Find out more about why it`s really important for good hygiene here.
- Sing a song of soap <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/singing-a-song-of-soap-6gt30t>

- Hidden germs - <https://classroom.thenationalacademy/lessons/hidden-germs-cgrkce>
- Keeping ourselves clean <https://classroom.thenationalacademy/lessons/brush-your-teeth-65j66d> Brushing Teeth. You will need an empty glass jar or empty tub, some glitter and runny glue such as PVA for this activity.



12345 Fish Alive Thursday

- Try listening to the rhyme here <https://bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-1-2-3-4-5-once-I-caught-a-fish-alive>
- Something Special version of rhyme, try doing some of the signs as you sing along. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thTysPVvSSQ>
- Rainbow Fish is a colourful, enjoyable story, watch it here to see how the scales shimmer. <https://youtube.com/watch?v=QFORvXhubZ8>
- Draw your own fish, make patterns on scales - use colours, shapes etc
- In the 12345 fish alive rhyme we sing about our left hand. While you`re out and about, emphasise left and right, are you turning left or right? Is the bus stop on the left or right? Who lives on the left hand side of your house? These words are very useful for giving and following instructions.
- You could sing the Hokey Cokey rhyme to emphasise left and right.
- Draw round your feet and hands, which are your left? And right?
- When you put shoes, socks and gloves on, say which is your left and right
- We sing about our `little finger` in the rhyme. Use all of your fingers to try these.
- Here`s a link to a counting activity using your fingers. <http://www.snappymaths.com/counting/countto10/interactive/fingersimm/fingersimm.htm>
- Now try the same sort of activity but count objects. <http://www.snappymaths.com/counting/counting2/interactive/countobjectsto10/countobjectsto10.htm>



Friday Currant Buns

In this rhyme we learn that we can exchange money for something.

- Listen to the rhyme and join in, you might want to use teddies as customers, you be the baker, and have some real pennies ready as well as real or pretend buns! This link shows the words to the rhyme too, you may be able to spot some of the sounds you know if your grown up van make the letters and words big enough on your screen. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-five-currant-buns/zm4nmfr>
- Make your own currant buns - talk about quantities, how following a recipe is important, how the dry ingredients change when wet ingredients are added, how dough mixture changes from wet mixture to cooked buns. Decorate how you would like - count cherries onto top. This is a simple recipe you might want to follow, Peter Rabbit thinks these currant buns are delicious! <https://www.thespruceeats.com/peter-rabbit-english-currant-buns-4140348>
- Teaching children about money, it`s importance and how to use it is a vital skill. They need to understand that money is needed to buy items, how we use money, the different ways we can pay for items, this clip is good at explaining this. <https://bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znyyscw/articles/zm29rj6>
- Show your child a selection of coins and explain that different coins have different values. Spread a selection of coins in front of them, ask - Can you find the lady on the coin? Who is she? What`s her role/ job? Can you see any numbers on the coin? Some will be values, some will be dates. What shape is the coin? Sort them into `round` and `not round`, or `silver` and `not silver`. **Mrs Boyes sorts coins on Dojo.**
- Being able to handle money is really important. To begin with, practice using 1p coins to make values as they`re used to counting in ones. Here we see different values of coins to 10p and some of the combinations to make a total of 10p. You will probably have to help adding the total together, but it`s all good experience for your child. <https://bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/z4n9jxs>

- Letting your child handle money is the best way of learning how to use it and builds up an appreciation of its value. I realise it's not the easiest time to show your child this, but when you feel it's safe to do so, let them handle money while you're shopping. Doing small tasks such as putting toys back in the toy box, helping to wash the pots, helping to sort the washing etc with the reward of a small amount of change also fosters a respect for money, and the need to have a responsibility for a reward (as happens when you work and get paid).