

Communication and Language Leaflet

April 2021

Focus this month:

Songs & Rhymes



Why are songs and rhymes important?

Songs and rhymes are very important as they help to teach babies and toddlers about, rhythm, rhyme and sequence.

Singing with your child is important. Some songs and rhymes are often too fast for young children to follow and join in with. When you sing, you can slow it down so they can hear the words clearly and watch the actions.



Talking Together



Sing songs and rhymes with me

For information and advice about your child's talking and listening skills visit
www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/language-for-life and visit us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/nottslanguageforlife

Why Sing?

- It is a good way to spend time together.
- You can use songs and rhymes anywhere, anytime.
- Your child will learn new words, numbers and understand new things.
- Songs help you child's talking and listening.
- Children enjoy the movements that go with the song, which supports physical development.
- It is a good way to hear sounds in words and introduce children to the idea of a narrative. This will help your child to read and write when they are ready.

Did You Know?

If a child knows 8 nursery rhymes by heart by the time they are 4 years old, they are usually among the best readers and spellers in the class by the time they are 8 years old.

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Nursery Rhyme Week
www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com

As a school, we are proud to
be Nursery Rhyme
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Some Top Tips...

1. Choose 2-3 favourite songs so your children can get to know them really well.
2. Choose action songs, they are visual and capture your children's interest.
3. Sit face to face with your child. Singing is a lovely opportunity for interaction.
4. When your child knows a song very well pause at the end of a line e.g. "Humpty Dumpty sat on a..." Let them fill in the blank. Or add a wrong word in the song to see if your child notices.
5. Only sign key words in the rhymes.

Resources

Play with Nursery Rhymes at Home!

Choose a nursery rhyme together. Make a prop together from the nursery rhyme. Talk about what you have made. Sing the nursery rhyme and repeat a couple of times using the item you have made.

You could use:

- Food boxes
- Catalogues
- Containers
- Straws
- Bottles
- Paper
- Pom-poms

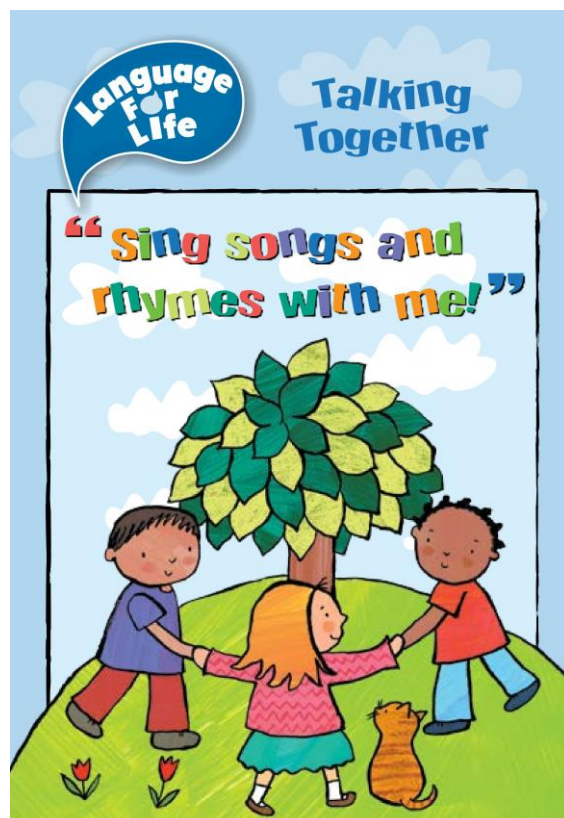


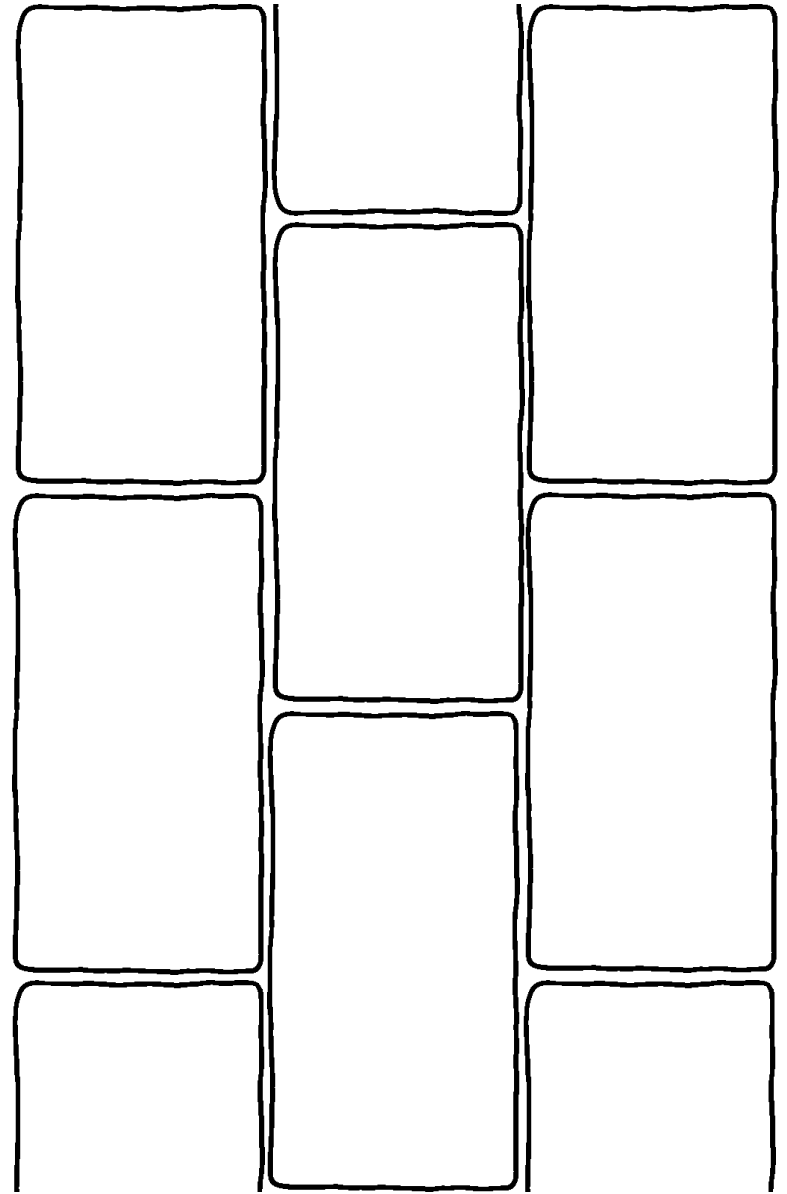
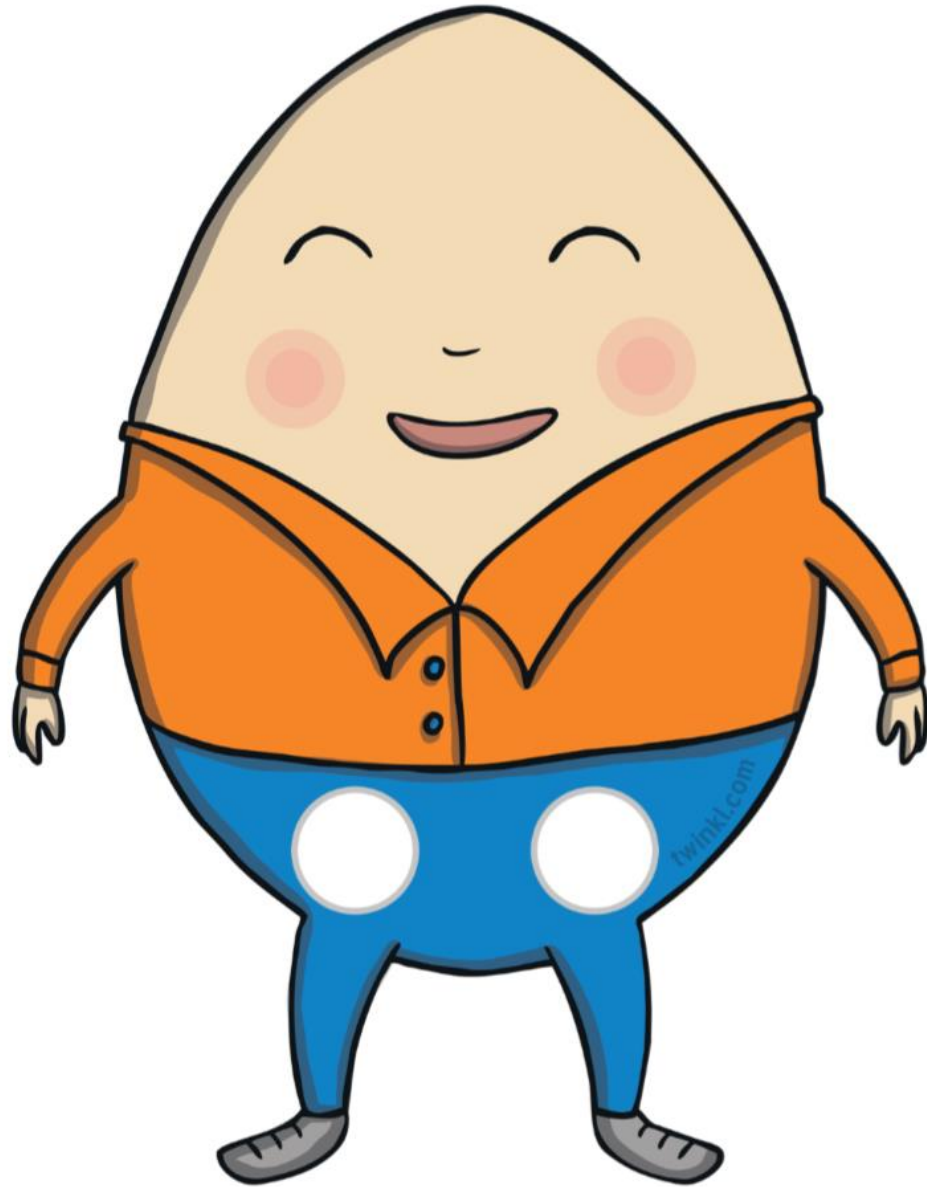
You can find a handy signing booklet on the Nottinghamshire Language For Life website.

<https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/songs-and-rhymes>

Something Special. Sing along to your favourite nursery rhymes with Mr Tumble.

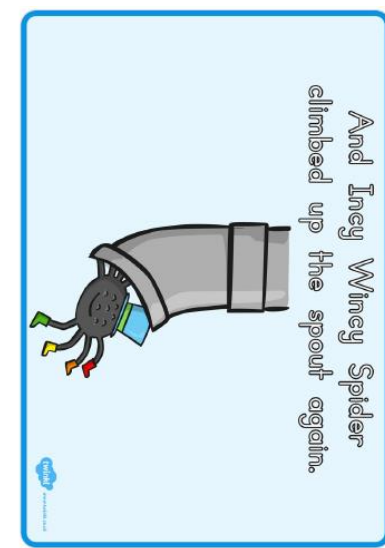
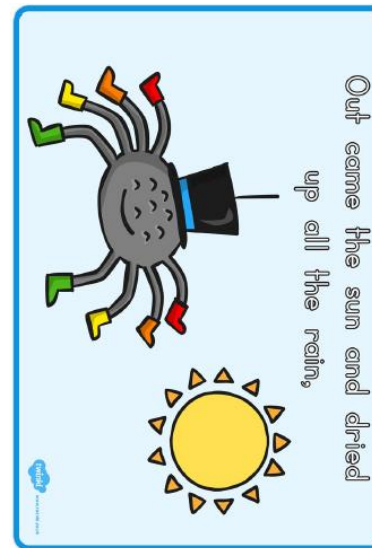
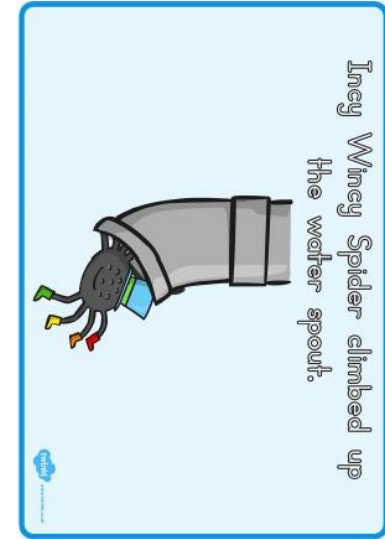
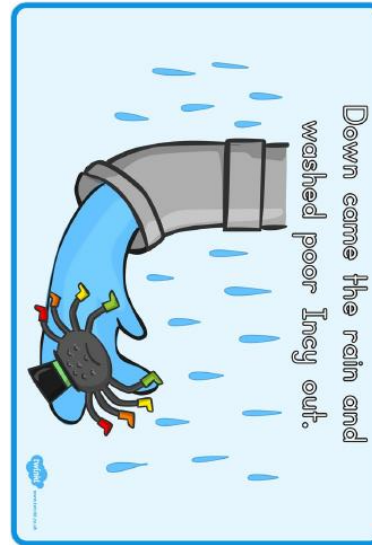
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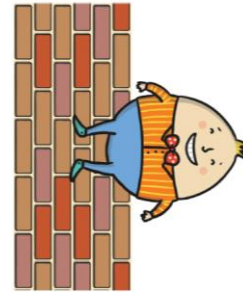
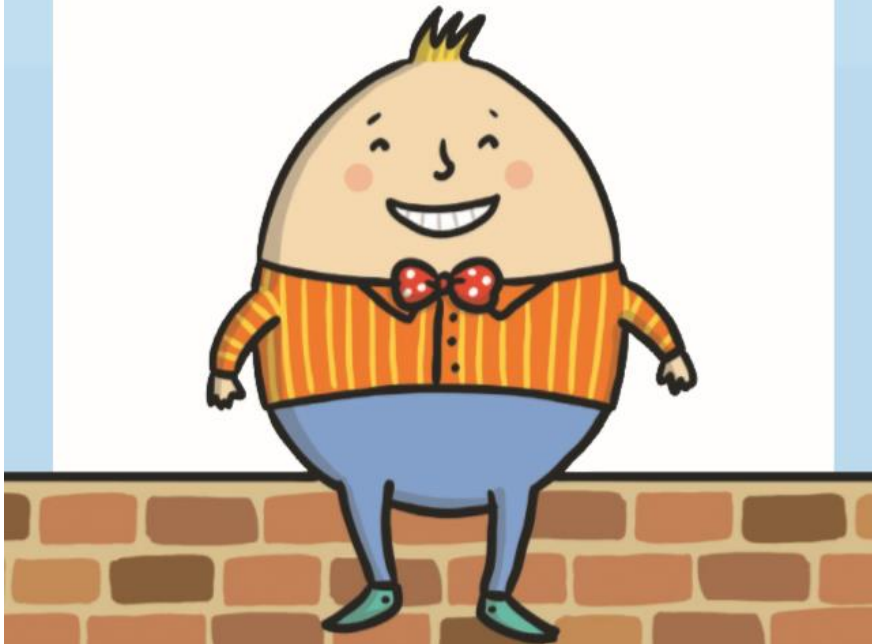
Incy Wincy Spider

Incy Wincy Spider climbed
up the water spout,
Down came the rain
and washed the spider out,
Out came the sunshine
and dried up all the rain,
So Incy Wincy Spider
climbed up the spout again.



Humpty Dumpty

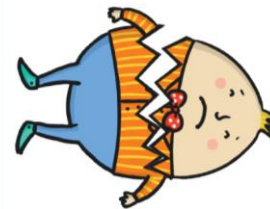
Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the King's horses and all the King's men...
Couldn't put Humpty together again.



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Humpty Dumpty had a great fall...



Couldn't put Humpty together again.



All the King's horses and all the King's men...

Hey Diddle Diddle

Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon.
The little dog laughed to see such fun,
And the dish ran away with the spoon!



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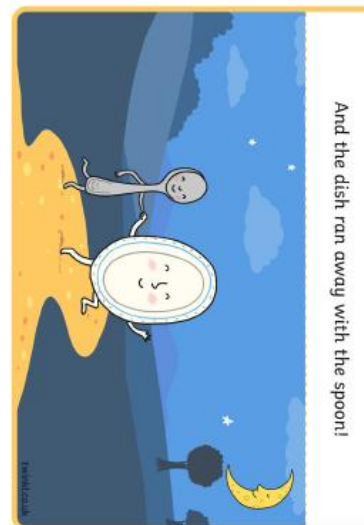
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Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

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.

