

Dear Parents,

We will be using the theme of **Nursery Rhymes** to introduce your child to different areas of learning. If you would like to follow this up at home here are a few ideas to try!

Talking

- Talk about your own favourite nursery rhymes. Enjoy reciting rhymes with your child and have fun changing the words to make new ones.

Making

- Make puppets of favourite nursery rhymes characters. Decorated wooden spoons are excellent for making people. Old socks and gloves can be easily adapted to make a range of animals. Paper bags with crayoned faces are simple and effective puppets.
- Make nursery rhyme picture books by cutting out characters from wrapping paper and wall paper.

Stories

- Go to the local library and look for books of traditional and modern nursery rhymes. Also look for stories which have character and names similar to those found in nursery rhymes.
- Before bed each night, tell a part of a story about your child's favourite nursery rhyme character. Where does their character live? What does it like to do?

Playing

- Mine nursery rhyme characters for your child to guess. Encourage your child to mine one's for you to guess.
- Enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles together which depict nursery rhyme characters

In The Kitchen

- Involve your child in making jam tarts for the Queen of Hearts and a pie for Tom Thumb. Encourage your child to help with the weighing and mixing of the ingredients.

What Are The Opportunities For Learning?

- Experiencing and handling different materials
- Asking questions and exploring
- Enjoying rhymes, stories, role play and talking.

