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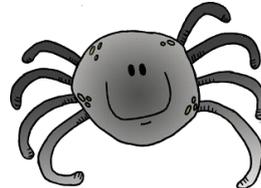
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Nursery Rhymes

Dear Parents and Carers,

Nursery Rhymes are an important part of a child's development and learning these rhymes can help many areas of children's development including language and communication, social, physical and emotional development. Introducing these nursery rhymes can help children to learn and understand different speech sounds which will give them skills for talking and later reading.

Nursery Rhymes are also a great way of introducing new vocabulary and teaching children how words and phrases are put together. Children love to hear rhyming words and song, and through the repetition of singing and saying these rhymes it provides children the opportunity to practise new words. The repetitive nature of nursery rhymes means that children are able to predict and guess what words will come next, meaning that they don't have too much information to remember. Singing nursery rhymes and action songs can help children to develop their attention and listening skills, essential skills that underpin language development.

In our busy lives it can be all too easy to forget to introduce nursery rhymes to your child. As they carry such important skills to aid so many areas of development, at preschool we are going to be focusing on 3 different nursery rhymes each half term. We often sing rhymes with your children, but each half term we will focus on teaching the children 3 specific rhymes. To help you to be able to sing these rhymes with your children too I will be sending home these 3 rhymes to you this week. They will be in a colour picture format and laminated so you can stick them up in your home. Hopefully this will prompt both you and your child to be able to sing them together. Singing nursery rhymes are great to do anywhere, in the car, while you are out walking, while making a cup of tea. The possibility is endless as to where you can sing together.

We will let you know each half term which nursery rhymes we will be focusing on and send you home your own copies. This half term we will be singing:

- Jack and Jill went up the hill
- Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
- Humpty Humpty

You will receive your nursery rhymes to put up this week.

I hope that you enjoy singing these nursery rhymes together with your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Gemma Peck

Kingfisher Preschool Manager