

Rhyme time, anytime!

Singing nursery rhymes and songs to children can help develop their language and communication skills from an early age. Children are unique and learn at different rates: whilst one child may be learning new words through rhymes and songs, another child may be becoming familiar with rhyming words. Rhymes and songs are fun, and by singing regularly with your child you will be helping them to tune into sounds which is an important communication skill.



V	Voice	Using different voices will help to keep your child engaged. Try making your voice go higher, lower, quieter or louder.
O	Offer choices	Children learn more when they are interested so try giving them a choice of what you will sing together.
C	Chant/sing	You don't have to have the best singing voices. Rhymes can be said or sung as it is the rhythm that matters.
A	Actions	Bring rhymes to life using actions, gestures or movements as this will help your child to understand the words better. Being face-to-face gives them the opportunity to copy what you are doing.
L	Let them have a turn	Pausing during rhymes and songs will encourage your child to fill in the missing word, therefore allowing them to take a turn.
I	Involve them	Children love it when you include their name in rhymes and songs, and when you relate them to their interests and experiences.
S	Sing it again	Repeating rhymes and songs will help your child to listen, remember new words or sounds, and expand their vocabulary.
E	Everyone, everywhere	Sing rhymes and songs at home or on the go! Involve family and friends to make it even more fun.