Nursery Rhymes

Old or new, familiar, or not Nursery Rhymes are so much fun! What is your favourite rhyme? Why do some rhymes make us sleepy or excited? It's time to uncover why nursery rhymes help us learn how to read.

Power words (key vocabulary)

Rhyme	Words that sound the same at the end. A kind of poem.
Rhythm	Repeated pattern of sound.
Alliteration	Words that sound the same at the beginning.
Sound/phoneme	A unit of sound in a word. A noise we can hear.
Listen	Be alert and ready to hear something.
Blend	put or combine (abstract things) together.
Segment	divide into separate parts or sections.

Nursery Rhyme Facts

A nursery rhyme is a traditional poem or song for children in Britain and many other countries.

"Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man" is one of the oldest surviving English nursery rhymes.

A Lullaby is a kind of Nursery Rhyme

Some Nursery Rhymes tell us about time long ago.

Can you find the rhyming words in any of these books?

Each Peach Pear Plum. Janet and Allan Ahlberg
Ten Little Fingers, Ten Little Toes. Mem Fox
The Owl and the Pussy Cat. Edward Lear
Oi Frog! Kes Gray, Jim Field
Brown Bear, Brown Bear. Eric Carle

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Do you know any of these rhymes?

Over the next few weeks, we are going to be using Rhymes to help us to begin to learn how to read, remember numbers and get to know our new friends.

We will be sharing rhyming stories and playing rhyme games to develop the children's knowledge of different sounds in the environment and in words.

The book corner will have a special Nursery Rhyme basket with Characters to help the children retell their favourite rhyme.

We will practise number sequencing and learn about keeping clean and healthy using rhymes.

We will learn about where some rhymes came from and what they mean.

We are going to investigate how to make different sounds using different parts of our body and make simple instruments!

We will also use songs and alliteration to help us remember our new friends names.

So, come and tell us which Nursery Rhymes you already know!

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