

Fun with Nursery Rhymes



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Why are Rhymes Important for my Child?



Language Development

- Children become more aware of sounds and how these sounds are used to make words.
- The repetition of the rhymes helps children to learn language
- Rhymes introduce children to new words they may not hear everyday.



Reading and Spelling

- Children learn about the parts of words.
- They learn that similar words are spelled using the same letters e.g. cat, bat, rat, mat, sat.



Physical Development

- Rhymes often involve actions that can help develop your child's co-ordination.
- Children will often use their whole body to act out certain nursery rhymes.











Social /Emotional Development

- Children learn about feelings and humour.
- Sharing books and rhymes can be a nice time for parents and children to relax together.

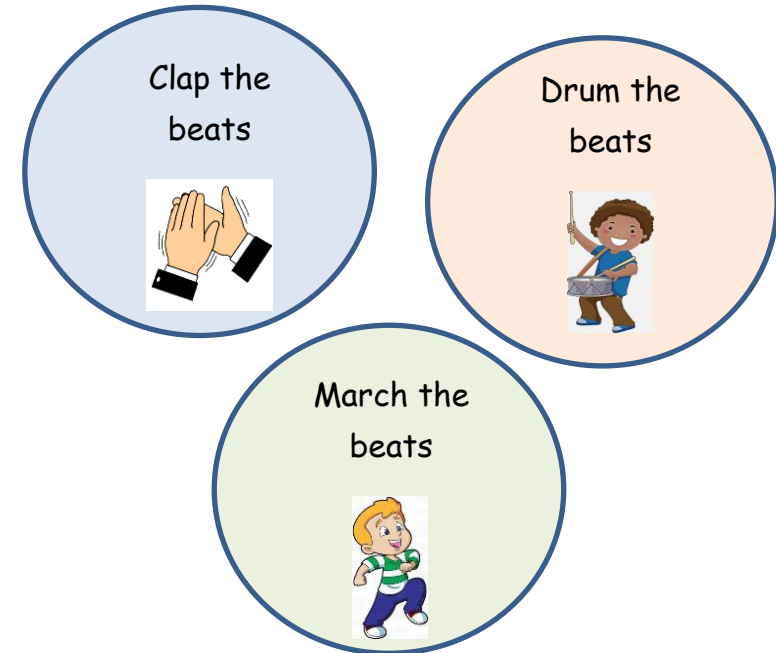
Have Fun with Nursery Rhymes!

Your child may have some favourite nursery rhymes. Have fun with them by trying some of the following ideas:

Use Silly Voices

<p>Say it like a robot</p> 	<p>Whisper it</p> 
<p>Say it slow</p> 	<p>Shout it</p> 
<p>Say it like a pirate</p> 	<p>Say it like a monster</p> 
<p>Say it fast</p> 	<p>Say it like a ghost</p> 

Try Tapping the 'Beats'



You can find many examples of nursery rhymes on:
<https://www.earlychildhoodireland.ie/work/information-parents/resources-parents/nursery-rhymes/>

You can find examples of nursery rhymes and more tips to support children learn to talk by rhyming:

<https://loveparenting.ie/resources/>