



Foundation Stage Nursery rhymes and songs

During your child's time in Foundation they will sing lots of songs and rhymes. This booklet provides the words for the core rhymes and songs they will learn. Songs and rhymes have a huge positive impact on a child's language and literacy development. Children love rhyme, rhythm and repetition. These three things found in songs and rhymes can help to boost your child's language and literacy skills.

Please sing the songs and rhymes together at home.



Five Currant Buns

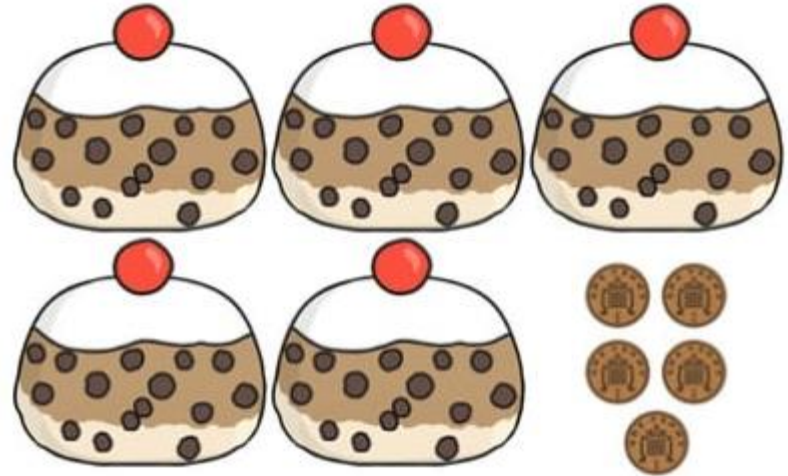
Five currant buns in a baker's shop.
Big and round with a cherry on the top,
Along came a boy with a penny one day,
Bought a currant bun and took it away.

Four currant buns in a baker's shop.
Big and round with a cherry on the top,
Along came a boy with a penny one day,
Bought a currant bun and took it away.

Three currant buns in a baker's shop.
Big and round with a cherry on the top,
Along came a boy with a penny one day,
Bought a currant bun and took it away.

Two currant buns in a baker's shop.
Big and round with a cherry on the top,
Along came a boy with a penny one day,
Bought a currant bun and took it away.

One currant bun in a baker's shop.
Big and round with a cherry on the top,
Along came a boy with a penny one day,
Bought the currant bun and took it away.



Home learning tip: This song focuses on subtraction and encourages the children to count backwards.

Incy Wincy Spider

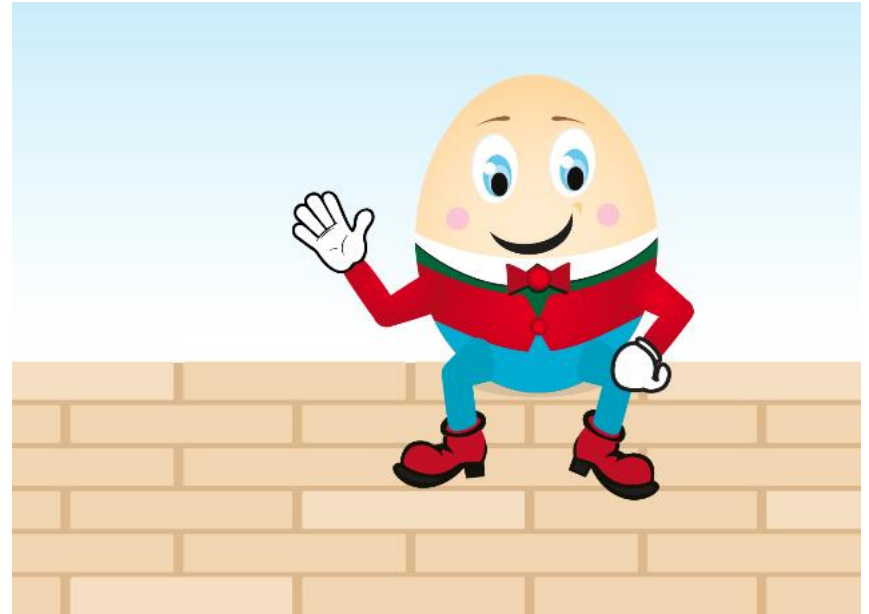
Incy Wincy spider climbing
up the spout
Down came the rain and
washed the spider out.
Out came the sunshine
and dried up all the rain
And Incy Wincy spider
climbed up the spout
again.



Home learning tip: This song is great for fine motor exercises, joining the fingers to make a spider.

Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on
a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a
great fall;
All the king's horses
and all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty
together again.



Home learning tip: One of the children's favourite, great for practising rhyming.

Wheels on the bus

The wheels on the bus go round and round,
round and round,
round and round.

The wheels on the bus go round and round,
all day long

The wipers on the bus go Swish, swish, swish;
Swish, swish, swish;
Swish, swish, swish.

The wipers on the bus go Swish, swish, swish,
all day long

The horn on the bus go Beep, beep, beep;
Beep, beep, beep;
Beep, beep, beep.

The horn on the bus go Beep, beep, beep,
all day long

The children on the bus go Chatter, chatter,
chatter;
Chatter, chatter, chatter;
Chatter, chatter, chatter.

The children on the bus go Chatter, chatter,
chatter,
all day long

The people on the bus go Up and down,
Up and down,
Up and down.

The people on the bus go Up and down,
all day long

The money on the bus goes, Clink, clink, clink;
Clink, clink, clink;
Clink, clink, clink.

The money on the bus goes, Clink, clink, clink,
all day long

The babies on the bus say "Wah, wah, wah;
Wah, wah, wah;
Wah, wah, wah".

The babies on the bus say "Wah, wah, wah",
all day long



Home learning tip: Fun song to sing and ask your child to think of actions for the verses.

Five little ducks

Five little ducks went swimming one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack quack quack quack"

And only four little ducks came back!
Four little ducks went swimming one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack quack quack quack"

And only three little ducks came back!
Three little ducks went swimming one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack quack quack quack"

And only two little ducks came back!
Two little ducks went swimming one day
Over the hill and far away.
Mother duck said, "Quack quack quack quack"

And only one little duck came back!
One little duck went swimming one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack quack quack quack"

And all her five little ducks came back!



Home learning tip: This song focuses on subtraction and encourages the children to count backwards.

The Grand Old Duke of York

Oh, the Grand Old Duke of York,
He had ten thousand men,
He marched them up to the top of the hill
And he marched them down again.

And when they were up they were up,
And when they were down they were down,
And when they were only half way up
They were neither up nor down.

They all marched up to the top of the hill,
With a hup, two, three, four, drilling their
drill.

Oh, the Grand Old Duke of York,
He had ten thousand men,
He marched them up to the top of the hill
And he marched them down again.

And when they were up they were up,
And when they were down they were down,
And when they were only half way up
They were neither up nor down.



Home learning tip: Perfect for getting active and using positional language.

One, two, three, four, five

One, two, three, four, five,
Once I caught a fish alive,
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,
Then I let it go again.
Why did you let it go?
Because it bit my finger so.
Which finger did it bite?
This little finger on my right.



Home learning tip: Lovely counting song, use your fingers to count along.

Hickory Dickory Dock

Hickory Dickory Dock
The mouse ran up the clock
The clock struck one
Clap your hands together once
The mouse ran down
Hickory Dickory Dock
The clock struck two
Clap your hands together twice
The mouse went "boo!"
Hide your eyes with your hands then pull them away on the word "boo!"
The clock struck three
Clap your hands together three times
The mouse went "weeee!"
Raise your hands and then bring them down
The clock struck four
Clap your hands together four times
The mouse went "no more!"
Shake your finger on the words "no more!"



Home learning tip: Lovely counting song, your child will love joining in with the actions.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star.
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star.
How I wonder what you are.



Home learning tip: Perfect song for bedtime, one of the children's favourites.

Baa Baa Black Sheep

Baa baa black sheep, have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full!
One for the master, one for the dame,
And one for the little boy who lives
down the lane.
Thank you said the master,
Thank you said the dame,
And Thank you said the little boy who
lived down the lane.

**Home learning tip: Lovely
song counting to three, one
of the children's favourites.**

