

Learning Mat



Our focus is...

Nursery rhymes



The importance of rhymes

Please use the information below to support your child's learning at home 😊

Nursery rhymes are a powerful learning resource, especially supporting early literacy and mathematics. They provide learning opportunities for young children to develop key developmental skills and can often be the spark for creative and open-ended play.

Talking

Children are able to remember and repeat the simple, repetitive phrases of nursery rhymes. They also become interested in the rhythm and patterns of language. Rhymes help children to develop and use an extensive vocabulary in a way that is fun and interesting.



Personal and social development

- Develop confidence and independence.
- Everyday experiences develop knowledge and understanding of the world around them.
- Develop an understanding of rhythm and pattern.
- Enable children to express selves creatively.
- A link between home and settings.

Learning skills

Listening to rhymes, poems, and songs fosters key learning skills:

- Focus attention
- Develop listening skills.

Manipulating hands, fingers, using gross body movements

Physical participation in action songs encourages children to develop their fine and gross motor control skills as well as balance, coordination and the skills needed to follow simple instructions.

Literacy and numeracy

- Sharing rhymes with a grown up or older brother or sister helps children to learn and understand new words.
- Counting songs help children to become aware of and develop familiarity with number sounds and words, counting and also scale, size and order.