



JAMES AITON PRIMARY

PRIMARY 1 TRANSITION



Preparing your Child for Starting School

Rhyming

It is our pleasure to work in partnership with you as your child prepares to begin their educational journey at Primary School.

There are many things you can do to prepare your child for starting school - this information sheet will consider what you can do to help your child develop Rhyming skills, a key component of Early Literacy

- ❖ Children's early Literacy skills focus on listening and talking, rather than reading and writing. The ability to hear different sounds and rhyming patterns contributes hugely to a child being able to learn phonics and sight vocabulary.
- ❖ Singing and rhyming are oral activities which can be done any time and any place - in the bath, in the car, or out for a walk.



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reciting Nursery Rhymes. Look out all the old favourites - Humpty Dumpty, Jack and Jill, Little Miss Muffet, Hickory Dickory Dock, Incy Wincy Spider, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Little Bo Peep, Little Jack Horner, Old Mother Hubbard, Mary Mary Quite Contrary, One Two Buckle My Shoe. The list is endless!

- ❖ You can find videos of Nursery Rhymes and Songs at "Nursery Rhymes & Songs A - Z BBC Teach" <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-a-to-z-index/z4ddgwx>

So, what benefits will this bring to your child?

- ❖ Rhyming helps your child with Listening skills, Concentration and Story telling
- ❖ Exposure to Nursery Rhymes will enable your child to
 - listen for and keep a steady beat
 - retell stories
 - hear patterns in words
 - become aware of sounds in words, and recognise the words that rhyme and those that don't
 - be able to fill in the missing word in a rhyming sentence
 - create their own oral list of rhyming words
 - create their own nonsense rhyming words
- ❖ All of these skills prepare your child for the more formal teaching of sounds (Phonics) and lead into Reading and Writing.



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Have fun with your child when you practise rhyming.

- ❖ Use plastic ducks to sing 5 Little Ducks in the bath
- ❖ Have a box of toys that can be used to retell the Nursery Rhymes
 - ❖ Read stories that use lots of rhyme - Julia Donaldson is one good author for this. Children love her books eg The Gruffalo, Room on the Broom.
 - ❖ Play word games where you make words to rhyme with eg big. Children love it when the words become silly. This can be a 2-minute activity as your child is getting dressed, etc
- ❖ Clap or stamp your feet to the rhythm of the Nursery Rhymes



Enjoy the time you spend with your child having fun with Nursery Rhymes, and know that you are contributing to their readiness for learning when they start Primary School.