

# Nursery Rhyme Week

***"Experts in literacy and child development have discovered that if children know eight nursery rhymes by heart by the time they're four years old, they're usually among the best readers by the time they're eight".***

***Mem Fox, Reading Magic.***

**16th-20th November 2020**

On the week beginning 16th, it is National Nursery Rhyme Week. This is the first year that each of the schools across the trust will be taking part in this great event. Please ensure that you register your school on the World Nursery Rhyme event by clicking on the [link](#). Once you have registered you can download your free pack. The website has videos and songs for you to use to support Nursery Rhyme Week in your school. Please be sure to follow them on twitter for any news and events, we don't want to miss out!

<https://twitter.com/worldrhymeweek>

**This year Nursery Rhyme Week are focusing on 5 rhymes:**

- \*Five Little Speckled Frogs
- \*Hickory Dickory Dock
- \*Miss Polly had a Dolly (Probably the least familiar)
- \*Old MacDonald had a Farm
- \*The Wheels on the Bus

Below are suggested activities linked to each nursery rhyme, please feel free to focus on these in any order throughout the week but ensure you look at all 5 nursery rhymes. This year we are going to showcase our favourite nursery rhyme on Friday 20th November to another school in the trust, while the children are wearing their fabulous nursery rhyme dressing up costume. (Letter being emailed to you to share with parents about dress up day). Please sign up on the [performance sheet](#) once you have made contact with another school. Year leaders please support staff to do this. Schools do not have to perform to the class they watch and if classes would like to perform together to support their timetable then please do.

Each day schools will be required to share a Nursery Rhyme Week activity that is happening in their school on twitter. Don't forget to include the @LEOearlyyears so we can all see the great experiences that are taking place across LEO.

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## Nursery rhyme suggested activities:

### Five Little Speckled Frogs:

[Twinkl activities](#) Lots of great printables for maths, creative and many more!

[Pinterest ideas](#) Fab creative ideas to try

[Top marks song](#) There are lots of different version of the song to use

If you have a forest school area you could visit and see what you can find in your pond  
Find out facts about frogs

### Hickory Dickory Dock:

[Twinkl activities](#) Lots of great printables for maths, creative and many more!

[Pinterest Ideas](#) Ideas to try. Lots linked with clocks. Introduce some o'clock times

[PE game](#) Adapt to make simpler for them

[Time game](#) Just skip the times other than o'clock!

### Miss Polly had a Dolly

[Twinkl activities](#) Lots of great printables for maths, creative and many more!

Find about the job of a doctor or nurse.

Role play doctors and nurses

Talk about good hygiene

### Old MacDonald had a Farm

[Twinkl resources](#) Lots of great printables for maths, creative and many more!

[Farm story box](#) Create a story box or farm themed tuff tray

Create animal masks and have animal races

Find out facts about choosing animal

Learn the signs for animals

### The Wheels on the Bus

[Twinkl resources](#) Lots of great printables for maths, creative and many more!

Create a bus in your setting- talk about where would the children like to visit

Look at bus pictures- spot the numbers

Use instruments to play along to the nursery rhyme

These are just a range of activities to choose from to support your planning for the week. Each day we want the children to be taking part in nursery rhyme singing (better if outside as COVID friendly!), role playing, exploring small world activities and building up to their performance of your chosen nursery rhyme to another school on Friday. Have a great Nursery Rhyme Week!