

Four Marks Primary School Nursery Rhyme Progression

Research has frequently highlighted the importance of learning poems and nursery rhymes by heart in the Early Years. Nursery rhymes help children develop vocabulary, rhythm, counting and number sense, physical development (action songs), and allow them to build an understanding of the world around them. Repetition and familiarity help the child to remember and supports language development, whilst engaging a child fosters social development.

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Autumn 1: Belonging in My School Pat-a-cake Baa Baa Black Sheep The Farmer's in his Den Twinkle Twinkle Jack and Jill One, Two, Buckle my Shoe If you're happy and you know it My Little House	Spring 1: The Natural World Around Me As I was walking down the street Mary Mary Quite Contrary Head, shoulders, knees and toes Row, Row, Row your Boat 1 Finger, 1 Thumb 2 Little Birds Incy Wincy Spider Hey Diddle Diddle	Summer 1: Past and Present In and out of the dusty bluebells Hickory Dickory Dock A sailor went to sea Tall Buildings in a Town Oh Soldier, Soldier Ring –o- Roses London's Burning The Muffin Man
Autumn 2: Special Times and Special Places Here's the Church Wind the Bobbin Away in a Manger This Little Piggy Old King Cole Here we go Louby Lou BINGO The Grad old Duke of York	Spring 2: Growing and Changing Down by the Station Mary had a Little Lamb London Bridge Sing a Song of Sixpence This Old Man Old McDonald The Wheels on the Bus There was an old woman who swallowed a fly	Summer 2: Moving on up! She'll be coming round the mountain Down in the Jungle Cobbler, Cobbler Mend my Shoe There was a Princess Long Ago The Animal Fair My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean Bobby Shaftoe Peter Rabbit

Counting and number rhymes:

5 little ducks, 5 currant buns, 10 in the bed, 10 green bottles, Two-by-Two, 1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a fish, 5 peas in a peapod, 5 little speckled frogs

