

### Action Rhymes (Round and Round the Garden, Incy Wincy Spider, Jack be Nimble, The Wheels on the Bus)

Begins to understand different ways that we move (slowly, quickly, around, up, down) CL  
Makes circular motions in various ways PD, EAD, L  
Enjoys a teddy bears picnic EAD



### Counting Rhymes (Five Little Monkeys, Five Speckled Frogs, Five Little Ducks, Five Fat Sausages)

Develops an awareness of number names M  
Closely observes what animals do UW  
Begins to count objects M



### Nursery Rhymes (Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Hickory Dickory Dock, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Hey Diddle Diddle, Jack and Jill, Humpty Dumpty)

Compares sizes M  
Develops an awareness of positional words (up, down, over, under) M, PD  
Matches part of rhymes that fit together UW  
Fills and empties containers M  
Builds with blocks M  
Egg experiments UW



### Favourite Stories (We're Going on a Bear Hunt)

Who are the characters? How do they feel? PSED  
What happens next? L, CL  
Experience a walk in the school 'woods' UW  
Repeats/copies descriptive words CL  
Explores sound and texture EAD, CL



## Story and Rhyme

Interested in books and rhymes and may have favourites L  
Repeats or fills in phrases or words L  
Listens to and enjoys rhythmic patterns CL  
Enjoys rhymes and tries to join in CL  
Joins in with actions of rhymes EAD  
Bonds over shared stories/rhymes and have fun reciting and singing together PSED

### Traditional Tales (The Three Little Pigs)

Builds towers M  
Participates in acting out story with props CL, EAD, UW



## A guide to the Areas of Learning in the Early Years

Teachers include a wide variety of objectives when planning for children's learning in the Early Years. This helps children to make links in their learning and to better understand the world around them. The seven Areas of Learning referred to above are as follows:

PSED: Personal, Social and Emotional Development; L: Literacy; CL: Communication and Language; M: Mathematics; UW: Understanding the World; PD: Physical Development; EAD: Expressive Arts and Design.