

Big Nursery – WC 27.04.26 & 04.05.26



Our rhyme of the fortnight is:

Jack and Jill

Jack and Jill went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water
Jack fell down and broke his crown
And Jill came tumbling after

What to do at home together:

- Sing the song with simple actions.
- Learn new words – find out what ‘pail’ means.
- Practice carrying a bucket of water.
- Think of other alliteration words – Jack, Jill, jog, jump, jet.
- Practise moving up and down.
- Watch the video and join in –
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EFj0K38sPmA>

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Our rhyme of the fortnight is:

Tommy Thumb

Tommy Thumb, Tommy Thumb
Where are you?
Here I am, here I am
How do you do?

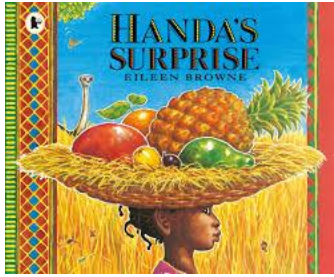
(Repeat with Peter Pointer, Toby Tall Ruby Ring and Baby Small and end with fingers all).

What to do at home together:

- Sing the song with simple actions, manipulating the fingers.
- Make some playdough and sing the song pushing each finger into the playdough.
- Practise tapping the fingers together: first both thumbs, then the forefingers, middle fingers etc. Now can you do that backwards, starting with the little fingers?
- Watch the video and join in -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nj3QkN6mHbM>

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Our book of the fortnight is: Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne



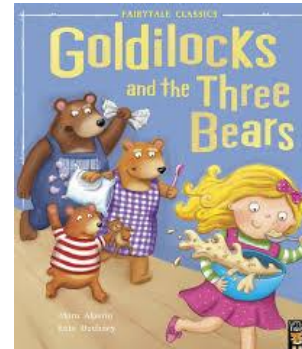
This text supports children to explore a different terrain to the one that they live in. Children will have the opportunity to investigate tropical fruit from around the world. Discussions can take place around similarities and differences as children compare clothing and lifestyle. Mathematical opportunities are explored through counting and number representation.

How to get the most out of reading to young children:

- Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages, too.
- Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. What do the illustrations tell us about the story?
- Ask questions and talk about the book. What do they think will happen next? Why did a character act in a certain way? How are they feeling?
- Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story – as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices... your little ones will love it!

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Our book of the fortnight is: Goldilocks and the Three Bears Retold by Janet Hillman



This text supports repetition, emotions and stranger danger. It supports mathematical understanding of size and ordering by size, and the fast recognition of up to 3 objects. Children can explore their senses and develop their understanding of textures such as 'soft' and 'lumpy', 'hot and cold'.

How to get the most out of reading to young children:

- Be expressive!
- Picture books can be a great way to talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions.
- Give them space to talk, and ask how they feel about the situations in the story.
- Use props and toys to act out the story, either whilst you are reading it, or together afterwards.

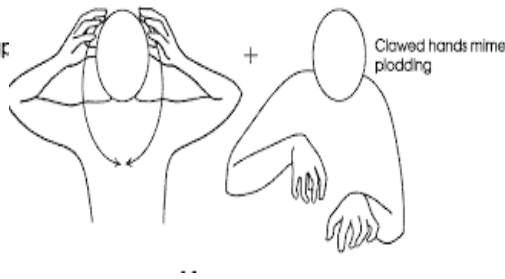
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Elephant



Cupped hand shows shape of trunk

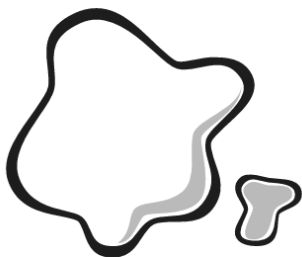
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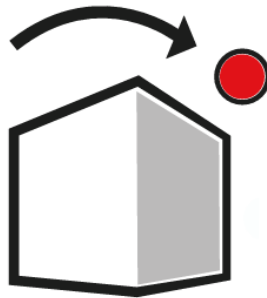
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(Always remember to say the word as you sign)

Our Concept Cat signs of the fortnight are:

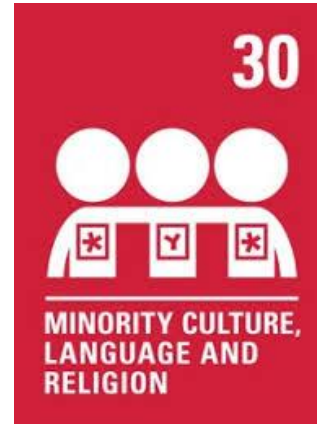


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Our Right of the fortnight is:



Over the next two weeks, we will be exploring the African terrain as well as looking at tropical fruit and ways of life. We will be making huts, practising carrying baskets on our head like Handa and trying new fruits. Children in little nursery we be exploring the three Bears' way of life, as well as considering their feelings.

Article 24

Article 30 says that every child has the right to enjoy their own cultures.



Lots more early years activities, information and recipes can be found on the Startwell website:

<https://startwellbirmingham.co.uk/>

Fay 5 a day encourages children and adults to eat the recommend 5 portions of fruit and vegetables per day. Fruit and vegetables contain vitamins, minerals and fibre. These are a very important part of a healthy diet and help to reduce the risk of certain diseases.