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## **Hello everyone!**

Here's some ideas for what to do at home with your child.

The fantastic news is - your child learns through play- play makes them happy - and feeling happy is proven to make the learning stick in their brains too!

## **Have you ever wondered why we teach rhymes to young children at Lillian?**

Sharing rhymes and songs together is a lovely way to bond with your child and will help them to learn how to talk and once they are talking it will build vocabulary (new words) and help with their speaking and listening skills. Research shows that children who learn a repertoire (a collection) of rhymes when they are young become keen readers later on.

Children learn best when they are relaxed and happy - so learning rhymes that are fun with an important adult giving them attention and praise for their efforts is PERFECT!

## Top tips for rhyme learning.

Get to know one or two rhymes really well before adding others. Little and often to practice- a couple of minutes every day will make a huge difference for good learning.

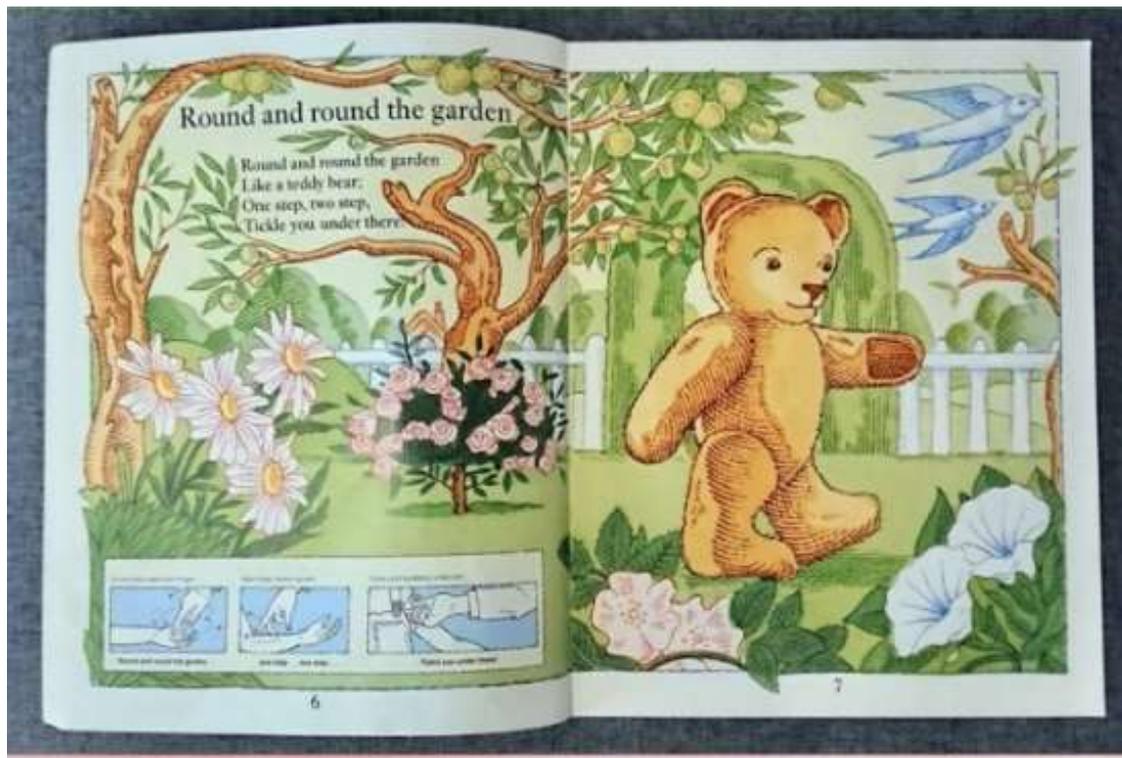
Make it special - turn off the tv so you can both hear properly and there isn't distraction.

Try using funny voices - don't be shy - just give it a try. You might feel a bit silly at first but you'll get confident with practice! (Your child will love this!)

If your child isn't in the mood or too tired find another time.

Play and sing rhymes at different times - when you child is in the bath, when you're on a journey or when you're getting ready to go out.

Every week we'll learn a new rhyme.



**Round and round the garden like a teddy bear(gently make the shape of a circle on the child's hand with your finger.)**

One step (put your finger on the child's elbow)

Two step (put your finger near the child's armpit)

Tickle you under there! (very gently tickle the child - you may not have to tickle them at all- when they are familiar with the rhyme just hearing the words can cause giggles and laughter!)

The first few times your child may not join in at all - praise them for their "Good listening!" When they do join in a little bit - praise them for that - "Oh, fantastic learning!"

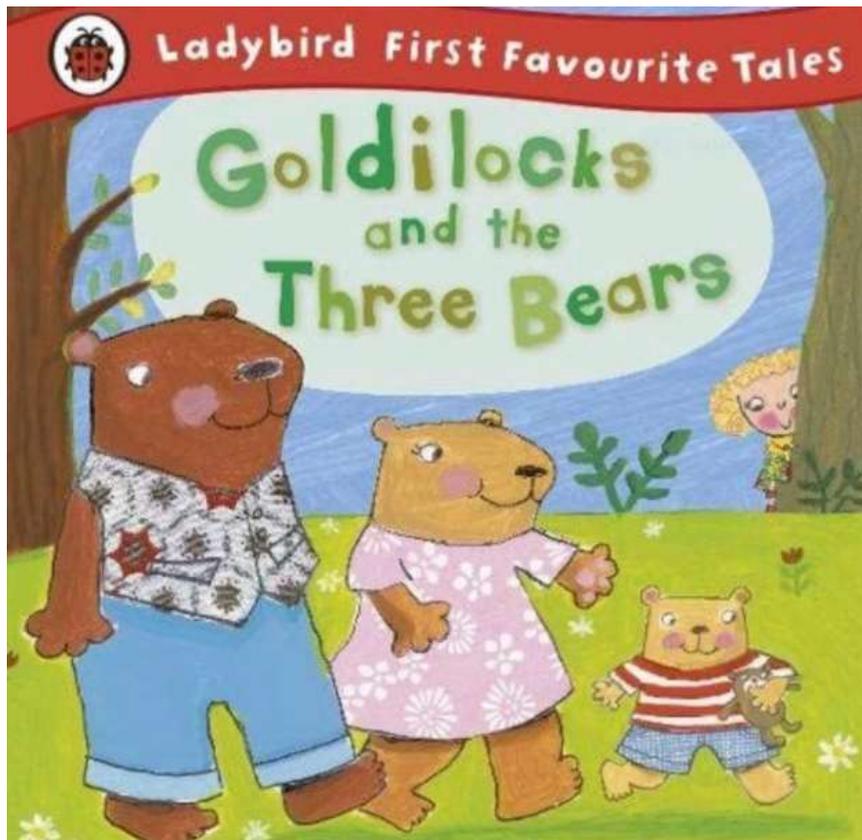
When your child is confident - let them perform the rhyme on you!

<https://youtu.be/euGyZkEqYns>

[Mrs. Partridge tells the rhyme Round and Round The Garden](#)

Click on this link here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgpEmQu1IwI&feature=youtu.be&safe=true>



At Nursery we have special books - our VERY favourite books that we keep in a book bag on the wall. Ask your child about the bags on the wall - all the children love those stories! Each group has a different bag every half term so that your child has experienced a range of fantastic books.

This week it's *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*.

That *Goldilocks* really is a dreadful girl- going into a house that isn't hers, eating Baby Bear's porridge, breaking his chair and then falling asleep in a bed!

Children secretly love how naughty she is and will enjoy telling about all the awful things she did!

Listen to the story here:

[Mrs. Partridge reads Goldilocks and the Three Bears](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzzxlpqxhUc&feature=youtu.be>

Please have a look at our Facebook page - we will put videos of keyworkers reading rhymes and stories that the children love.

Also please visit our new school website, click on the link here;

<https://lilliandelissa.sch.life/>

There is lots of information for parents, as well as additional home learning links. This website will be updated on a regular basis. Take a look! A school life app is coming soon too which means it will be so easy to communicate. Look out for an email asking you to fill out a consent form and please reply.

There is also a parent declaration email which you should have received. Please reply to this email stating that you would like to keep your place at Lillian de Lissa Nursery School.

If you need advice or are struggling in any way please do talk to us. We can put you in touch with people who can help and of course we will always listen.

Kind regards,

All the team at Lillian de Lissa Nursery School