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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.

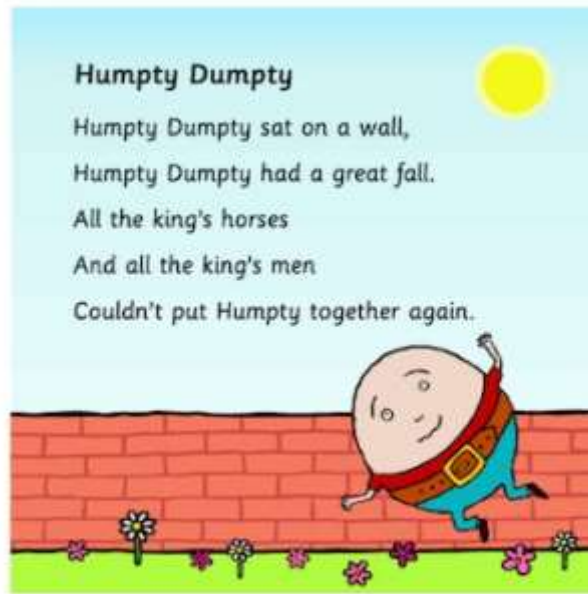
Try using funny voices - don't be shy - just give it a try. You might feel a bit silly at first but you'll get confident with practice! (Your child will love this!)

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

Play and sing rhymes at different times - when your 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.

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!"



Humpty Dumpty.

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.

(Sit your child on your lap facing you so that they can see your face - very important !)

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall!

(Tip back and then forward so that you child feels the sensation of falling)

All the kings horses and all the kings men

(Move your knees up and down as if your child is on a horse)

Couldn't put Humpty together again!

Poor old Humpty- poor old Humpty Dumpty!

(Give your child a cuddle- aw! Poor Humpty. And say "Well done!" - for listening or joining in.)

Here's the film we made about how to teach your child the rhyme.

<https://fb.watch/3autHdAq2p/>

And don't worry about getting it wrong - Mrs Partridge was terrible at remembering what to say - but the Big Bad Wolf came to the rescue.

Watch what happens here:

<https://fb.watch/39bGBj4XI0/>

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