

Singing and action songs in early years

It is very important to teach children from an early age to sing and do action songs, as this will form a firm foundation for their future musical development.

Teaching children lots of nursery rhymes and songs is a key part of your role at nursery.

Provide your children with the opportunity to pick and choose their own songs, including non-verbal and less confident speakers too.

There are lots of different ways of doing this:

- Song boxes with pictures of the rhymes in
- Song spoons or stones with symbols on
- Flashcards for children to choose from
- Using the actions or signs from the rhymes
- Asking children to put their hands up for a shortlist of songs.

