Nursery Rhyme spine for taught rhymes across Early Years

Nursery	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Talk 4 writing rhymes	Baa Baa Black sheep	Humpty Dumpty Two Little Dickie Birds	Little Miss Muffet (The Three Little Pigs as a Talk 4 writing text)
Nursery Rhymes	Twinkle Twinkle Baa Baa Black Sheep Incy Wincy	Tommy thumb Pat a Cake Old McDonald	Hickory Dickory Miss Polly I'm a Little Teapot
Action Rhymes	Wind the Bobbin Wheels on the Bus Head, Shoulders If You're Happy and You Know It Everybody Do This	Roly Poly Shake My Sillies Out Peter Rabbit Had a Fly Upon His Nose, See Saw Raindrops	Hokey Cokey Ring a Roses Row Row Dingle Dangle Scarecrow Jack in a Box The Farmer's in His Den
Number Rhymes	1 Little Finger 3 Jelly Fish 5 Little Ducks	5 Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed 5 Little Speckled Frogs	12345 Here is the Beehive 5 Little Monkeys Swinging in the Trees

Reception	Explicitly taught during story/ rhyme time and Autumn term assemblies	
Nursery Rhymes	Grand old Duke of York Jack and Jill Mary Had a Little Lamb Hey Diddle Diddle Mary Mary Quite Contrary Frère Jacques/I Hear Thunder Sing a Song of Sixpence	
Action Rhymes	Horsey Horsey Music Man I've Got a Body Head Bone's Connected In and Out of the Dusty Bluebells	
Number Rhymes	This Old Man 5 Currant Buns- exchange 5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer 10 in the Bed 10 Green Bottles 10 Fat Sausages 1,2 Buckle My Shoe	

The importance of nursery rhymes for the under 7's

Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood development and education. As well as being fun they are excellent teaching tools:



Nursery rhymes and children's songs boost vocabulary and language development [J]





They provide a fun way to support early numeracy skills (C)

Nursery rhymes help children to develop social, physical and emotional skills.