

Top Ten Number Rhymes

There are lots of number rhymes, and it is important to include both rhymes that start at five or ten and end with zero and those that start at one and end with five or ten (there aren't many, so you will have to be inventive).

Collections of real objects or magnetic props help children to retell the rhymes.

Ten in a Bed

Ten Green Bottles

Five Little Speckled Frogs

Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

One, two, three, four, five, once I caught a fish alive

One Little Elephant went out to Play

Two Little Dicky Birds sitting on a Wall

Five currant buns in a baker's shop

Zoom, zoom, zoom, we're going to the Moon

It is important that everyone knows the words to the rhymes and there are many websites that can help:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/earlylearning/nurserysongs>

<https://kidsongs.com/lyrics>

<http://www.teachingyourchild.org.uk/number-songs.htm>

<http://www.nurseryrhymes.org/numbers.html>

Every setting needs a Treasury of Nursery Rhymes for practitioners to refer to, such as:

Matterson, E, (1991) This Little Puffin: a Treasury of Nursery Rhymes, Songs and Games, Puffin

There are lots of great children's books around about number rhymes – here are a few:

Crisp, D (2005) Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer, Child's Play

Smith, N (2013) Five Little Speckled Frogs, CreateSpace

Ives, P (2002) Five Little Ducks, Child's Play

Dale, P (2007) Ten in the Bed, Walker

Freeman, T (2001) Ten Little Monkeys Jumping on The Bed, Child's Play