

Cumbria County Council

Chat Play Share

Rhymes and songs

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Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall

All the king's horses and

All the king's men

Couldn't put Humpty

Together Again!

Birth – 2 years



Sit opposite your baby and say their name to get their attention and encourage them to watch your face while you are singing. Sing the song with them. Hold their hands and help them clap the rhythm as you sing the rhyme. If they make any sounds repeat them back.

Make different and appropriate sounds and actions when you say “fall” and “horses”.

2-3 years



Smile and say your child's name to encourage them to watch your face while you are singing. Sing the song and make actions slowly for your child to understand and copy. Use any soft toy to be Humpty Dumpty and do the actions. You and your child could be Humpty and fall onto cushions. Make sure you have a soft landing!

3-4 years



Teach your child the rhyme and actions and help them to sing it to friends and family.

Use your hands to make the falling actions and make up a falling sound. Use pots to bag together to make the sound of the horse's hooves. Bag the pots at different speeds and use different rhythms to fit with the rhyme.

Chat Play Share...Other ideas you could try....

Share a book together about this rhyme:

Chat about the pictures and story.

Humpty Dumpty – Baby Board Books by Child’s Play

Humpty Dumpty Finger Puppet Book by Parragon Books

We’re Going on an Egg Hunt by Martha Mumford.

Eggs and Chicks by Fiona Pratchett.

Decorating Eggs.

You could boil eggs for half an hour in onion skins to make Pace Eggs. These can then be used for the game of Egg Dumping. Two people play. You hold the eggs by the pointy ends and one person “ dumps” the egg on top of the other persons to see which egg breaks. Playing games and taking turns is a good way of introducing new words and using communication to build relationships with friends.



Decorating eggs as favourite characters or made up characters is another good way of using language. Name your egg characters, make up stories about them.

Ask simple “why” questions to develop understanding such as:

“Why do you think Humpty Dumpty fell off the wall?”

“ Why couldn’t the King’s men put Humpty back together again?”

Go out and about and take photographs of walls you can see. Can you name the colours and shapes of the different bricks?