

Cumbria County Council

Chat Play Share

Rhymes and songs

Two little dickie birds

Two little dickie birds
sitting on a wall.

One named Peter the
other named Paul.

Fly way Peter.

Fly away Paul.

Come back Peter.

Come back Paul.

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Birth – 2 years



Sit with your baby facing you. Say their name to encourage them to look at you as you are singing.

Sit your baby on chair and, facing them, hold on to them at the waist. Bounce them up and down in time to the rhythm of the song. Raise them up into the air and back down again as you sing “Fly away Peter, fly away Paul, come back Peter come back Paul.”

2-3 years



Smile and say your child’s name to encourage them to watch your face while you are singing. Make or use 2 toys to represent the two little birds. Bounce the toys up and down to the rhythm. As you sing “Fly away Peter” place one of the birds behind your back. Now do the same when you sing “Fly away Paul”. Now bring the birds back one at a time as you sing “Come back Peter, come back Paul.”

3-4 years



Help your child make Peter and Paul (see below). Use the birds for the actions as you learn the rhyme together. As you say, “Fly away Peter” put your hand behind your back, bring your hand back but show different finger without Peter. Your child will wonder where Peter has gone! Do the same with Paul and then swap your finger to bring the birds back! Now teach your child the actions!

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

Share a book together about this rhyme.

Chat about the pictures and story. Make comments and ask simple questions.

Listen to the Birds Book by Marion Billet

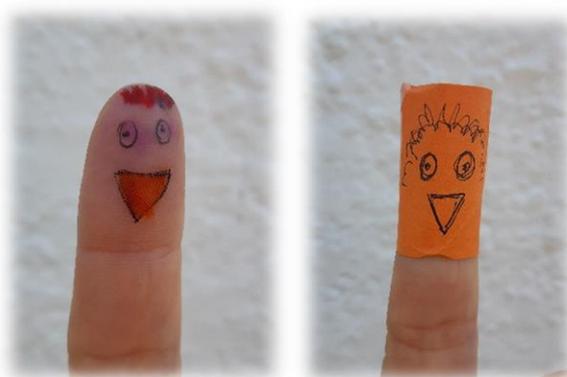
My First Book of Garden Birds by Sarah Whittlely

My First Book of Garden Birds Mike Unwin and Rachel Lockwood

RSPB First Book of Birds

Making Peter and Paul

Use your index finger or pointer finger to make Peter and Paul. You can either draw on your fingers or make a little bird out of card or paper. Chat to your child about how to make them. Can you give them different coloured beaks and feathers and different characters.



Amazing Alliteration!

When words have the same initial letter sounds it is called **alliteration**.

Tell your child that this is what it is called (they may like long words – think about Tyrannosaurus Rex!). Think of new names for your birds that alliterate such as Sandy and Sue. Can you fit them in the rhyme?

How many beats?

To fit the new names into the rhyme they will need the same number of beats (syllables) as Peter (2 beats) and Paul (1 beat). Can you clap the beats? **Pe**/ter has 2 claps and Paul has one clap. You could think of other animals to put in the rhyme. They will need the same number of beats as dicky birds such as jumping frog. Clapping to beats is a good skill for children to learn. It will help them when they learn to read.



Name that bird!

You could go on a walk and spot and name the birds.

