

Cumbria County Council
Chat Play Share
Rhymes and songs

POP! goes the weasel

Half a pound of tuppenny rice

Half a pound of treacle

That's the way the money
goes

POP! goes the weasel.

Up and down the city road

In and out of the steeple

Round the town and back
again

POP! goes the weasel

[POP! goes the weasel - BBC Teach](#)

Birth – 2 years



Sit with your baby facing you. Say their name to encourage them to look at you as you are singing. Sing the rhyme changing the pitch of your voice. Clap your hands when you sing pop. When your child can clap with you try pausing before you clap. Wait for your child to clap. You may need to repeat this a few times before they learn to clap when you pause.

2-3 years



Smile and say your child's name to encourage them to watch your face while you are singing.

Sing the song with your child. Clap when you say the word pop. Pause before you sing pop and clap and wait for your child to do the actions and say the words without you. Try pausing at other parts of the rhyme so your child can fill in the gaps.

3-4 years



Learn the rhyme with your child. There are more verses below to learn. There is lots of opportunity for big actions and movement as you are singing this rhyme.

Make up actions together that fit with the words. You could jump up on the word pop, walk around the town, mime sewing and chase the badger around.

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.

My First Board Book of Animals, Dorling Kindersley
Weasel by Elys Dolan

Additional Lyrics:

A penny for a spool of thread
A penny for a needle
That's the way the money goes
POP! goes the weasel.

Round and round the chestnut tree
The badger chased the weasel
They ran and ran and had great fun
POP! goes the weasel.

Rice Pudding – time words and following instructions. Using the time words **first**, **then** and **next** will be more meaningful for your child if they are used during a real activity. Simple cookings is also a good way of leaning to follow instructions.

First wash and drain 100g of pudding rice.

Then butter a baking dish so that the rice doesn't stick.

Next add the rice, 50g Sugar and 700ml of skimmed milk into the baking dish.

Next stir the ingredients together.

Next cook for 2 hours at 150C/ gas 2 or until The pudding wobbles slightly when shaken

You could add treacle to fit in the with the song !!

Pop Goes the Popcorn!

You could make popcorn together and listen to it pop!

Explore rice!

There are lots of activities you can do with your child using rice. Chat to your child about what you are doing. Use key words as they are exploring. You could try:

- Using rice in bottles to shake along to the songs.
- Have a washing up bowl full of dry rice for your child to explore. Add containers so they can learn to pour.
- Add food colouring to rice. Wait for it to dry and make layer jars. Always supervise these activities.

