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Dear Parents/Carers,

St John's are excited to be taking part in the WORLD Nursery Rhyme Week 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

The initiative, which was launched in 2013, promotes the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development and education with a particular focus on how nursery rhymes boost early language and literacy skills.

The importance of nursery rhymes for the under 7s:

- Nursery rhymes and children's songs boost vocabulary and language development
- They help children to develop literacy skills
- They provide a fun way to support early numeracy skill
- Nursery rhymes help children to develop social, physical and emotional skills.

Our 'Rhyme a Day' challenge will focus on one nursery rhyme each day in the following order:

- Monday 16th November: 'The Wheels on The Bus'.
- Tuesday 17th November: 'Five Little Speckled Frogs'.
- Wednesday 18th November: 'Hickory Dickory Dock'.
- Thursday 19th November: 'Old MacDonald Had A Farm'.
- Friday 20th November: 'Miss Polly Had A Dolly'.

Singing nursery rhymes is a wonderful activity you can enjoy doing together at home and all of the resources are available for you to download. You can access all of the free resources at: <a href="www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com">www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com</a>

We will send home each rhyme for the children to continue practising at home. Why not let your child put on a show on the Friday after school and perform all the rhymes they have learnt. We would love to see these on Tapestry.



**Best wishes** 

Miss Rist Early Years Leader

