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World Poetry Day









Dear Parents/ Carers,

The theme for World Poetry Day tomorrow on 21st March 2026, is "Poetry as a Bridge for Peace and Inclusion."

This year's theme may be too grown up for the young children in our care, but we can share Nursery rhymes which are extremely valuable to support early language and communication development, build confidence and prepare children for reading and writing as they get older (National Literacy Trust).

See if you can enjoy sharing one of the following rhymes...

<p>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.</p>		<p>Hickory, Dickory, Dock. Hickory, dickory, dock. The mouse ran up the clock. The clock struck one, The mouse ran down, Hickory, dickory, dock.</p>	
<p>Hey Diddle Diddle Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle, The cow jumped over the moon. The little dog laughed to see such fun, And the dish ran away with the spoon!</p>		<p>Round and Round the Garden Round and round the garden, Like a teddy bear. One step, two steps, Tickle you under there!</p>	
<p>Jack and Jill Jack and Jill went up the hill, To fetch a pail of water. Jack fell down and broke his crown, And Jill came tumbling after. Up Jack got, and home did trot, As fast as he could caper, He went to bed to mend his head, With vinegar and brown paper.</p>		<p>Incy Wincy Spider Incy Wincy spider climbed up the waterspout. Down came the rain and washed the spider out. Out came the sun and dried up all the rain and the Incy Wincy spider climbed up the spout again.</p>	
<p>Little Miss Muffet Little Miss Muffet, Sat on a tuffet, Eating her curds and whey; Along came a spider, Who sat down beside her, And frightened Miss Muffet away.</p>		<p>Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat Pussy cat, pussy cat, where have you been? I've been to London to visit the Queen. Pussy cat, pussy cat, what did you do there? I frightened a little mouse under her chair.</p>	
<p>Polly Put the Kettle On Polly put the kettle on, Polly put the kettle on, Polly put the kettle on, We'll all have tea.</p>		<p>One, Two, Three, Four, Five One, two, three, four, five, Once I caught a fish alive, Six, seven, eight, nine, ten, Then I let it go again.</p>	

<p>Sukey take it off again, Sukey take it off again, Sukey take it off again, They've all gone away.</p>	<p>Why did you let it go? Because it bit my finger so. Which finger did it bite? This little finger on my right.</p>
<p>See Saw Margery Daw See Saw Margery Daw, Johnny shall have a new master. Johnny shall earn but a penny a day, Because he can't work any faster.</p> 	<p>Rain Rain Rain rain go away, Come again another day.</p> 
<p>Row, Row, Row Your Boat Row, row, row your boat, Gently down the stream. Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, Life is but a dream. Row, row, row your boat, Gently down the stream. If you see a crocodile, Don't forget to scream.</p> 	<p>The Grand Old Duke of York Oh, The grand old Duke of York, He had ten thousand men; He marched them up to the top of the hill, And he marched them down again. And when they were up, they were up, And when they were down, they were down, And when they were only half-way up, They were neither up nor down!</p> 
<p>I'm a Little Teapot I'm a little teapot, Short and stout. Here is my handle, Here is my spout. When I get all steamed up Hear me shout, Tip me over and pour me out.</p> 	<p>This Little Piggy This little piggy went to market, This little piggy stayed home, This little piggy had roast beef, This little piggy had none, And this little piggy cried "wee wee wee" all the way home.</p> 
<p>Twinkle, Twinkle Twinkle, twinkle, little star, How I wonder what you are! Up above the world so high, Like a diamond in the sky. Twinkle, twinkle, little star, How I wonder what you are!</p> 	<p>Two Little Dickie Birds Two little dickie birds sitting on a wall, One named Peter, one named Paul. Fly away Peter! Fly away Paul! Come back Peter! Come back Paul!</p> 
<p>Wind the Bobbin Up Wind the bobbin up Wind the bobbin up, Wind the bobbin up, Pull, pull, clap, clap, clap. Wind it back again, Wind it back again, Pull, pull, clap, clap, clap, Point to the ceiling, Point to the floor, Point to the window, Point to the door, Clap your hands together, 1, 2, 3, And place them gently upon your knee.</p> 	<p>Little Bo-Peep Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep, and doesn't know where to find them. Leave them alone, And they'll come home, wagging their tails behind them.</p> 

Yours sincerely,

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