



Sacred Heart

Catholic Primary School, Atherton

Nursery Rhyme Progression

EYFS

Term	Easy	Harder	Challenging
Autumn	Baa, Baa, Black Sheep	Little Miss Muffet	The Grand Old Duke of York
Spring	Row, Row, Row Your Boat	Five Little Ducks	There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly
Summer	Hickory Dickory Dock	The Wheels on the Bus	The Owl and the Pussycat

The nursery rhyme curriculum provides a clear progression throughout Reception, with a key focus on developing fluency. Children will move from joining in with familiar rhymes and developing confidence, to recalling and reciting rhymes with increasing accuracy, pace, rhythm and expression. Over time, children will develop their ability to perform rhymes fluently and independently, while also building their vocabulary, listening skills and awareness of rhyme and rhythm. Each term includes an accessible rhyme, a more challenging rhyme and a stretch rhyme to support and challenge all learners.