

SYCAMORE ROOM

(3-4 year old room)

Weeks of 9th March & 16th March 2026

Our RHYME of the fortnight is: Sleeping bunnies

See the little bunnies sleeping 'til it's nearly noon
Shall we wake them with a merry tune?
They're so still, are they ill?
Wake up, bunnies!

Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop
Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop
Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop
Hop little bunnies, hop and stop!

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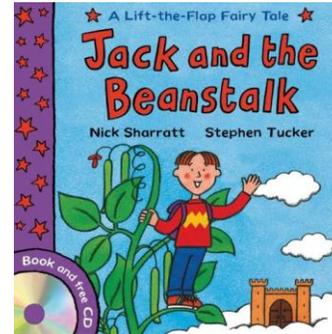
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What to do at home together:

- Sing out the rhyme together using actions
- Watch the story below and sing the rhyme together again
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/playlist-something-special-nursery-rhymes/clip/something-special-sleeping-bunnies>



Our BOOK of the fortnight is: Jack and the beanstalk by Nick Sharratt



This traditional tale that explores history through castles and living with animals that provide for you, with discussions on where children get their milk from today. It explores fantasy and imagination with the characters of giants and musical harps/ hens with golden eggs and magic beans as well as a planting and growth.

How to get the most out of reading to young children:

- Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages, too.
- Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. What might they tell us about the story before we read the words?
- Ask questions and talk about the book. What do they think will happen next? Why did a character act in a certain way? How are they feeling? What did Jack trade the cow for?, How did the giant talk?, and Why was Mom angry?
- Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story - as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices... your little ones will love it!

ELM ROOM

(2-3 year old room)

Weeks of 2^{3rd} February & 2nd March 2026

Our RHYME of the fortnight is:
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,
So Incy wincy spider climbed up the spout again.

What to do at home together:

Sing out the rhyme together using actions

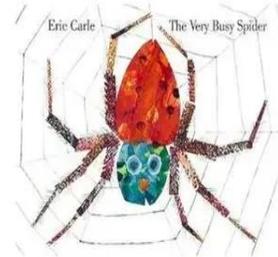
Where do spiders live? What do they eat, Do you think spiders like the rain?

Watch the story below and sing the rhyme together again

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Our BOOK of the fortnight is:

The very busy spider- Eric Carle



Early one morning a little spider begins to spin her web on a fencepost. In this multi-sensory book, children can feel the pictures as well as see them, while they hear or read the easy rhythmic text.

How to get the most out of reading to young children:

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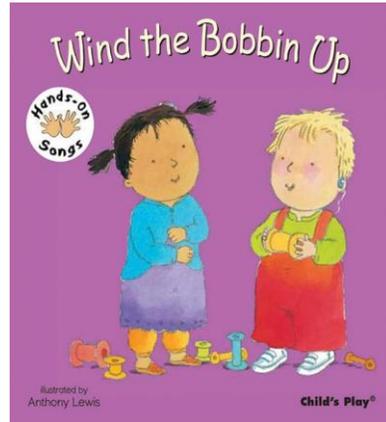
WILLOW ROOM

(Under 2's room)

Weeks of 2^{3rd} February & 2nd March 2026

Our RHYME of the fortnight is: 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.



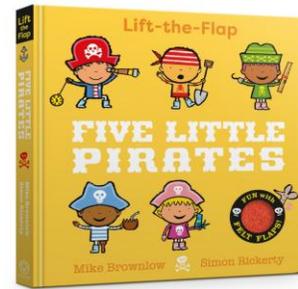
Point to the ceiling,
Point to the floor,
Point to the window,
Point to the door.
Clap your hands together, 1, 2, 3,
Put your hands upon your knee.

What to do at home together:

Watch the video and sing the rhyme together again after

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/the-baby-club-songs/clip/the-baby-club-wind-the-bobbin-up>

Our BOOK of the fortnight is: Five Little Pirates by Mike Brownlow



Five pirates go on a quest for treasure in this rhyming counting adventure. We lift the flaps and follow the clues to help get them to the treasure chest in time - helping them steer clear of the shark!

How to get the most out of reading to young children:

- Be expressive and show enjoyment
- Use facial expressions
- Emphasise key words
- Point to what you can see on the page
- Count the pirates and talk about what they are wearing, holding or doing.

Our Makaton signs this fortnight are:



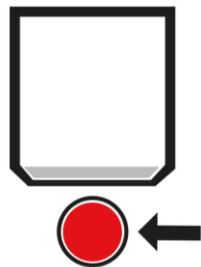
Spring



Grow

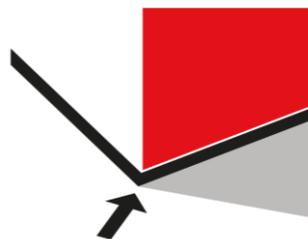
(Always remember to say the word as you sign)

Our Concept Cat signs this fortnight are:



Under

(Week 1)



Corner

(Week 2)

Our UNICEF Right of the fortnight is:



Article 18 (Responsibilities of parents)

Parents are the main people responsible for bringing up a child. This fortnight we will be focusing on this article because it connects to Mother's day, and our story Jack and the Beanstalk makes links to family. We will be recognising the role of parents and carers in children's lives.



Lots more early years health information, activities and recipes can be found on the Startwell website:

<https://startwellbirmingham.co.uk/>



180 Katie promotes the Physical Activity Guidelines for children aged under 5 years old. Pre-schoolers aged 3-4 years - should spend at least 180 minutes per day participating in physical activity and this should include at least 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous high intensity activity making the heart go boom, boom, boom.

You could do a wake up shake up with you child at home; Danny Go is a favourite with children at nursery!