

## PRE-VERBAL AND EARLY INTERACTION SKILLS

### Eye Contact

Good eye contact is important for good social interaction. Encourage eye contact by placing toys near your face, sitting opposite your child and getting down to his level. Eye contact can be encouraged in everyday routines, e.g. snack times, nappy-changing, dressing, story time. The following games may also be useful:

#### **1. Peep-bo games**

Played from behind furniture or when getting dressed, etc.

#### **2. Ball game**

When playing 'catch' wait for your child to look before you throw the ball, or hide it behind your back until you get eye contact.

#### **3. Squeaky toys**

Hold a toy near your face, press it to make a noise, stop and wait for your child to look at you before you start again.

#### **4. Finger puppets**

Make or buy puppets, place your hands by your face. Use the puppets in nursery rhymes and songs.

#### **5. Songs and rhymes**

Sit your child on your knee so you are face to face. Sing nursery rhymes including use of actions. Pause on occasions to encourage your child to look for you to continue.

Please see Nursery Rhyme Pack

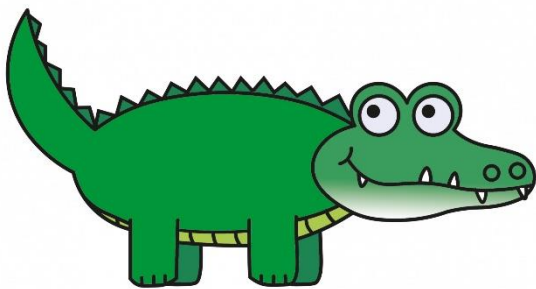
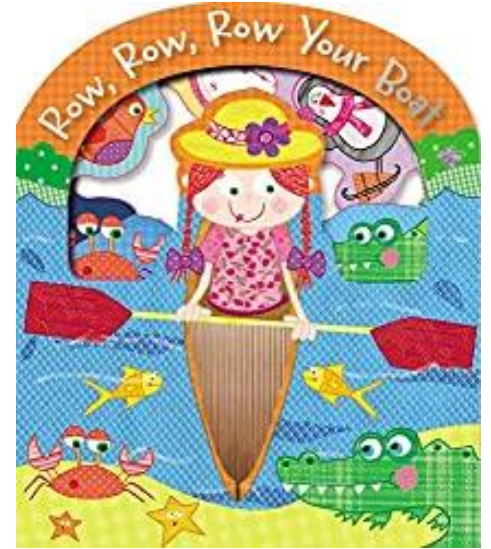


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Familiar Nursery Rhymes to sing with your child

### 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!  
(arghhhh!!)”

“Row-row-row your boat,  
Gently back to shore,  
If you see a lion don't  
forget to roar!!  
(Rooaaarr!!)”



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### Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

“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!”



### Incy Wincy Spider

“Incy Wincy spider climbed up the  
waterspout.

Down came the rain  
and washed the spider out.

Out came the sunshine  
and dried up all the rain  
and Incy Wincy spider climbed up  
the spout again.”



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### The Wheels on the Bus

"The wheels on the bus go round and round  
Round and round, Round and round  
The wheels on the bus go round and round  
All day long."

"The wipers on the bus go Swish, swish, swish  
Swish, swish, swish, Swish, swish, swish  
The wipers on the bus go Swish, swish, swish  
All day long."

"The horn on the bus goes Beep, beep, beep  
Beep, beep, beep, Beep, beep, beep  
The horn on the bus goes Beep, beep, beep  
All day long."

"The doors on the bus go open and shut  
Open and shut, Open and shut  
The doors on the bus go open and shut  
All day long."

You can add your own verse using your child's name.

".....on the bus goes....."

Asking what they would like to do on the bus

