



Suggested Poems

When sharing a poem with your children consider

A musical focus

A learning (nursery/EYFS) objective.

A visual resource

Repeated actions that can be for one child or the whole group

Use of the space through moving

Think about

How will you enable your children to adopt the poem as their own?

How will you encourage creative development?

How will you encourage your children to join in?

What everyday skills will you use to encourage shared experiences of the poem?

Chicken eggs

Chicken eggs, chicken eggs,

green, yellow, red and blue

Lots of eggs for me and you,

What colour will you choose?

Fish in the ocean

Fish in the ocean, fish in the sea,

Up jumps the little fish, up jumps he!

Five yellow flowers

Five yellow flowers hide from the snow.

Out came the sunshine, one began to grow....

Along came the wind; blow blow blow...

One yellow flower blew away.

How many were left?

1,2,3,4...

Rain rain rainy rain

Rain rain, rainy rain please don't rain on me!

Rain rain rainy rain, far across the sea.

Raining on the grass.

Raining on the sea.

Raining on the roof of my house

But not on me!

Hands are cold

*Hands are cold, feet are cold, icy winds are blowing.
Shake your hands, shake your feet, soon they will be glowing!*

An elephant walks like this and that

*An elephant walks like this and that, he's terribly tall and terribly fat.
He has no fingers, he has no toes, but goodness gracious what a nose!*

Little Tommy Tadpole

*Little Tommy Tadpole began to weep and wail.
For little Tommy Tadpole had lost his little tail.
His mother did not know him as he sat upon a log.
For Little Tommy Tadpole was Mr Tommy Frog!*

How does a flower grow?

*How does a flower grow? Can you show me how a flower grows?
A flower begins very small – it is not very tall.
The sun shines up there, you know. The flower begins to grow up high.
Up up up up up up up up, to the sky.*

10 bits of seaweed

*10 bits of seaweed sitting on the shore.
One said ... and then there were 9!*

Round and round the garden

*Round and round the garden like a teddy bear.
One step, Two step, a tickly under there!*

Tick Tock!

*Tick tock tick tock
Goes the grandfather clock.
Tick tock tick tock tick tock tick tock
Goes colourful cuckoo clock.
Tickatocktickatocktickatocktickatocktickatock!
Goes the tiny wristwatch*