

# St Clare's Primary



## Primary 1 – Rhymes and Riddles Parent and Carer Leaflet

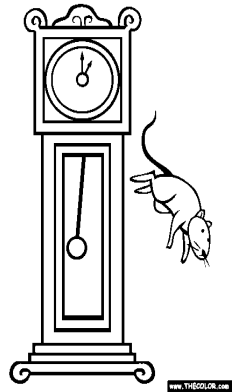
**Article 29:** *Children's education should develop each child's personality, talents and abilities to the fullest. It should encourage children to respect others, human rights and their own and other cultures.*

Introducing children to a variety of nursery rhymes can help them understand and learn about different sounds. This is an important part of developing those early literacy skills. Listening to different sounds in the environment as well as in nursery rhymes provides children with the foundations to support them to read and write.

## Hickory Dickory Dock

Hickory dickory dock  
The mouse ran up the clock  
The clock struck one,  
The mouse ran down  
Hickory dickory dock!

Hickory dickory dock  
The mouse ran up the clock  
The clock struck two,  
He hid in a shoe  
Hickory dickory dock



## Incey Wincey Spider

Incey Wincey spider went up the water spout  
Down came the rain  
And washed the spider out  
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain  
And the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout  
again



## 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



## Hey Diddle Diddle

Hey diddle diddle,  
The cat and the fiddle,  
The cow jumped over the moon,  
The little dog laughed to see such sport,  
And the dish ran away with the spoon.

## 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 and bound his head  
With vinegar and brown paper



## London Bridge

London Bridge is falling down,  
falling down, falling down;  
London Bridge is falling down,  
My fair lady.

Build it up with stone so strong,  
Stone so strong, stone so strong,  
Build it up with stone so strong,  
My fair lady.

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falling down, falling down;  
London Bridge is falling down,  
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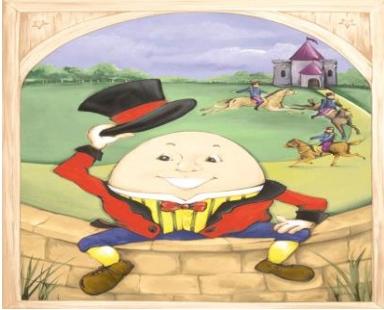


## Row Your Boat

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





### Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall,  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.  
All the king's horses  
And all the king's men  
Couldn't put Humpty Dumpty  
Together again

### Little Miss Muffett

Little Miss Muffett  
Sat on a tuffett  
Eating her curds and whey.

Along came a spider,  
Who sat down beside her,  
And frightened Miss Muffett away



### Rhymes for counting

#### Five Fat Peas

Five fat peas in a pea pod pressed  
(children hold hand in a fist)  
One grew, two grew, so did all the rest.  
(put thumb and fingers up one by one)  
They grew and grew  
(raise hand in the air very slowly)  
And did not stop,  
Until one day  
The pod went POP!  
(children clap hands together)



## One, Two, Tie My Shoe

1,2 Tie my shoe  
3,4 Shut the door  
5,6 Pick up sticks  
7,8 Lay them straight  
9, 10 A big fat hen.  
Let's get up and count again!



## Monkeys Jumping On the Bed

Five little monkeys jumping  
on the bed  
One fell off and bumped  
his head  
Mama called the doctor and  
the doctor Said,  
" No more monkeys  
jumping on the bed!"

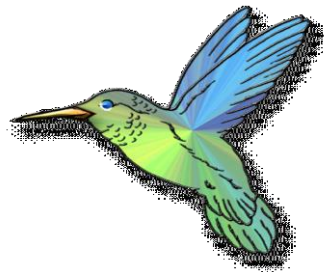
Four little monkeys jumping  
on the bed, three little monkeys jumping  
on the bed, (and so on).

## Birds

There was one little bird in a little tree,  
He was all alone, and he didn't want to  
be.

So he flew far away, over the sea,  
And brought back a friend to live in the  
tree.

*Substitute two, three, etc. for one as you  
finish the verse*





## Here is a Beehive

Here is the beehive, where are the bees?

*clench fist and bring out fingers quickly one by one*

Hidden away were nobody sees  
Watch and you will see them come out of their hives,

One, two, three, four, five,  
Buzz, buzz, buzz.

## Ten Fingers

I have ten fingers *hold up both hands, fingers spread*  
And they all belong to me, *point to self*  
I can make them do things-  
Would you like to see?

I can shut them up tight *make fists*  
I can open them wide *open hands*  
I can put them together *place palms together*  
I can make them all hide *put hands behind back*

I can make them jump high *hands over head*  
I can make them jump low *touch floor*  
I can fold them up quietly *fold hands in lap*  
And hold them just so.

