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Hairy Maclary from Donaldson’s Dairy by Lynley Dodd

**Here are some suggestions to use with this story.**

Literacy

* Talk about any new words the children are hearing to develop their vocabulary.
* Can you join in with the line *‘and Hairy Maclary from Donaldson’s Dairy’* every time you hear it?
* Look at the pictures. Can you describe what each character looks like?
* Try and retell the story in your own words.
* Draw your favourite part of the story.
* Act out parts of the story. For example, the dogs all walking along…and then they meet Scarface Claw!
* Pick out and talk about the rhyming words. Can you think of other rhyming words?
* Try saying the dog’s names and clapping the syllables in them.

Numeracy/Maths

* How many dogs are there altogether?
* Which dog does Hairy Maclary meet first? Which dog does her meet next?
* Which dog does he meet last?
* Look for the door numbers. Which number does each dog live at?
* Are the numbers getting bigger or smaller as the story goes on?
* Which dog is the biggest? Which dog is the smallest?

Health and Wellbeing

* In the story, how did the dogs feel when they met Scarface Claw?
* How do you think Scarface Claw was feeling?
* Have you ever felt like that? What happened to make you feel like that?
* How does Hairy Maclary feel at the end of the story?

*Puppy Dog, Puppy Dog*

*Puppy dog, puppy dog,*

*Wag your tail.*

*Puppy dog, puppy dog,*

*Let out a wail.*

*Puppy dog, puppy dog,*

*Jump for a bone.*

*Puppy dog, puppy dog,*

*Run on home!*

Can you say the rhyme together?

Which words rhyme in the poem?

Can you act the rhyme out?