Maths Songs and Rhymes

**Over In the Meadow**

*Assign sets of children to be the different animals in the song. Have them get up and move around appropriately when their verse is sung. Have children paint pictures to illustrate the song. Make up additional verses for the numerals 6-10. For example, “Over in the meadow in a home made of sticks lived an old mother rabbit and her little rabbits six…”*

Over in the meadow in the sand and the sun

Lived an old mother froggie and her little froggie one. “Hop,” said the mother. “I hop,” said the one.

 So they hopped and were glad in the sand and the sun.

Over in the meadow where the stream runs blue

Lived an old mother fishie and her little fishies two. “Swim,” said the mother. “We swim,” said the two.

 So they swam and were glad where the stream runs blue.

Over in the meadow in the nest in the tree

 Lived an old mother birdie and her little birdies three. “Fly,” said the mother. “We fly,” said the three.

So they flew and were glad in the nest in the tree.

Over in the meadow by the old apple core

 Lived an old mother wormie and her little wormies four.

“Squirm,” said the mother. “We squirm,” said the four. So they squirmed and were glad by the old apple core.

Over in the meadow by the big bee hive

Lived an old mother bee and her baby bees five. “Buzz,” said the mother. “We buzz, “ said the five.

So they buzzed and were glad by the big bee hive.

**Coin Song** Tune: First two lines of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

1p, 1p, easily spent Copper brown and worth one pence.

2p, 2p, brown and round,

In your change it’s often found.

5p, 5p, silver and small,

The same as five 1ps in all.

10p, 10p, silver, and thin,

I remember, you're worth 10.

20p, 20p, with seven sides,

20p to buy some fries.

50p, 50p, big and bold,

You're worth 50 pence I'm told.

£1, £1, gold and fat,

You're worth 100 pence, I know that!

**The Pirate Song**

When I was one, I banged my drum.

The day I went to sea.

I jumped aboard a pirate ship,

And the captain said to me.

We're going, this way, that way,

Forwards and backwards,

Over the deep blue sea.

A bottle of rum, to warm my tum,

 And that's the life for me.

 When I was two,

 I buckled my shoe.....

When I was three,

 I banged my knee....

When I was four,

I knocked on the door....

When I was five,

I learned to dive.....

When I was six,

I shipped some bricks.....

When I was seven,

 I went to heaven....

When I was eight,

I broke a plate....

When I was nine,

I the ship was mine.....

When I was ten,

I started again.....

**Shapes**

Sung to: "Frere Jacques"

This is a square, this is a square, How can you tell? How can you tell? It has four sides, All the same size. It's a Square, It's a Square.

This is a circle, this is a circle. How can you tell? How can you tell? It goes round and round, No end can be found. It's a circle, It's a circle.

This is a triangle, this is a triangle. How can you tell? How can you tell? It only has three sides, That join to make three points. It's a Triangle, It's a triangle.

This is a Rectangle, This is a rectangle. How can you tell? How can you tell? It has two short sides And it has two long sides. It's a rectangle, It's a rectangle.