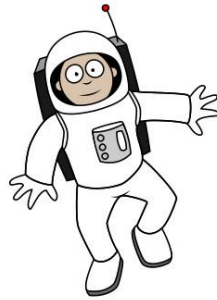


Rhyme Time

Title	Five Little Astronauts					
Possibilities for maths learning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Composition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cardinality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subitise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comparison	<input type="checkbox"/> Measure
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There were five little astronauts
Going to the moon
One stayed too close the door
And that left only four.

There were four little astronauts
Going to the moon
One stayed to make some tea
And that left only three.

There were three little astronauts
Going to the moon
One couldn't find his shoe
And that left only two.

There were two little astronauts
Going to the moon
One couldn't get her spacesuit on
And that left only one.

One little astronaut
Did go to the moon

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

BLAST OFF!

But she didn't like it very much
So she came back home quite soon.

Resources

You may decide to use visual aids to support this rhyme to enable your visual and kinaesthetic learners to be supported.

For a visual tool, you can use a wash mitt hand glove and decorate the fingers with details of an astronaut. As each astronaut vanishes you can fold the finger down.

You could also make astronaut finger puppets, or astronauts on sticks to support the children to be involved. These can all be made by the children, or you could find astronaut toys for the children to use.

Extension opportunities

You can also support this rhyme by encouraging children to be the astronauts acting out the rhyme. This will make it feel more real and enable children to count themselves to see how many are left behind.

You could support children to make their own astronaut costumes to depict the rhyme.

If you do not have any resources you can simply help children to count with their fingers and this will help them to count down and understand that one has been taken away each time. Asking the children at the end of each verse how many astronauts are left will help to develop their problem solving skills as well as their number recognition and subtraction skills.

Home learning ideas

Children will enjoy singing this rhyme at home and use the puppet and props with their parents. You can use the resources you created in the nursery for the home rhyme sacks, but remember to put the words in the sack too, so parents and other family members can join in.