



Rhyme Time

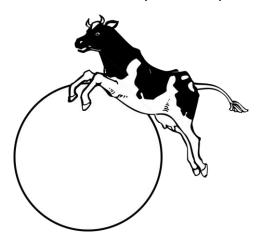
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Possibilities for maths learning	Counting		Composition		Cardinality
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Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle,

The cow jumped over the moon.

The little dog laughed to see such fun

And the dish ran away with the spoon.



Link to rhyme online

If you have team members, students or parents who do not know the tune, a visual tool can be found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lsbr7a5MVOk

Resources

Supporting the children to act out this rhyme will provide more opportunities for them to see the directional language in context. Over and away are clear movements and can be displayed by puppets or through supporting children to move this way themselves (safely).

Making the activity more real can be supported by animal masks and props. You could make the cat, cow and dog masks, create a violin using a box, cardboard tube and some elastic bands, and use (or make) spoons and bowls to enable children to act this out using clear visual tools.

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*Brighter thinking for early years

You may also choose to make puppets for each character in the rhyme to help act this out. These could be glove puppets or stick puppets or you may choose to collect resources from around the nursery to place in the rhyme sack for children to access at any time.

Extension opportunities

Can the children think of any other characters or animals that could be included in the rhyme? What funny things could they be doing? Use directional language to extend this learning, e.g. the fridge jumped over the table.

Home learning ideas

Children will enjoy singing this rhyme at home and acting this out for their parents as they get older. You can use the resources you create in the nursery for home rhyme sacks, but remember to put the words in the sack too, so parents and other family members can join in.

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