

Rhyme Time

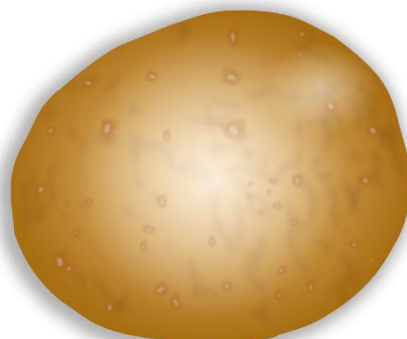
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Possibilities for maths learning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counting <input type="checkbox"/> Composition <input type="checkbox"/> Cardinality <input type="checkbox"/> Subitise <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comparison <input type="checkbox"/> Measure <input type="checkbox"/> Shape <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pattern <input type="checkbox"/> Spatial Awareness
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One potato, two potatoes, three potatoes, four
Five potatoes, six potatoes, seven potatoes, more.

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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=efMHLkyb7ho
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Resources	<p>You could make potatoes out of papier mache or old socks/tights stuffed. They can be knitted by more talented individuals, or you may choose to use real potatoes that you have either bought or grown yourself.</p> <p>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 two have been taken away each time.</p>
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**Extension opportunities**

You could consider growing potatoes and linking this to Understanding the World. Supporting children to count as you are planting them, or singing this song will bring maths into this activity. You may also link shape, space and measure and look at how much water they need, how high out of the ground the potato plant grows and how many potatoes each plant produces. You can then extend this activity further and look at other plants and how high they grow, e.g. sunflowers.

Using the potatoes to cook a recipe will bring in measurement and time e.g. meat and potato pie, or shepherd's pie.

Home learning ideas

You can use home learning number sacks to enable parents can use this rhyme at home, but remember to put the words in the sack too, so parents and other family members can join in.

You could also encourage parents and children to grow potatoes at home, or cook recipes with potatoes at home using the same techniques to include maths as you do in the nursery.