



Rhyme Time

Title	This little piggy went to market					
Possibilities for maths learning		Counting Subitise Shape		Composition Comparison Pattern		Cardinality Measure Spatial awareness



This little piggy went to market,
This little piggy stayed at home,
This little piggy had roast beef,
This little piggy had none
And this little piggy went...
"Wee wee wee" all the way home.

Resources

Supporting the children to act out this rhyme will provide more opportunities for them to count the piggy characters, and see that even although they are doing different activities there are still five – helping with their understanding of mathematical concepts and early counting.

Making hand puppets will help with this, e.g. a pink glove with piggies on each finger, then as each piggy is sung about you can pop the finger down. You may also choose to make finger or stick puppets for each piggy for the children to use as the song is sung.

Link to song online http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LO3ocfNIWUc

Extension opportunities

Children may like to act out the different actions for each of the piggies. Ask them to make up what they think they should be doing e.g. for eating roast beef, this could be chewing, rubbing their tummy or saying yum yum. This will enable them to be involved in the rhyme.

Home learning ideas

Children will enjoy singing this rhyme at home. Remember to provide the words so parents and other family members can join in.