





Sleeping Bunnies

Listen here- Sleeping Bunnies





Exploring Sounds

The nursery rhyme uses the ssshhh sound a lot- associate with the finger to lip action. Explore other vocal sounds e.g. ch ch ch (train action), d d d (play a drum), boing (bounce a ball) etc.

Rhyme

Explore the rhyming words in the song
still-ill
noon- tune-soon
hop-stop
cheep-sleep
huddle-cuddle

Oral Segmenting and Blending

A great pre reading and spelling game. Play Bunnies Exercise by sounding out the actions to be completed e.g. h-o-p, s-k-i-p and children complete the action by orally blending

Instructions

Instead of hop, hop, hop try changing the action to eat, jump, dance, etc. and check children understand and can follow the instruction

Pin the bob tail on the rabbit
Provide an outline of a rabbit and ask the children where the tail should be. Get blindfolded children to glue on a ball of cotton wool on where they think the tail should be.

Physical Development

Fox is coming!
Place out coloured circles and ask the children to hop around- when you shout fox is coming! Children need to shoot down a rabbit hole (but must be the only child on the circle)

Ways of moving
Move like the different animals in the song and then start to add in different animals. Encourage moving on various levels e.g. tip toe and stretch up for a giraffe, on tummy like a snake.

Bunny Hops
Hop like a bunny. Encourage children to take the weight on their hands for bunny hops.

Rhyming Words

There are lots of rhyming words in the story- can you hear them?

Extension for Rec/KSI: Make rhyming rabbit ears. Put a rhyming word on each of the rabbits ears.

Literacy

Sorting sounds

Have a rabbit cut out and a lamb cut out. Ask the children to sort some pictures which begin with the same letter

Retelling

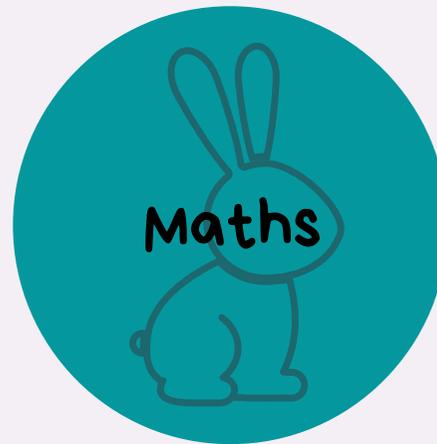
Encourage children to make puppets of the rhyme and then act it out and share it with others.

Linked Stories

Hop little bunnies
The Rhyming Rabbit
Knuffle Bunny
That's not my bunny

How many animals?
Lay out small world rabbits, chicks, lambs and ask children to sort them. Can they count how many of each? Extend to more and less and matching to numeral

Hop Little Bunnies
The children are all little bunnies- can they do 3 hops, 5 hops, 10 hops? (Alter to children's needs)



Feed the bunnies
Print some bunnies and carrots. Place numerals on the rabbits and see if children can feed them the correct number of carrots.

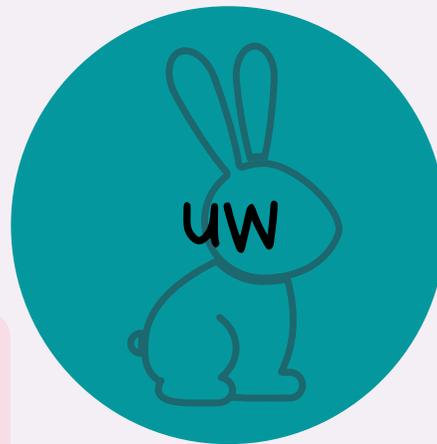
Foot prints
Provide some small world animals from the rhyme and encourage children to print with them (in paint or dough) and explore the differences in the number of feet and therefore footprints

Animal Homes

Discuss where rabbits live... not just in your garden but in the wild. Can the children make rabbit burrows? Or nests for chicks?

Growing

Rabbits love to eat vegetables (watch an episode of Peter Rabbit where the animals steal Mr McGregor's veggies). Set up a veggie patch tough tray with seeds and veggies to grow!



Pets

.Who has pets at home? Does anyone have a rabbit? Discuss all the things pets need and how we can look after them. Create a role play area with some stuffed or toy animals and encourage children to model how to take care of them