

La Petite Academy

Core Books and Rhymes

Within nursery we promote and value reading books and singing rhymes and songs as a way of developing children's communication and literacy skills. We read our core books, and sing our core rhymes, regularly with the children, adding to these in each room so that by the time the children move onto school they have a secure knowledge of a wide range of stories and rhymes. These have been chosen to reflect all areas of learning within the EYFS, such as numbers and counting, understanding different cultures and plant and animal growth.

Within communication and literacy, the chosen books and rhymes develop skills in rhythm and rhyme, alliteration, the development of vocabulary such as nouns, verbs and adjectives and the use of repeated refrains in story book language. These skills support children to increase their speaking, listening and understanding skills, as well as giving them a secure foundation for developing phonics skills at phase one.

Core Books:

Babies

Where's Spot (Eric Hill)
Dear Zoo (Rod Campbell)
The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Eric Carle)
That's Not My Teddy (Fiona Watt)
Goodnight Moon (Margaret Wise Brown)

Toddlers

All Baby books, plus:
Each Peach, Pear, Plum (Janet and Allan Ahlberg)
One Duck Stuck (Phyllis Root)
The Train Ride (June Crebbin)
Jasper's Beanstalk (Nick Butterworth)
A Feast for Ten (Cathryn Fallwell)

Pre-School

All Baby and Toddler books, plus:

Handa's Surprise (Eileen Brown)

Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy (Lynley Dodd)

The Gingerbread Man (Mara Alperin)

Oliver's Vegetables (Vivian French)

We're Going on a Bear Hunt (Michael Rosen)

Core Rhymes:

Babies

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Baa, Baa, Black Sheep

Incy, Wincy Spider

Toddlers

All Baby rhymes, plus:

The Wheels on the Bus

Once I Caught a Fish Alive

Tommy Thumb

5 Little Ducks Went Swimming One Day

Old Macdonald Had a Farm

Pre-School

All Baby and Toddler rhymes, plus:

There Were 10 in the Bed

Walking Through the Jungle

Hickory, Dickory, Dock

5 Little Speckled Frogs

Sleeping Bunnies