

Building relationships and communicating: Singing along to songs and nursery rhymes



- I favourite songs and rhymes.
- I can play an instrument or dance to songs.
- I join in actions in songs.
- I make sounds to join in songs.
- I join in some words in action songs and rhymes.
- I can communicate what songs or rhymes I want.

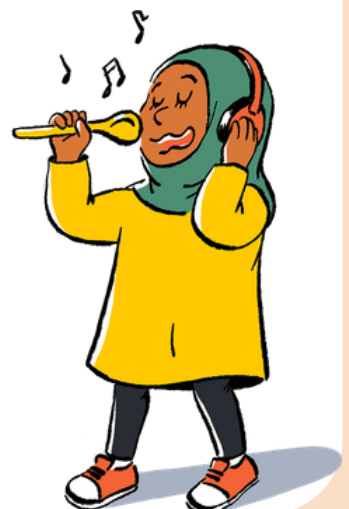


Things to help me grow

- Making lots of sounds during singing activities.
- Use songs that have fun sounds in them to encourage joining in and imitation.
- Singing while looking in mirror.
- Pause during songs for children to continue the next fun action or fill in gaps, for example, scream during row row row your boat, initially this may just be a facial expression, look, or action.

Making things easier

- Using signs BSL/Makaton when singing – see links below.
- Offering choices of songs using objects or pictures, for example, a star for Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, a bus for Wheels on the Bus.
- Using a microphone to sing along to songs – some children may dislike this.



Helpful Links:

[Singing Hands Makaton song videos.](#)