

SINGING

...makes learning to talk fun!

Children who know many songs and rhymes when they start school often do better at reading and writing

Do actions to match the words.
e.g. Point up as you say "up"; pretend to drive as you say "car".

Leave gaps for children to fill in the words.
e.g. twinkle twinkle little _____.

Use your own voice (instead of a CD)
Children don't mind if you make mistakes!

Make up songs about what you're doing. e.g. this is the way we tidy up.

Choose songs that match how they feel.
Sing loudly then quietly, quickly then slowly.

Let them use instruments.
Try saucepans, wooden spoons, or pasta in plastic bottles.

Repeat songs over and over again.

Bounce or rock babies in time to the music.

Add sound effects and funny voices.
e.g. Clap hands, say "beep beep" or hiss like a snake.

