

The Song Box





What to do

1. Find an old shoebox or filing box.
2. Cover the box and lid separately with some colourful wrapping paper.
3. Make a list of nursery rhymes your child likes.
4. Find a small toy or object to represent each song.
5. Put the toys in the box and put the lid on.
6. Say, 'it's time for the song box!'. Tell your child to pick a toy from the box. Name the song linked to the toy and sing the song.
7. Encourage your child to join in with singing and any actions. You could pause during a song to give your child an opportunity to fill in any words if they can. If your child is not yet able to use words, then they can show you that they want you to carry on singing by using a gesture or moving their body.
8. With lots of repetition your child will start to understand which toy links to which song and can make a choice to request which song they want.