



# Preparing your child for starting nursery

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- Threading - (thread string through the holes of apple in and out)
- Phonemes (sounds of letters) **s a t i p n** (say the phoneme, do the action and think of an object that begins with the phoneme)



# Instructions



## **Activity - Symbols and Print in the environment**

(shop signs, road signs, bus stops)

Talk about the signs. Question them where do you see them?  
What phonemes (sounds) are in the words?

What colours are they? Can you see any shapes?

Where would you see these signs? Have you seen them? Where?

## **Activity- Traditional Story**

Read the story and ask questions like:

**Who are the main characters?** Goldilocks, Daddy Bear, Mummy Bear and Baby Bear

**What happens in the story?** First Goldilocks finds the porridge, chairs and then the beds. Then the bears come home and Goldilocks never returns to the 3 Bears' House again.

## Activity - Action Rhymes

(When singing Nursery Rhymes encourage hand actions).

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star - *fingers twinkle like stars*

Baa, Baa Black Sheep - *shake hands to say thank you*

The Wheels on the Bus - *arms go round for wheels*

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I caught a fish alive - *use fingers to count on*

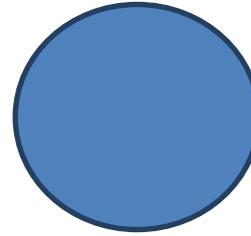
5 Little Men in a flying Saucer - *use 5 fingers to be the little men*

## Activity - Ordering Numbers

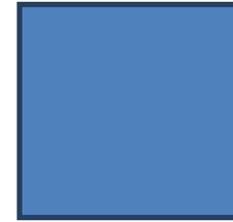
Randomly spread out numbers and work together to place them in the correct order.

(always start left to right)

## Activity - Naming simple 2D shapes:



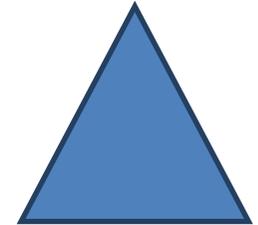
circle



square



rectangle



triangle

# I can...

Child's Name:	
I can count to 20 verbally	
I can recognise numbers up to 10	
I can order to 5	
I can talk about a story and the characters	
I can sing 5 simple songs from memory	
I can go to the toilet independently	
I can use a knife and fork	
I can peel an orange	
I can recognise symbols and print (find symbols and print)	
I can put my coat on and fasten it	
I know the name of 4 2D shapes	
I can recognise 4 colours	

# Goldilocks and the Three Bears



Once upon a time there was a little girl named Goldilocks. She went for a walk in the forest. Pretty soon, she came upon a house. She knocked and, when no-one answered, she walked right in. At the table in the kitchen, there were three bowls of porridge.

Goldilocks was hungry. She tasted the porridge from the first bowl. "This porridge is too hot!" she exclaimed. So, she tasted the porridge from the second bowl. "This porridge is too cold," she said. So she tasted the last bowl of porridge. "Ahhh this porridge is just right," she said happily and ate it all up.

After she had eaten the three bears' breakfasts she decided that she was feeling a little bit tired. So, she walked into the living room where she saw three chairs. Goldilocks sat in the first, big chair to rest her feet. "This chair is too hard!" she exclaimed. So she sat in the second, middle sized chair. "This chair is too soft!" she whined. So she tried the last and smallest chair. "Ahhh, this chair is just right," she sighed. But just as she was getting comfy, the chair broke into pieces!

Goldilocks was very tired by this time, so she went upstairs to the bedroom. She lay down on the first big bed, but it was too hard. Then she lay down on the middle sized but it was too soft. Then she lay down on the last bed which was

small, and it was just right. So she went to sleep. As she was sleeping, the three bears came home.

"SOMEONE'S BEEN EATING MY PORRIDGE," said Daddy Bear in a very loud voice. "Someone's been eating my porridge," said Mummy Bear in a middle sized voice.

"Someone's been eating my porridge and they ate it all up," cried baby bear in a small voice.

"SOMEONE'S BEEN SITTING IN MY CHAIR," said Daddy Bear in his loud voice.

"Someone's been sitting in my chair," said Mummy Bear in her middle sized voice.

"Someone's been sitting in my chair and they've broken it all to pieces," cried Baby Bear in a very sad, small voice.

They decided to look around some more and when they got upstairs to the bedroom, Daddy Bear growled in a big voice, "SOMEONE'S BEEN SLEEPING IN MY BED."

"Someone's been sleeping in my bed, too," said Mummy Bear in her middle sized voice.

"Someone's been sleeping in my bed and she's still there!" cried Baby Bear.

Just then Goldilocks woke up and saw the three bears. She screamed, "HELP!" And she jumped up and ran out of the room. Goldilocks ran downstairs, opened the door, and ran away into the forest. She never returned to the home of the three bears and they all lived happily, ever after.

## THE END

