

Happy Talk



Language Activity - Get Creative!

We can use our monthly song / rhyme in lots of different ways. Let's try to think of all the ways you can turn this song into a play activity:

- Draw pictures or comic strip of the song
- Use lego, blocks, toy cars/buses, or pictures of cars/buses to act out the rhyme
- Make a bus by folding paper / simple origami! (It's very easy, look it up!)
- Make a small bus out of materials from your recycling bin or out of Lego
- Make a big bus out of a cardboard box or a laundry basket
- Dress up as a bus driver and off you go!
- Go for a walk near the bus stations, take a bus to town!
- Think about all the things a bus will see as it drives through the town; use recycling, blocks, other toys to make shops, parks, a school etc.
- Teach the song to someone else once you know it well
- Sing the song using the actions, but leave gaps in the words, and others have to guess from your actions
- One person pretends to be a bus driver, and the other person can interview them asking questions: What it's like to be a bus driver? What's the most interesting thing they ever saw while driving a bus? What's the funniest thing that ever happened on their bus? What is their uniform? What do they do when there's bad weather or a storm?
- Get online and look up information about Bus Éireann and bus drivers.

So many activities from just one rhyme! And that's just one!



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Blowing Bubbles Mindful Moment

For this activity you can use homemade or bought bubbles. You can use a straw and a cup or a bubble wand.

Invite the children to focus on taking in a deep, slow breath, and exhaling steadily to blow as many bubbles as they can with one breath. Encourage them to pay close attention to the bubbles as they form, detach, and pop or float away. Invite children to pick one bubble and follow it, looking at it until it bursts. Some children may need to learn how to blow. You can practice this activity for a few days using imaginary bubble and practice blowing real bubbles, to get familiar with deep slow breathing.

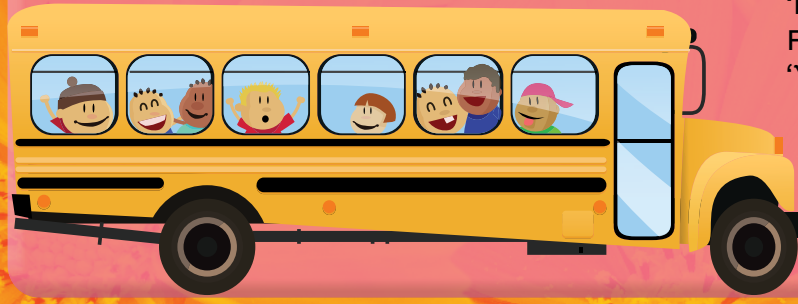
Rhyme Time Voices and Games

Rhyme The Wheels on the Bus

One of our favourite things to do in Happy Talk is to build the rhymes we already know by adding new lines / verses (see Row, Row, Row Your Boat in September). Can you come up with more things that happen on a bus?

The stop bell on the bus goes ding, ding, ding!
The passengers on the bus say 'Thank you very much!'
The driver on the bus says 'You're welcome!'
Mammies on the bus say 'I love you!'
The Daddies on the bus go tickle, tickle, tickle!

The babies on the bus say 'Hee! Hee! Hee!'
Mammies on the bus say 'Be careful now!'
Grannies on the bus say 'Here's a treat!'
Friends on the bus say 'You can sit here!'



What else happens on a bus?