

## Singing song to support speech, language and communication

- Children love music and often want to hear their favourite songs over and over
- Tune and repetition help children to learn and remember new words.

### Top Tips

Don't worry if you're not musical your child really doesn't mind!

- Sing at a slower pace, so that your child has a chance to really hear the words
- Sing songs about your child's everyday experiences.

E.g.: 'Twinkle, Twinkle' as you look at the stars or 'Wheels on the bus' as you ride on a bus.

- You and your child can enjoy different types of music - not just children's songs but classical and popular music too
- Make up silly songs together changing the words. For example: Old McDonald had a zoo! (instead of farm)
- Add simple actions using your hands/body to the song as they will help your child learn what the words mean. For example: 'Ring a ring of roses, all fall down' or 'This is the way we wash our hands'
- Use props as you sing. For example: Plastic farm animals for 'Old McDonald had a farm' or a doll for 'Miss Polly had a dolly'.
- Try leaving a gap and see if your child can fill in the missing word. For example: Head, shoulders, knees and .....(toes)

But most importantly have fun with your child!

