

Cumbria County Council  
**Chat Play Share**  
Rhymes and songs

[All the Little Ducks Go Upside Down](#)  
- Fingerplay - YouTube



**All the little ducks go upside down**

All the little ducks go upside down,

Upside down, upside down.

All the little ducks go upside down

As they dabble at the bottom of the pond.

All their little tails go wiggle, waggle, wiggle  
Wiggle, waggle, wiggle,  
Wiggle waggle wiggle.  
All their little tails go wiggle, waggle, wiggle  
As they dabble at the bottom of the pond.



All their little beaks go snap, snap, snap  
Snap, snap, snap,  
Snap, snap, snap.  
All their little beaks go snap, snap, snap  
As they dabble at the bottom of the pond.



Use your hands to make simple actions to go with the song. Have fun bouncing your little one up and down, wiggling from side to side and snapping your hands together. Older children can get active going 'upside down', snapping their hands together like beaks and wiggling bottoms!

## Chat Play Share...Other ideas you could try....

Share a story together about ducks. Chat about the pictures and story. Also read some non-fiction books to explore ducks further. Examples of stories:

- Let's Feed the Ducks! Board book by Rachel Bengel
- That's not my duck...: by Fiona Watt
- Splish, Splash, Ducky! by Lucy Cousins
- Baby Duck Story by Martha E. H. Rustad
- i-SPY Birds: Spy it! Score it! (Collins Michelin i-SPY Guides)

When reading books about animals talk about the name of the animal (noun), the category it belongs to e.g., farm, wild animal, pet etc. Talk about what it looks like, where it might live, how it moves and the sound it makes. Older children might like finding out what the young animal is called e.g., duck-duckling, horse-foal, elephant-calf.

### Animal noises

Share a book together and make the animal noise as you point to them in the pictures. Collect some pictures of animals and spread them out face down. Take turns to select a picture, name the animal and make the correct sound. Sort the pictures into sub-categories (as mentioned above). Move on to speed sorting the animals as fast as you can and try to beat your best time. Older children could name as many animals in a given category e.g., name 10 pets. Aim for 10 items in 1 minute.

### Out and about

Search for a nature reserve to visit over Easter. Alternatively, visit a river or pond near where you live and talk about the signs of new life you can see this spring. [Nature Reserves | Cumbria Wildlife Trust](#)

Use an i-spy book or make your own spotter's card to record.



### Feeding ducks

Feed ducks cracked corn, oats, rice, birdseed, frozen peas, chopped lettuce, or sliced grapes. These foods are similar to natural foods ducks will forage for on their own.

Bread isn't good for ducks. This is because bread isn't particularly nutritious. While the bread itself isn't dangerous to ducks, it fills them up and means the ducks are less likely to eat natural sources of nutritious food, which keeps them healthy.

[What to feed ducks | BBC Good Food](#)