

**Chat,
Play,
Share**

The magic porridge pot

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Bubble, bubble, bubble,
bubble, bubble, bubble,
porridge in the pot.

Bubble, bubble, bubble,
bubble, bubble, bubble,
stir it piping hot.

[The magic porridge pot - BBC Teach](#)

Additional verses:

Split, splat, splot, split, splat, splot, magic porridge pot. Plip, plap, plop, plip, plap, plop, stir it, never stop.

*Bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble, porridge in the pot.
Bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble, eat it piping hot.*

Younger children

Say this rhyme to your child as you feed them, especially if you're having porridge! Say it nice and slowly to help your child hear the different words.

Toddlers might enjoy pretending to stir imaginary porridge in a pan as you say the rhyme, or it could be role-played at bath time with appropriate/safe resources.

Older children

Enjoy learning the rhyme with your child. Explain that 'pot' and 'hot' rhyme (sound the same). See if your child can follow your lead and suggest other words which rhyme with 'hot'. Real words and made-up words are fine.

Exploring Onomatopoeia

This rhyme includes lots of words which sound like what it is describing the porridge doing. Can you think of anymore to share with your child?

E.g. 'crunch, crunch' when eating carrots.

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

Share a story together which includes reference to porridge and chat about the pictures and story. Examples of stories:

- The magic porridge pot by Alan Macdonald
- Who's been eating my porridge? by Nick Ward
- Goldilocks and the three bears by Axel Scheffler
- Who's been sleeping in my porridge? By Colin McNaughton (a collection of daft poems)

There is a traditional German tale called 'The magic porridge pot' originally written by the Brothers Grimm. You can read the story (in English) with your child by following this link.

<https://worldstories.org.uk/reader/the-magic-porridge-pot/english/658>

Making porridge

Porridge is a cheap and healthy breakfast. Why not have a go at making some with your child? Cooking together is a great way to develop speech and language skills. See if they can follow your instructions to get out everything you will need and teach them new words they may not know.



Ingredients: ½ cup of oats, ½ cup of water, ½ cup of milk (or 1½ cup of oats and 1 cup of milk)

Method: Mix ingredients in a large microwavable bowl. Cook on high for 90 seconds. Stir. Cook for 60 seconds. Stir. Repeat until necessary until thick and creamy. Allow to cool slightly.

Encourage your child to choose favourite fruits to add to their porridge.



Children often enjoy role-play especially outdoors and you don't need lots of fancy resources, just old pans/utensils. Pretend to make porridge with your child by adding bits of flowers and leaves to water. Who could the porridge be for? Chat together about what you could add and describe what you see your child doing. Talk to your child about staying safe and remind them it can't be eaten! Remember to wash hands after playing.