

**Chat,  
Play,  
Share**

**POP! goes the weasel**

**Half a pound of tuppenny  
rice, half a pound of treacle.**

**That's the way the money  
goes, POP! goes the weasel.**

**Up and down the city road, in  
and out of the steeple.**

**Round the town and back  
again, POP! goes the weasel!**

[POP! goes the weasel - BBC Teach](#)

Additional verses:

*A penny for a spool of thread, a penny for a needle. That's the way the money goes, POP! goes the weasel.*

*Round and round the chestnut tree, the badger chased the weasel. They ran and ran and had great fun, POP! goes the weasel.*

**Younger children**

Sit with your baby facing you. Say their name to encourage them to look at you as you are singing. Sing the rhyme changing the pitch of your voice. Clap your hands when you sing pop.

Have fun jumping around the room with your child, saying 'pop' each time you jump. Can you 'pop' loudly and quietly?

**Older children**

When your child can clap with you, try pausing before you clap. Wait for your child to clap. You may need to repeat this a few times before they learn to clap when you pause.

Try pausing at other parts of the rhyme to see if your child can fill in the next word (once they know the rhyme).

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

### Rice Pudding making

**-focusing on learning time words and following instructions.**

Using the time words **first**, **then** and **next** will be more meaningful for your child if they are used during a real activity. Simple cookings is also a good way of leaning to follow instructions.

**First** wash and drain 100g of pudding rice.

**Then** butter a baking dish so that the rice doesn't stick.

**Next** add the rice, 50g Sugar and 700ml of milk into the baking dish.

**Next** stir the ingredients together.

**Next** cook for 2 hours at 150C/ gas 2 or until the pudding wobbles slightly when shaken.

Add favourite toppings or you could add treacle to fit in the with the song!!



### Explore rice!

There are lots of activities you can do with your child using rice. Chat to your child about what you are doing. Use key words as they are exploring. You could try:

- Putting dry rice in empty bottles to shake along to the songs.
- Having a washing up bowl with some dry rice in for your child to explore.
- Add food colouring to rice. Wait for it to dry and use it in play. For ideas/ instructions see:

[Make Rainbow Rice Toddler Activity - Happy Toddler Playtime](#)

(Close supervision is needed so you can ensure that your child is safe.)

### Weasels

If your child doesn't know what a weasel is find some pictures to look at together, or older children may enjoy learning some simple facts.

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer/mammals/weasel>