

Cumbria County Council

Chat Play Share

Rhymes and songs

What do you suppose?

What do you suppose?
A bee sat on my nose.
Then what do you think?
He gave me a wink
And said, "I beg your
pardon,
I thought you were the
garden."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4pGV5dqwC-0>

A bee sat on my nose

Birth – 2 years



Fly your index finger around as the bee. Make a 'bzzzz' noise and see if your baby can track the movement of your finger with their eyes and join in with the noise.

Say the name of the body part as you point to it. Can your child copy your movements and start to make a noise or repeat the word?

2-3 years



Make up funny voices to be the bee talking. Make your voice, high, low, say it fast or slow.

Once you know the rhyme well, swap nose for toes and see if your child was listening. Talk about places that a bee would like to land.

3-4 years



Before starting, buzz your index finger around and land on your nose. Finger on nose. Wink! Hands on cheeks, look aghast. Buzzzzz and fly finger away.

Discuss what attracts bees and look for flowers in your garden, in the park or wild flowers while on a walk. Close your eyes. Can you hear any bees? Open your eyes to see where they are.

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

Be a good role model. If we want our children to say thank you, we need to make sure that we are doing it ourselves.

1. Say "Thank you." Whether you thank the shop worker at the store or you thank your child for clearing the table, make sure you're thanking people often.
2. Talk about gratitude. Make it a point to share what you're grateful for. Express gratitude.
3. Follow your child's lead or model asking each toy if they would like a drink, then pretend (or actually) pour it out. Model using 'please and thank you'.

Bee-who or what do you want to be? Talk about what type of person you want to be and the attributes you need to have. Discuss characters from books or real life heroes.

You might come up with: B kind, B happy, B fair, B helpful
B polite, B thoughtful, B ready. You could make this into a poem or poster.

Gratitude Jar

Start with an empty plastic jar. A peanut butter or mayonnaise jar work well, but you can also go with something larger if you have it. Decorate the outside any way you like. At the end of every day help your child to think about something they are grateful for and write it on a piece of paper and place it inside the jar. You can revisit what you have written at a later date or even make it into a book to share.



Share a book with your busy bees.

- The honeybee and the robber by Eric Carle
- Bea's Bees by Katherine Pryor
- Thank You, Bees by Toni Yuly
- Bee Dance by Rick Chrustowski
- Amazing Bees: Buzzing with Bee Facts by Sue Unstead

Bees are very good at flying and navigation. Make a simple obstacle course using cushions, teddy bears and old sheets. Blindfold one person using a scarf and the other person then has to verbally guide their partner around safely. Use words like forwards, backwards, left, right, turn, over and under.