

## Pre-school Literacy Workshop 1

### The Little Red Hen

*Hello everybody and welcome to St Bede's Infant School. My name is Mrs Towell and I am the English Subject Leader and I also teach a Year One class at the moment.*

*Usually we would be meeting together in school and having lots of fun in our workshop completing some literacy based activities together with the children. However given this very unique time we have adapted the workshop so that you can complete it at home.*

*Please feel free to use whatever resources you have to hand (don't go to any extra expense) and adapt the activities as you need to meet the needs of your child.*

Let's begin by sharing the story of The Little Red Hen.

If you would like to listen to an animated version of the story please you will find it on

[The Little Red Hen – Fairy Tale for Kids – YouTube](#)

#### The Story of Little Red Hen



But that's not the end of the story!!

The next week..... it was Little Red Hen's birthday. The cat, the duck and the pig were all very sorry that they had not helped Little Red Hen with her work and they didn't help her to make the bread. So..... they decided to make her a birthday cake! It had a big heart on it to show her how much they loved her and lots of candles. Little Red Hen was very surprised and after they had played some games and sang Happy Birthday, Little Red Hen and her friends made a birthday wish. I wonder what it was?

**Things to do.....**

**Act out the story of The Little Red Hen - you might use some toys and change the characters!**

**Make a birthday card for Little Red Hen. Trace the words and write your name. Draw or make a birthday cake for Little Red Hen. You could make the cake out of playdough.**

**You and your toys could have a birthday party for Little Red Hen. Don't forget to sing Happy Birthday!**

### Easy to Make No Cook Playdough

You will need:

2 cups of flour  
2 cups of salt  
1 cup of cold water  
A desert spoon of cooking oil  
Food colouring

- Put the flour and salt into a large bowl and mix them together.
- Add the water, oil and food colouring to the flour and salt.
- Mix everything together
- Knead the stiff mixture to make a ball.
- Put playdough in an airtight container to keep it soft.



Happy  
Birthday  
Love from

## Pre-school Literacy Workshop 2

*Hello from Mrs Towell again. I love nursery rhymes, how about you. How many nursery rhymes can you remember?*

*Do you know any of these? See if you can join in.*

# *Twinkle, twinkle little star*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gAZTtCiQc8>

# *Twinkle, twinkle chocolate bar*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqim2UQ3SVc>

# *Humpty Dumpty*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrv495corBc>

(You could change "my dad" to different members of the family - my gran, grandad Aunty Sue etc. - have fun!)

# *Jack and Jill*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGHspuNSqcE>

## Things to do.....

- As you say the nursery rhymes can you think of any actions? Miss out some words as you say them. Can the children say the word that is missing?
- Say a nursery rhyme a day – see how many you can remember.
- Act out the nursery rhymes – use some of your toys to help
- Make finger puppets. Cut them out and colour them in. Use your puppets to act out your nursery rhymes.

Templates for finger puppets can be found on [www.makinglearningfun.com](http://www.makinglearningfun.com) or make your own puppet - draw a face on a square of paper, roll it round so it fits on your finger and stick the with glue or sellotape or maybe use a paper plate or piece of card, draw a face and put a lolly stick on it to hold it up.

- Make a crown. Decorate it and write your name on it.
- Practise the letters in your name – [www.makinglearningfun.com](http://www.makinglearningfun.com)

## Pre-school Literacy Workshop 3

### Action Songs and Finger Rhymes

Hello everybody and welcome to our final workshop. For our last workshop we will be saying and singing action rhymes and songs to help to make our fingers strong for writing and drawing. Let's get moving!!!

Join in with 1 finger, 1 thumb, keep moving

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-one-finger-one-thumb-keep-moving/zbtj47h>

**Now try these! See if you can do the actions.....**

#### Here is the Beehive

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8X0FjXqCw0Y>

<https://www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/bumblebee/song2.htm>

#### Five Fat Peas

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6J1IJL\\_GGM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6J1IJL_GGM)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=enZsxF18Fzs>

#### Open, shut them

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mG2izS2UK20>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNaiU0jAgbl>

**Let's try ..... Incy Wincy Spider, then we can make a spider**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufw63gi0hEs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zN6iqqGnrdl>

**Incy wincy spider climbed up the tree!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zN6iqqGnrdl>

**Now let's make Incy Wincy Spider.**



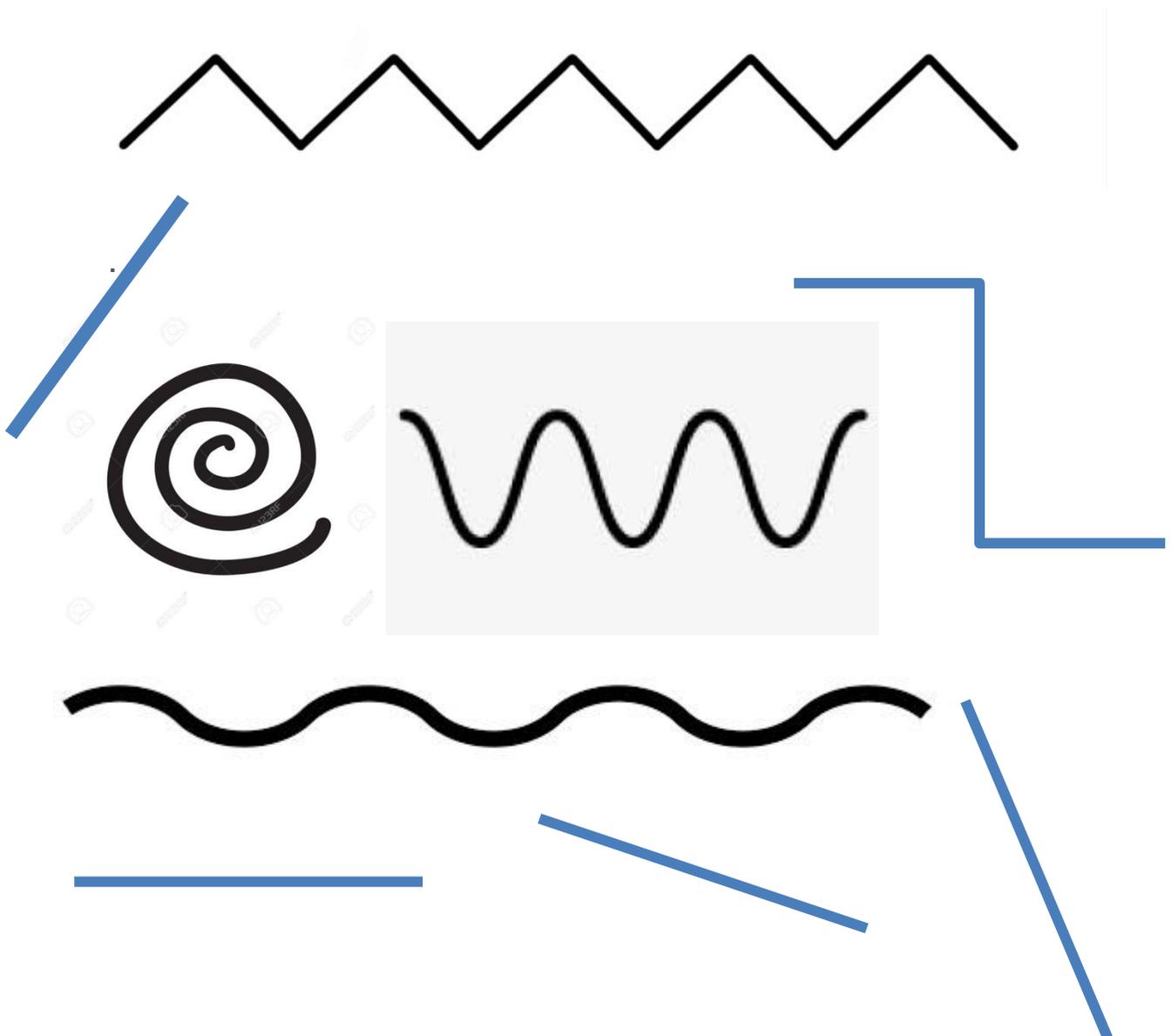
You will need.....

- Paper
- Scissors -
- Glue
- Maybe some ribbon or string
- Something to draw and colour with.

1 Draw a big round shape for Incy Wincy's body and cut it out. Are you using scissors safely and holding them correctly?

2 Cut strips of paper for the legs and stick them on.

3 Give your spider 2 big eyes and make different patterns on his/her body. You could do swirly pattern, zig-zag patterns, wavy patterns and straight lines.



**4 Attach another strip of paper or a piece of string or ribbon so you can hold on to it as you move your spider.**

**Now use your spider as you say .....Incy, Wincy Spider climbing up the spout.....**

**Have fun and no scaring people with those spiders, now!!!**

*I hope you have enjoyed completing all the activities. We are all looking forward to you starting school and being part of St Bede's Catholic Infant School. We hope you have a lovely summer. Take care and we'll see you soon. Mrs Towell*