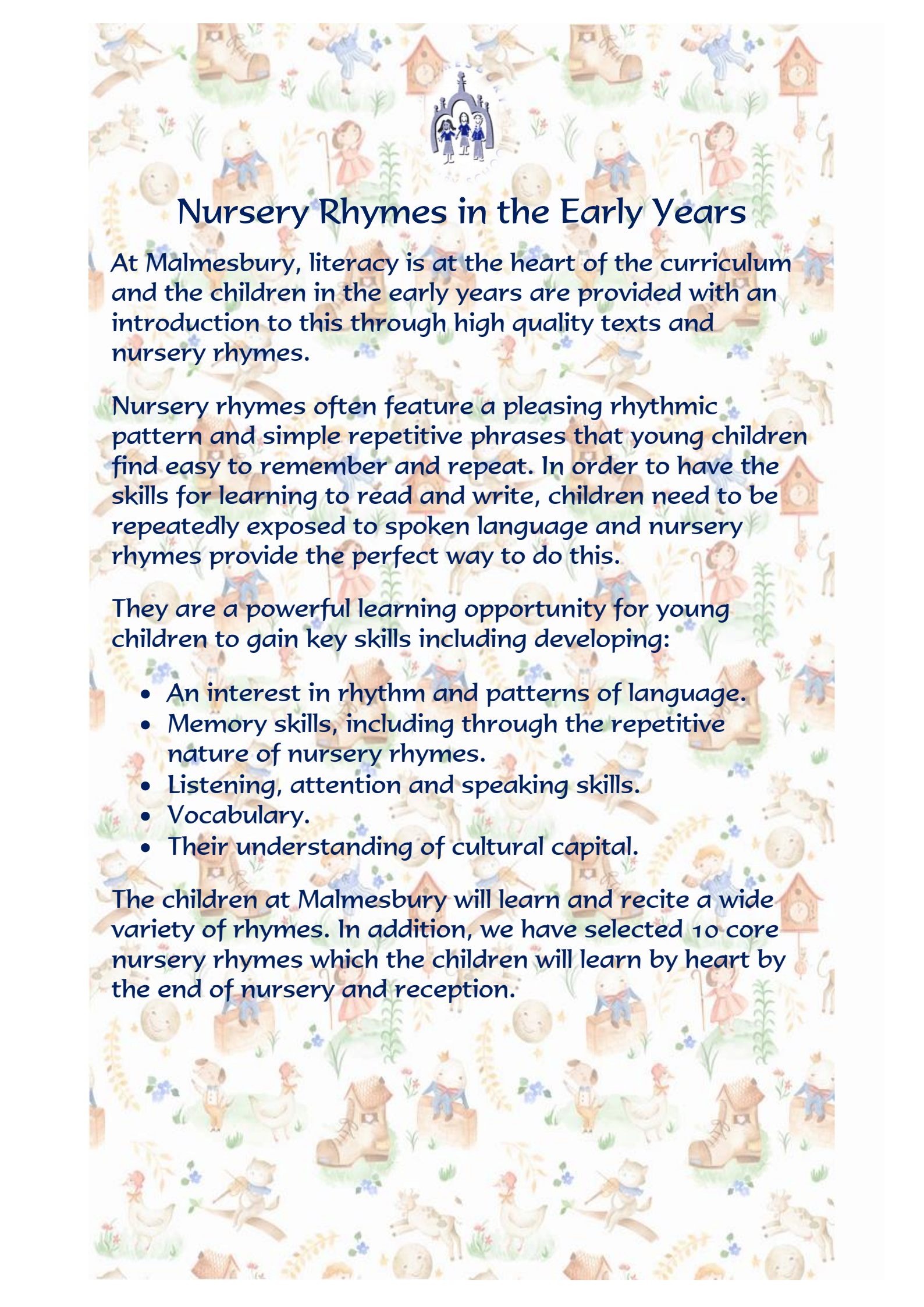




Nursery Rhymes in the Early Years

At Malmesbury, literacy is at the heart of the curriculum and the children in the early years are provided with an introduction to this through high quality texts and nursery rhymes.

Nursery rhymes often feature a pleasing rhythmic pattern and simple repetitive phrases that young children find easy to remember and repeat. In order to have the skills for learning to read and write, children need to be repeatedly exposed to spoken language and nursery rhymes provide the perfect way to do this.

They are a powerful learning opportunity for young children to gain key skills including developing:

- An interest in rhythm and patterns of language.
- Memory skills, including through the repetitive nature of nursery rhymes.
- Listening, attention and speaking skills.
- Vocabulary.
- Their understanding of cultural capital.

The children at Malmesbury will learn and recite a wide variety of rhymes. In addition, we have selected 10 core nursery rhymes which the children will learn by heart by the end of nursery and reception.



10 Nursery Rhymes I Learnt in Nursery

Row, Row, Row your boat ☐

Hickory Dickory Dock ☐

Jack and Jill ☐



Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes ☐

Humpty Dumpty ☐

Baa Baa Black Sheep ☐

Old Macdonald Had a Farm ☐

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star ☐

Wind the Bobbin Up ☐

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed ☐





10 Nursery Rhymes I Learnt in Reception

Incy, Wincy, Spider ☐

Five Little Speckled Frogs ☐

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught ☐



A Sailor Went to Sea, Sea, Sea ☐

One, Two Buckle my Shoe ☐

Ten Green Bottles ☐

The Wheels on the Bus ☐

Miss Polly had a Dolly ☐

The Grand Old Duke of York ☐

Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush ☐

