

## Nursery Rhymes and Songs about Mini Beasts

When we cover this topic in nursery with the children we have the opportunity to learn and sing lots of lovely rhymes and songs.

Singing and saying rhymes is a very important skill and forms an integral part of development at this age. For children for whom English is not their first language, singing rhymes plays an incredibly important part of them learning a new language.

Some of the songs which we frequently sing for this topic are listed below. If you are unsure of their tune then a YouTube video link is also listed to help.

There's a Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LI2Wo2rRWqM>

There's a worm at the bottom of the garden

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

Little Arabella Miller had a tiny caterpillar

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXdG\\_IzFnWM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXdG_IzFnWM)

What do you suppose? A bee sat on my nose.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSnXMbnwck0>

Slowly, slowly very slowly went the garden snail

The first part of this video is the tune we use in Nursery.

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

Repetition of these songs and rhymes is key and once your child learns the tune I am sure that they will sing them all the time!

By completing this activity with your child you will cover the following areas of the EYFS

**Physical development** (coordination of body through actions), **Communication and Language development** (listens to stories, songs and rhymes and asks for favourites. Anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories.