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The Rhyme Challenge 2010

When families and practitioners regularly share stories, songs and rhymes it helps children to meet over 20 of the Early Learning Goals of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Dear Booktrust Partner,

The Rhyme Challenge is part of Booktrust's national offer to Children's Centres and Early Years settings. The Challenge is for pre-school and reception-aged children and the aim is to encourage a love of rhymes and early poetry in an informal way and promote the benefits of learning together.

The Rhyme Challenge will increase family involvement by encouraging fathers, mothers, family members and carers to enjoy learning rhymes within the home. It is an excellent way for your Children's Centre or Early Years setting to get families involved in their child's learning.

The Rhyme Challenge is an additional activity to our bookgifting programmes; Bookstart and Booktime. Every Children's Centre is encouraged to participate and all the resources required to run it are provided free of charge in this folder.

Additional resources are available via the Bookstart website www.bookstart.org.uk in a downloadable format. We hope that this exciting new initiative will capture the imagination, win support from families, and help to make every child a rhymers and a reader for life.

The Rhyme Challenge is designed to be fun and taking part is simple and easy; Booktrust only requires participating settings to complete a brief evaluation form which includes the number of children that participated and how many certificates were awarded. This will help to develop and secure The Rhyme Challenge for future years.

We hope that you make good use of these resources and celebrate a love of rhymes, songs and stories in your Children's Centre. If you feel that you are unable to commit to The Rhyme Challenge this year then please pass on these excellent resources to a local Early Years setting so that the materials will be put to good use. If you have any queries regarding your resources or the website, please contact mandeep.kalsi@booktrust.org.uk

Enjoy The Rhyme Challenge!

Happy rhyming and we look forward to receiving feedback, tips and good practice suggestions that you may have for future Rhyme Challenges.

Best wishes,
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