



Bookbug Session: Bookbug Week 2021 “Bookbug’s Big Splash!”

Activity type	Title	Benefits	Tips
Introduction Hello song or rhyme	Say hello & introduce this special Bookbug Week session Hello song	Lets everyone know they are welcome and the session has started!	If indoors do a hello rhyme: <i>Hello, hello, it's Bookbug time</i> <i>Are you ready for lots of rhymes?</i> <i>Get ready with your fingers,</i> <i>Get ready with your toes</i> <i>Here are some rhymes that you might know!"</i>
Action songs	Row Row Row Your Boat When I was One Little Green Frog	Promotes gross motor skills. Actions help wee ones understand and remember the words. Lots of fun! Early numeracy introduced	Parents could sit opposite their child and hold hands, rocking backwards and forwards or they could each hold onto the end of a towel or pillowcase. Babies can be rocked and swayed on a lap. Babies can be jiggled forwards and backwards, side to side. Older children can try the actions themselves or can hold parents' hands to move together. Model actions for climbing a tree, knocking on the door etc.
Rhymes	Rub-a-Dub-Dub Rain,Rain, Stay All Day	Rich vocabulary is introduced Lots of repetition makes this a simple rhyme to learn	Encourage families to use this rhyme while handwashing or at bathtime. Why stay indoors just because it's raining? Encourages playing outside come rain or shine! *Words below
Quiet time rhyme	Seashell	This short and simple rhyme can be great for calming	Use your softest voice and pretend to hold a seashell up to your ear. Maybe the children can tell you what they hear when they hold their “seashell” to their ear?

Story	<p>Commotion in the Ocean by Giles Andrae & David Wojtowycz Orchard Books</p> <p>Off to the Beach by Cocorette Child's Play</p>	<p>This classic collection of fun rhymes teaches children about all sorts of creatures that live in or by the sea.</p> <p>This lovely rhyming book includes lots of textures for wee ones to feel.</p>	<p>Do them all or just choose a few favourites and repeat them.</p> <p>Leave plenty time for children to fill in the rhyming word. Babies will love its gentle rhythm.</p>
Traditional song	My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean	Different generations will be familiar with this song.	Babies can be swayed gently, toddlers bounced on laps and older children can move to the music, running backwards and forwards to the chorus.
Action song to fit in to your day (routines)	<p>Tiny Tim (I have a little turtle)</p> <p>One, Two .Three, Four, Five</p>	It is easier for families to sing songs that fit in with their routines. These are great bathtime songs.	<p>Encourage children to wait for the pop at the end and join in with a big clap!</p> <p>Use your fingers to show the numbers. You can use your fish puppet here or just use your hand.</p>
Lullaby	Seashells	The gentle repetition and melody calms and soothes.	Babies can be swayed gently and rocked in arms. Older children can sway themselves or make their arms sway gently like waves.
Final song or rhyme	Goodbye song	Lets everyone know the session is over	<p>Thank everyone for joining in. In rhyme if you are inside:</p> <p><i>Goodbye, goodbye we've said lots of rhymes</i> <i>But now we're tired and it's Bookbug's sleep time</i> <i>Goodbye, goodbye , goodbye everyone</i> <i>Thanks for joining in and making it fun!</i></p>

*Rain, Rain Stay All Day

Rain, rain, stay all day – in the puddles we will play!

Rain, rain, never stop – in the puddles we will hop! SPLASH!

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