

Activity idea:

Can you spot a bird?



- Children could use cardboard toilet rolls to make pretend binoculars and look for birds out of the window, or in an outdoor space if one is available.
- You could set up a water and bubble play table.
- You could talk to the children about all the things we do when we wash – run the bath/shower, add bubbles, wash our hair etc.



Rhyme time:

This is the way we brush our teeth



(To the tune of 'Here We Go Round
the Mulberry Bush')

This is the way we brush our teeth,
brush our teeth, brush our teeth.
This is the way we brush our teeth.
Early in the morning.

This is the way we wash our face,
wash our face, wash our face.
This is the way we wash our face.
Early in the morning.

This is the way we get dressed,
get dressed, get dressed.
This is the way we get dressed.
Early in the morning.



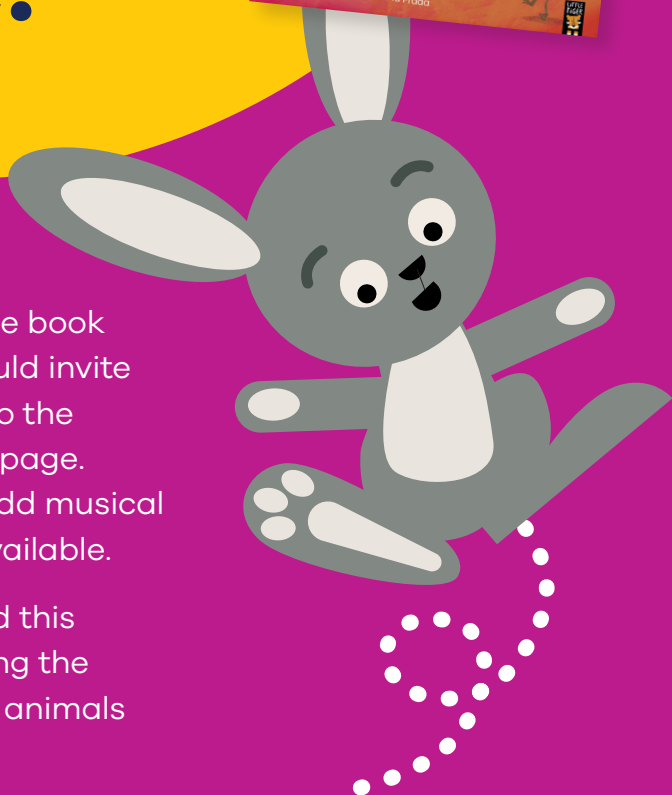
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Activity idea:

The ways you can move!



- When reading the book together, you could invite the children to do the actions on each page. You could also add musical instruments if available.
- You could extend this activity by making the sounds of all the animals in the book.



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Rhyme time:

Hokey cokey



You put your right arm in, your right
arm out, in out, in out shake it all about

You do the hokey cokey and you turn
around, that's what it's all about

(chorus)

Oh, the hokey cokey cokey

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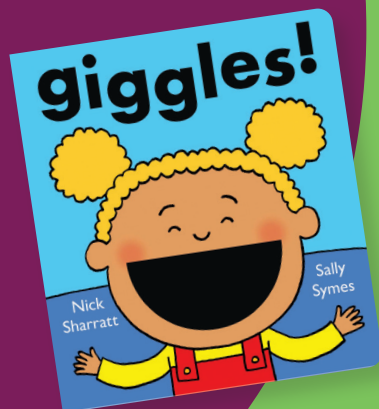
Knees bend, arms stretch, rah rah rah

You put your left arm in....

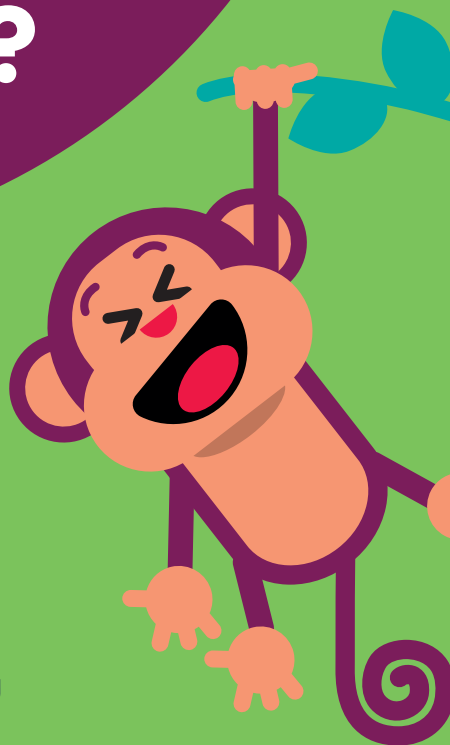
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Activity idea:

What makes you laugh?



- This book is all about laughing. You could ask the children and families what makes them laugh. This could be extended to talking about what makes us happy.
- You could also talk about making funny faces. The children could make funny faces together.



Rhyme time:

If you're happy and you know it



If you're happy and you know it
clap your hands

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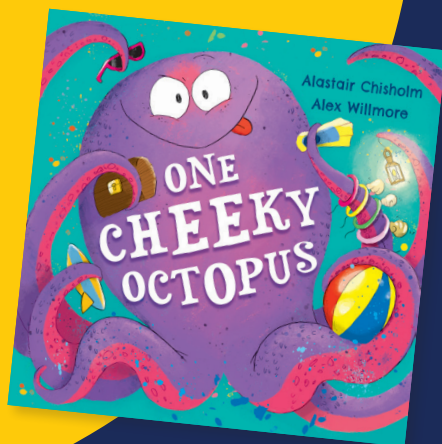
If you're happy and you know it
and you really want to show it

If you're happy and you know it
clap your hands

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Activity idea:

Let's make waves



- You could set up a simple water or sand play area for the children to use after reading the book together.
- Set up a mark-making activity using chunky chalk or crayons to make wave patterns.
- You could also link simple counting games or activities to this story.



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Rhyme time:

The waves on the sea go up and down



(To the tune of 'Wheels
on the Bus')

The waves on the sea go up and down,
up and down, up and down,
The waves on the sea go up and down,
all day long.

(Repeat, each time replacing the lines with the below)

The shark in the sea goes snap, snap, snap...

The fish in the sea go swish, swish, swish...

The crab in the sea goes snip, snip, snip...

The jellyfish in the sea go wiggle, wiggle, wiggle...

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Bring stories to life

Rhyme time:

Pancake song



Mix a pancake
Stir a pancake
Pop it in a pan
Fry a pancake
Toss the pancake
Catch it if you can!

Scan to
watch the
song online



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Rhyme time:

Teddy plays on the swing



Teddy plays on the swing

Teddy plays on the slide

Teddy plays on the swing

And Teddy plays on the slide

And s/he goes tick tick

Forwards and back

And round and round s/he goes

And s/he goes tick tick

Forwards and back

And round and round s/he goes

(Repeat)



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Rhyme time: **Squirrel's tractor**

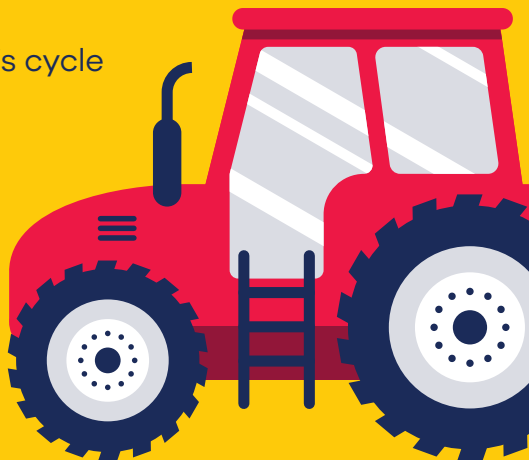


(To the tune of 'Frère Jacques')

Squirrel's tractor, Squirrel's tractor
It's got stuck, it's got stuck
Who's coming to the rescue, who's coming to the rescue
It's Breakdown Truck, it's Breakdown Truck

Guinea Pig's cycle, Guinea Pig's cycle
It's got stuck, it's got stuck
Who's coming to the rescue,
who's coming to the rescue
It's Breakdown Truck,
it's Breakdown Truck

(Continue with
any other vehicles
featured in the book)



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Rhyme time:

Down in the jungle



Down in the jungle, go there if you dare

You'll find a lion washin' his hair

Rub a dub here, and a rub a dub there

That's how a lion washes his hair

Oo, ah, a boogie

woogie woogie

Oo, ah, a boogie

woogie woogie

Oo, ah, a boogie

woogie woogie

That's how a lion washes his hair

You could change the wording to

feature the other animals from the book.



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