Dear Parents and Carers

Here at Coventry Music we understand that you will want to continue, wherever possible, to provide your children with a varied, interesting and engaging selection of activities while they are not at school or unable to attend their regular Early Years Childminder, Playgroup or Nursery. Please consider including music within your day as musical learning ignites all areas of child development. Singing with your children while they are at home will promote skills such as listening, turn-taking and co-operation. It is also a great tool to get children moving, encourages creativity and sparks imagination and it has been proven to improve vocabulary and speech acquisition.

Above all though, music is a wonderful way of expressing oneself and conveying emotion. Singing releases endorphins, the brain’s ‘feel-good’ chemicals and we all need a bit of this at the moment. I have made a list of a few songs that you may be able to sing with your little ones at home – keep checking the website as I will be updating these song suggestions – the next group of songs to be added will include songs about weather, transport and food. In addition to singing with your child you could also

* Make up actions to your favourite songs
* Have a go at making your own musical instruments at home or, simply using wooden spoons or saucepans, find the heartbeat of the music (which we call the pulse) within each song, and tap along
* Choose familiar tunes like ‘Twinkle Twinkle Little Star’ or ‘Frere Jacques’ and try and make up your own words to fit in with an activity you have enjoyed with your child
* Children are used to having songs in their nurseries/playgroups/schools to signify certain times of the day or particular activities – you could try and make up a tidy up song, a washing hands song, or a lunchtime song
* Encourage your child to listen to various different styles of music from different times periods in history, different countries and different genres
* Use the items you have to hand like your child’s toys, any pieces of material you may have, play dough or water to encourage musical play.
* Encourage your child to teach you a song they know
* Include older siblings – they might enjoy it more than you first think!

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| **NUMBER**1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive6,7,7,8,9,10 then I let it go again.Why did you let it go?Because it bit my finger soWhich finger did it bite?This little finger on the right. <https://youtu.be/9DhrgXCVHVk>5 little ducks went out one dayOver the hills and far awayMother duck said’ “Quack quack quack quack”And only 4 little ducks came back.(and so on) <https://youtu.be/pZw9veQ76fo>5 currant buns in a baker’s shopRound and fat with a cherry on the topAlong came ‘…….’ with a penny to payBought a currant bun and took it away.<https://youtu.be/-mi79hRcSXI>5 cheeky monkeys jumping on the bedOne fell off and bumped his headMummy called the doctor and the doctor said,“No more monkeys jumping on the bed!”(and so on)<https://youtu.be/0j6AZhZFb7A>5 little men in flying saucerFlew round the world one dayThey looked left and right And they couldn’t stand the sightSo one man flew away(and so on)<https://youtu.be/7_1-TrP9jwA>1 potato, 2 potato, 3 potato 45 potato, 6 potato, 7 potato more<https://youtu.be/efMHLkyb7ho>Peter hammers with one hammer One hammer, one hammerPeter hammers with one hammerAll day long (and so on) <https://youtu.be/iFmiz3cvCcY> When I was one I played the drumThe day I went to seaI jumped aboard a pirate ship and the captain said to meWe’re going this way, that way, forwards, backwards,Over the Irish seaA bottle of rum to fill my tumAnd that’s the life for me!When I was two I buckled my shoe…When I was three I grazed my knee…When I was four I knocked on the door…When I was five I learned to dive…<https://youtu.be/iFmiz3cvCcY>  | **GENERAL**Wind the bobbin upWind the bobbin upPull, pull, clap, clap, clap,Wind it back againWind it back againPull, pull, clap, clap, clapPoint to the ceiling, point to the floorPoint to the window, point to the doorClap your hands together 1,2,3Put your hands upon your knee<https://youtu.be/WwdxJnAA6CI>When Goldilocks went to the house of the bearsOh what did her blue eyes see?A bowl that was huge, a bowl that was small and a bowl that was tiny and that was allShe counted them 1,2,3*Same again for chair**Same again for bed*When Goldilocks ran from the house of the bearsOh what did her blue eyes see?A bear that was huge, a bear that was small and a bear that was tiny and that was allThey growled at her grrrr… grrrr… grrrr!<https://youtu.be/PFXE3zvXbjc>When all the cows were sleepingAnd the sun had gone to bedUp jumped the scarecrow and this s what he saidI’m a Dingle dangle scarecrowWith a flippy floppy hat I can shake my hands like thisI can shake my feet like thatWhen all the hens were roostingAnd the moon behind the cloudUp jumped the scarecrow and shouted very loudI’m a dingle dangle scarecrow…<https://youtu.be/CtRgy-8Q0SE>I’m a little teapot short and stoutHere’s my handleHere’s my spoutWhen the tea is ready hear me shoutTip me up and pour me out. <https://youtu.be/ZxOaZzoPIJ4>Oh The grand old Duke of YorkHe had ten thousand menHe marched them up them up to the top of the hillAnd he marched them down againAnd when they were up, they were upAnd when they were down, they were downAnd when they were only half way upThey were neither up nor down. <https://youtu.be/cPZDzc-tmu0>Tommy Thumb, Tommy ThumbWhere are you?Here I am, here I amHow do you do?*Repeat for Peter Pointer**Repeat for Middle Man**Repeat for Ruby Ring**Repeat for Baby Small**Repeat for fingers all*<https://youtu.be/Nj3QkN6mHbM>Head, shoulders, knees and toesKnees and toesHead, shoulders, knees and toesKnees and toesAnd eyes and ears and mouth and noseHead, shoulders, knees and toesKnees and toes*Then repeat but missing out head**Then repeat but missing out head and shoulders**Then repeat but missing out head, shoulders and knees**Then repeat but missing out head, shoulders, knees and toes**Then repeat with all of the words out back in.*<https://youtu.be/fvEtwhui1k0>Down in the jungle where nobody goesI saw an elephant washing his clothesWith a rub-a-dub here and a rub-a-dub thereThat’s the way an elephant washes his clothesDiddly-eye-di boogie woogie woogieDiddly-eye-di boogie woogie woogieDiddly-eye-di boogie woogie woogieThat’s the way an elephant washes his clothes*Repeat for crocodile**Repeat for snake**Repeat for monkey**Repeat for lion*<https://youtu.be/rVgIZ_-akvw> | **SPRINGTIME**There’s a tiny caterpillar on a leaf (wriggle wriggle)There’s a tiny caterpillar on a leaf(wriggle wriggle)There’s a tiny caterpillar, tiny caterpillarThere’s a tiny caterpillar on a leaf(wriggle wriggle)She will eat the leaves around her till she’s full (munch munch) etc…A cocoon is what she’s spinning for her home (spin spin) etc…Then she’ll be a butterfly and fly away (flap flap) etc…So this tiny caterpillar went like this (wiggle, wiggle, munch, much, spin, spin, flap, flap) <https://youtu.be/A-zQ82yN68I>Chick, chick, chick, chick, chickenLay a little egg for meChick, chick, chick, chick, chickenI want one for my teaI haven’t had an egg since breakfastAnd now it’s half past three so…Chick, chick, chick, chick, chickenLay a little egg for me<https://youtu.be/BUBq5RsIYDg>There’s a worm at the bottom of the gardenAnd its name is Wiggly WooThere’s a worm at the bottom of the gardenAnd all that it can doIs wiggle all night and wiggle all dayWhatever else the people do sayThere’s a worm at the bottom of the garden and its name is wiggly woo.<https://youtu.be/XKQemb4mEmE>The farmer plants the seedsThe farmer plants the seedsHi ho the dairy-oThe farmer plants the seeds*Repeat for The sun comes out to shine**Repeat for The rain begins to fall**Repeat for The seeds begin to grow**Repeat for The vegetables are here**Repeat for The farmer digs them up**Repeat for Now it’s time to eat*<https://youtu.be/cRhGOdqWIIo> Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nosePeter Rabbit had a fly upon his nosePeter Rabbit had a fly upon his noseSo he flipped it and he flapped it And the fly flew awayFloppy ears and curly whiskersFloppy ears and curly whiskersFloppy ears and curly whiskersSo he flipped it and he flapped itAnd the fly flew away<https://youtu.be/h8jrmf5xqlA>Little birdies in the airSing like birdies everywhereLittle birdies like to singSing a song of Spring, Spring, SpringLittle birdies in the treesHear them singing in the breezeLittle birdies on the wing Sing a song of Spring, Spring SpringOh when those birdies come to townTweet tweet tweet they flap aroundThey sing and dance on birdie feetTweet tweet tweet that Springtime beatLittle birdies come alongSing your favourite Springtime songLittle birdies time to singSing that song of Spring, Spring, Spring*Call and response middle section**Repeat from beginning*<https://youtu.be/_njojasDTi4> |

Please don’t think you have to be a virtuoso musician to effectively deliver musical learning wherever you are. You are probably doing most of this already without even thinking about it. Above all, enjoy sharing music within your homes.

Here some links to other music activities you may interested in.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-songs-index/zhwdgwx>

<https://www.soundabout.org.uk/>

<http://www.musicandmovement.org.uk/learning-resources>

<https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/ootam-at-home/>

Happy singing everyone!

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