

# What to do today

*IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.*

## 1. Poem reading

Read and enjoy the poem *Nut Tree* by Julia Donaldson.

## 2. Recognising rhymes

Look at *Rhymes in Nut Tree*. The rhyming words in the first verse of the poem have been highlighted.

- Highlight the rhyming words in all the other verses.
- Read the further suggested rhyming words for each set.
- Watch out – there is a word in each box that doesn't rhyme! Can you spot it? Highlight the non-rhyming word.
- Now work together to check with the *Answers* page.

## 3. The life cycle of a tree

*Nut Tree* tells the story of a tree from a tiny nut to a full-grown tree making more nuts of its own. We call this story a tree's 'life cycle'.

- Look at *Life Cycle of a Nut Tree*.
- Pick any box you like. In it, draw a picture of the nut underground.
- Follow the arrows round, drawing a picture for each stage in order, using the details in each verse to tell you what to draw.
- Add a descriptive label to each box: *Nut underground; Tiny shoot; Small tree*, etc.

## Now try this Fun-Time Extra

- Try to learn *Nut Tree* off by heart. Start with just the first verse.
- Add actions or hand movements to each verse as you say them out loud, e.g. bunching your hand up like a small nut for the first verse, showing one little finger pointing upwards, wiggling, for the tiny shoot in verse two...

## Nut Tree



Small, brown, hard, round,  
The nut is lying underground.

Now a shoot begins to show.  
Now the shoot begins to grow.

Tall, taller, tall as can be,  
The shoot is growing into a tree.

And branches grow, and stretch and spread  
With twigs and leaves above your head.

And on a windy autumn day  
The nut tree bends, the branches sway,

The leaves fly off and whirl around,  
And nuts go tumbling to the ground:  
Small, brown, hard, round.

*by Julia Donaldson*

From *Wriggle and Roar*, by Julia Donaldson and Nick Sharratt

## Rhymes in Nut Tree



Verses	Suggested rhyming words
<p>Small, brown, hard, <b>round</b>, The nut is lying under<b>ground</b>.</p>	<p>sound loud hound frowned found</p>
<p>Now a shoot begins to show. Now the shoot begins to grow.</p>	<p>so low oh how sew</p>
<p>Tall, taller, tall as can be, The shoot is growing into a tree.</p>	<p>see sea he key toe</p>
<p>And branches grow, and stretch and spread With twigs and leaves above your head.</p>	<p>bed said fed sad ted bread</p>
<p>And on a windy autumn day The nut tree bends, the branches sway,</p>	<p>hay say by spray clay</p>
<p>The leaves fly off and whirl around, And nuts go tumbling to the ground: Small, brown, hard, round.</p>	<p>bound crowned mound show drowned</p>

## Rhymes in Nut Tree Answers



<p>Small, brown, hard, <b>round</b>, The nut is lying under<b>ground</b>.</p>	<p>sound <b>loud</b> hound frowned found</p>
<p>Now a shoot begins to <b>show</b>. Now the shoot begins to <b>grow</b>.</p>	<p>so low oh <b>how</b> sew</p>
<p>Tall, taller, tall as can <b>be</b>, The shoot is growing into a <b>tree</b>.</p>	<p>see sea he key <b>toe</b></p>
<p>And branches grow, and stretch and <b>spread</b> With twigs and leaves above your <b>head</b>.</p>	<p>bed said fed <b>sad</b> ted bread</p>
<p>And on a windy autumn <b>day</b> The nut tree bends, the branches <b>sway</b>,</p>	<p>hay say <b>by</b> spray clay</p>
<p>The leaves fly off and whirl <b>around</b>, And nuts go tumbling to the <b>ground</b>: Small, brown, hard, <b>round</b>.</p>	<p>bound crowned mound <b>fond</b> drowned</p>

# The Life Cycle of a Nut Tree

