



Forest Park School  
2009

Early Year Foundation Stage

**A little book of  
useful mathematics  
rhymes**

### *One elephant*

One elephant went out to play  
On a spider's web one day  
He had such enormous fun  
He asked another elephant to come.

Two elephants went out to play...  
Three...  
Four...  
Five...

### *Flower pots*

Three little flower pots standing in a row  
What to do the flowers need to help them grow  
Down came the rain and out comes the sun  
Up come the flowers one by one  
One, two, three.

### *Five little woolly lambs*

Five little woolly lambs in a field one day  
One little woolly lamb wandered far away  
Don't wander woolly lamb, don't wander far  
Mother sheep is calling Baa Baa Baa.  
Four little woolly lambs...

### *Five Easter eggs - (tune 5 current buns)*

Five Easter eggs in the sweet shop  
Round and fat with a ribbon on the top  
Along came ... with a penny one day  
Bought an Easter egg and took it right away.  
Four ...

## Five fierce dragons

Five fierce dragons playing on the shore  
One fell down and that left four

Four fierce dragons said lets have tea  
One had a cold and that left three

Three fierce dragons went to the zoo  
One stayed behind and that left two

Two fierce dragons looking for some fun  
One got the giggles and that left one

One fierce dragon sitting in the sun  
He went to sleep and that left one.

## Once I caught a fish alive

1,2,3,4,5, once I caught a fish alive, 6,7,8,9,10 then I let it go again.

Why did you let it go because it bit my finger so which finger did it bite this little finger on my right.

## Three big balloons

Three big balloons, yellow, green and blue  
One went pop  
And then there were two.

Two big balloons, ready for some fun  
One went pop and then there was one.

One big balloon, playing in the sun  
It went pop and then there were none.

### *On the farmer's apple tree*

On the farmer's apple tree  
Five red apples I can see,  
Some for you and some for me  
Pick one apple from the tree.

On the farmer's apple tree  
Four red apples I can see...

### *Five little leaves*

Five little leaves so bright and gay,  
Were dancing about on a tree one day  
The wind came blowing through the town  
Ooooooooooooo...Ooooooooooooooooooooo  
One little leaf came tumbling down

Four little leaves ...etc

### *Five little sunflowers*

Five little sunflowers grew in a row  
One had no water so that didn't grow.

Four little sunflowers grew in a row  
One was too hot so that didn't grow

Three little sunflowers grew in a row  
A caterpillar ate one so that didn't grow

Two little sunflowers grew in a row  
The wind bent one so that didn't grow

One little sunflower grew all alone  
Soon she was the biggest little flower in town!

### *Here is the beehive*

Here is the beehive  
Where are the bees?  
Hiding away where nobody sees  
Watch them come creeping  
Out of their hive  
One, two, three, four, five.

### *Five little speckled frogs*

Five little speckled frogs,  
Sat on a speckled log eating some most delicious grubs yum, yum,  
One jumped it to the pool where it was nice and cool then there  
were four green speckled frogs glug, glug.  
Four little speckled frogs ...

### *Five little ducks*

Five little ducks went out one day over the hills and far away,  
Mother duck she said quack, quack, quack but only four little ducks  
came back.  
Four little ducks went out one day over the hills and far away...

### *Lets do it again*

Number one, touch your tongue.  
Number two, touch your shoe  
Number three, touch your knee  
Number four, touch the floor.  
Number five, do the jive.  
Number six, pick up sticks.  
Number seven, point to heaven.  
Number eight, close the gate.  
Number nine, touch your spine.  
Number ten, Lets do it again!

### Pirate ship

When I was one I banged my drum the day I went to sea,  
I jumped aboard a pirate ship and the captain said to me,  
We're going this way, that way, forwards, backwards over the  
Irish sea,  
A bottle of milk to warm my tum and that's the life for me.

When I was two I lost my shoe the day I went to sea...  
When I was three I banged my knee the day I went to sea...  
When I was four I knocked the door the day I went to sea...  
When I was five I learned to dive the day I went to sea...

### Five Crispy Pancakes

Five crispy pancakes in a frying pan,  
Flip them and toss them and catch them if you can.  
Along came (choose a child),  
For a pancake one day  
Sprinkled it with sugar and took it away.  
Four crispy pancakes in a frying pan...



### Five Currant Buns

Five currant buns in a bakers shop,  
Round and fat with sugar on the top.  
Along came (choose a child),  
With a penny one day.  
Bought a currant bun and took it away.  
Four currant buns in a bakers shop...

### One potato, Two potato

One potato, two potatoes,  
Three potatoes, four.  
Five potatoes, six potatoes,  
Seven potatoes more.

## Ten Green Bottles

Ten green bottles, hanging on the wall,  
Ten green bottles, hanging on the wall.  
And if one green bottle,  
Should accidentally fall.  
There'll be, nine green bottles, hanging on the wall.  
Nine green bottles, hanging on the wall. .

## Ten in the Bed

There were ten in the bed,  
And the little one said, 'Roll over, roll over'  
So they all rolled over,  
And one fell out,



There were nine in the bed...

There was one in the bed,  
And the little one said, 'Roll over, roll over'.  
So he rolled over,  
And he fell out,  
There were none in the bed,  
So no one said,  
Roll over, Roll over.

## Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer

Five little men in a flying saucer,  
Flew around the world one day.  
They looked left and right,  
But they didn't like the sight.  
So one man flew away.  
ZOOOOOOOOOM!  
Four little men in a flying saucer.....



Continue until they've all gone