

Understanding why songs are so important for development

Singing with children is important for many reasons including:

It helps children to develop a good sense of rhythm and pitch which are important for language development

Helping children to increase their vocabulary and develop their understanding of the English language

Teaching children early mathematical skills of counting and measuring through number songs and songs in which there are different sizes

Supports children's listening skills

It is a great way to introduce and teach children concepts

It is a great way for children to show what they are capable of and express themselves

Singing is good for the respiratory muscles

Teaching children early literacy skills of recognising that the written language is used for reading

Being a great social activity in which many children can join together and build the confidence to stand in front of their peers to act out a song

It can aid the development of creativity and imagination as children use made up words that are not real

Children can learn about different cultures and languages through songs from around the world

It can increase physical activity - especially fine motor skills as children practice hand actions to songs

It helps children to remember information

It is brilliant fun!

