

Story of the week: "Bunny Wants Mummy" by Richard Powell and Peter**Curry.** *Treehouse Children's Books. Summerset, 2006.*

- This is a lovely book that is interactive. A baby bunny has lost his mum and is looking in various places for her. The baby bunny slides along each page as the bunny looks for his mum in places where other animals live. He finally finds her in their home. This is a great book to extend your child's vocabulary and concepts as you can talk about various animals and their homes, (owls–nests in trees, fish–rivers, cows–fields or paddocks).
- Go to the library and find books on animals and their homes. Each animal has a unique home, even animals on a farm have different homes: pigs in a sty, horses in a stable, hens in a coop, etc.
- Take a walk around a park or your garden and see how many animal homes you can find. Can you spot an ant hill, a bird's nest, a beetle hole in the ground, a hornet or wasp nest, etc.
- Talk about your home and where you live as compared to your friends and extended family.

Rhyme of the Week: "Little Miss Muffet"

Words: " Little Miss Muffet, sat on her tuffet, eating her curds and whey. Along came a spider, and sat down beside her, and frightened Miss Muffet away."

- Here is another classic nursery rhyme for you to teach your child. Miss Muffet will give you an opportunity to see if your child is achieving the speech goal this week by teaching him two new words beginning with /m/. 'Curds and whey' is similar to porridge so you can explain to your child it is a hot breakfast cereal. A tuffet is a little grassy mound. Once again, this is a fun way to expose your child to rhyming words, an important aspect of literacy.
- You can find this rhyme in any number of children's books and show your child the picture to help explain the meaning of the rhyme.
- Get a large plastic spider on a string, a bowl and spoon, and a small stool to sit on and you can act this rhyme out with your child. You will both have fun shrieking and running away when the spider comes.
- Take pictures of the four different events in the rhyme as you act it out: sitting, eating, spider sitting, running. This sequence will be a great activity page to add to your *Sound Book*.
- Add a few pages to your *Sound Book* this week, perhaps all the rhymes you have taught.

