

**STEPPING STONE**

Show awareness of rhyme and alliteration.

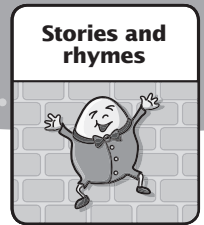
EARLY LEARNING GOAL

Hear and say initial and final sounds in words, and short vowel sounds within words. (CLL)

ASSESSMENT

Do the children show awareness of rhyme and alliteration?

Lazy daisy

**What you need**

List of riddles describing wild flowering plants (see below); pictures of wild flowers as given in the riddles.

Preparation

Compile a list of riddles similar to the ones given below:

I'm thinking of a flower which rhymes with lazy, it grows in the grass because it's a ... (Daisy)

On the edge of the wood there's a lovely smell, everywhere I look there's another ... (Bluebell)

It starts with an 'r' as everyone knows, it feels very prickly because it's a ... (Rose)

Two children were lost called Hansel and Gretel, I hope they weren't stung by a stinging ... (Nettle)

Its purple leaves are as light as a feather, it brings good luck and its name is ... (Heather)

What to do

Show the children the pictures of wild flowers. Read out the riddles and challenge them to guess the answers.

Discussion

Can the children suggest places where weeds would not be welcome? Talk about why don't farmers like weeds. Discuss why we are not supposed to pick some wild flowers. Explain that daisies are weeds that grow in lawns and can be picked. When they have been cut by the lawnmower a few times they learn to grow their flowers on shorter stems so that they won't be chopped off!

Follow-up activities

- Make daisy chains together.
- Make a daisy chain display (see page 78).
- Dye some wild grass by standing it in a jar of warm water, coloured with food dye.
- Use fluted pastry cutters on pieces of thin sliced bread to make flowers you can eat. Spread these shapes with different coloured jams or honey.
- Sing and play 'In and Out the Dusty Bluebells' from *Oranges and Lemons* compiled by Karen King (OUP).
- Say the action poem 'Daisy chain' on page 88.

Differentiation

Help younger or less able children by saying the initial letter of each flower in the rhyme, for example 'd' for 'daisy', 'b' for 'bluebell'. Help older or more able children to read the poem aloud.

**ON THE CD-ROM**

- Photograph of wild flowers
- Poem 'Daisy chain'