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## **BBC Tiny Happy People**

is a website to help parents and caregivers give their children the best start in life.

We have tons of activities, rhymes and ideas for children aged 0-4, all designed to develop your little one's talking skills.

In this book, we've given traditional nursery rhymes a Manchester twist to inspire you to chat and sing with your baby and introduce them to new sounds and words.

Children love songs and rhymes but singing together does so many other amazing things for your little one:

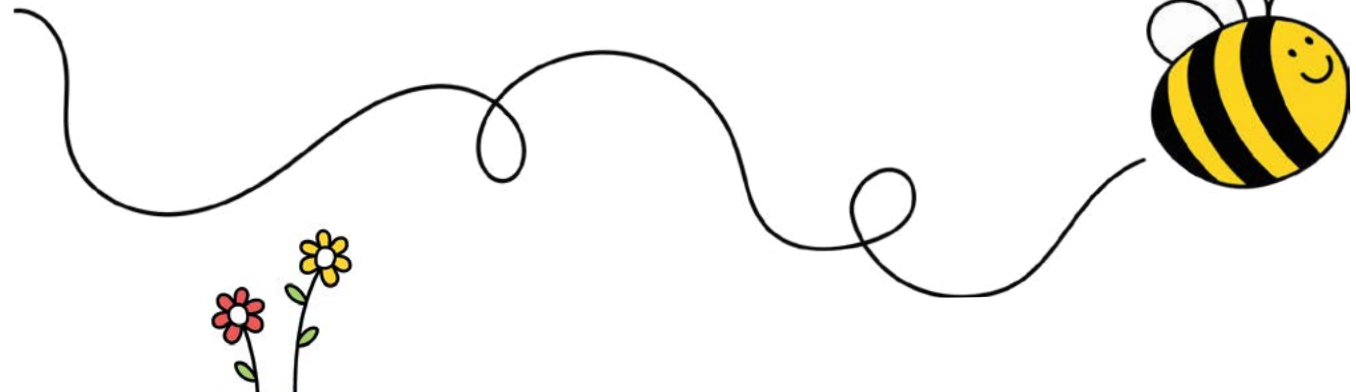
- **It makes them happy**
- **It helps grow their brains**
- **It teaches them new words**

### **How to use this book**

Your child loves hearing your voice! The more words they hear the easier it is for them to recognise words in the future.

Have a go at singing or saying the rhymes together when you're out and about or at home. Don't forget to make lots of eye contact and try some of our actions: this all helps children to learn.

Find out more about how children learn language, and discover lots of activity ideas and advice from parents and professionals, at [bbc.co.uk/tinyhappypeople](https://bbc.co.uk/tinyhappypeople)

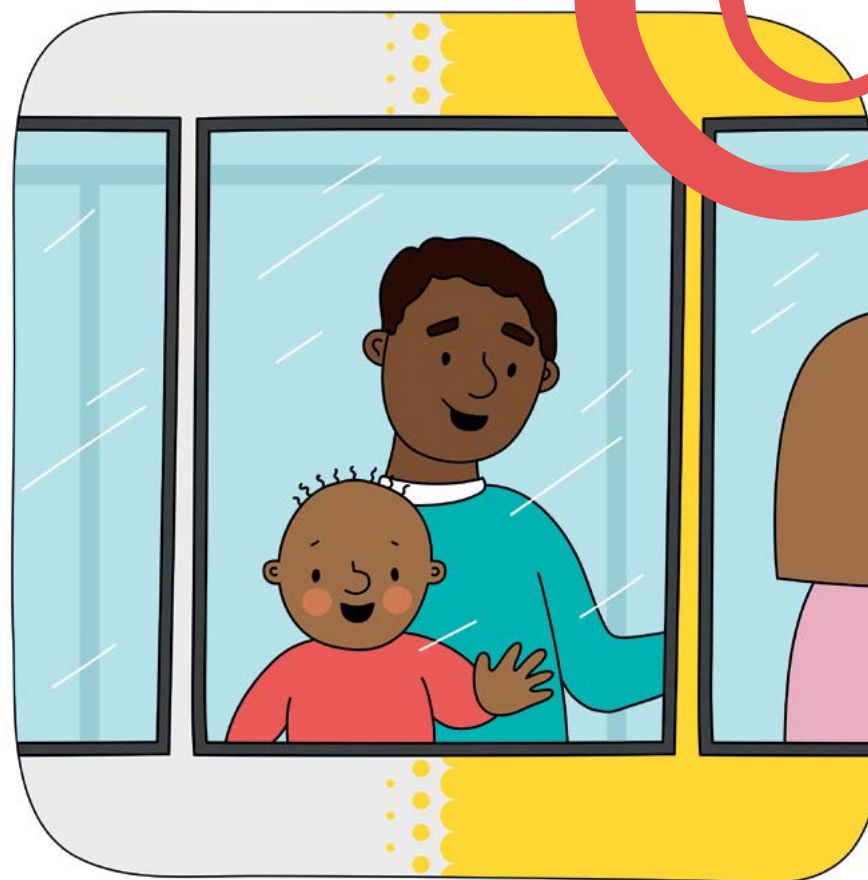




**Row, row, row your boat**

***Row, row, row your boat  
Gently down the stream  
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily  
Life is but a dream***

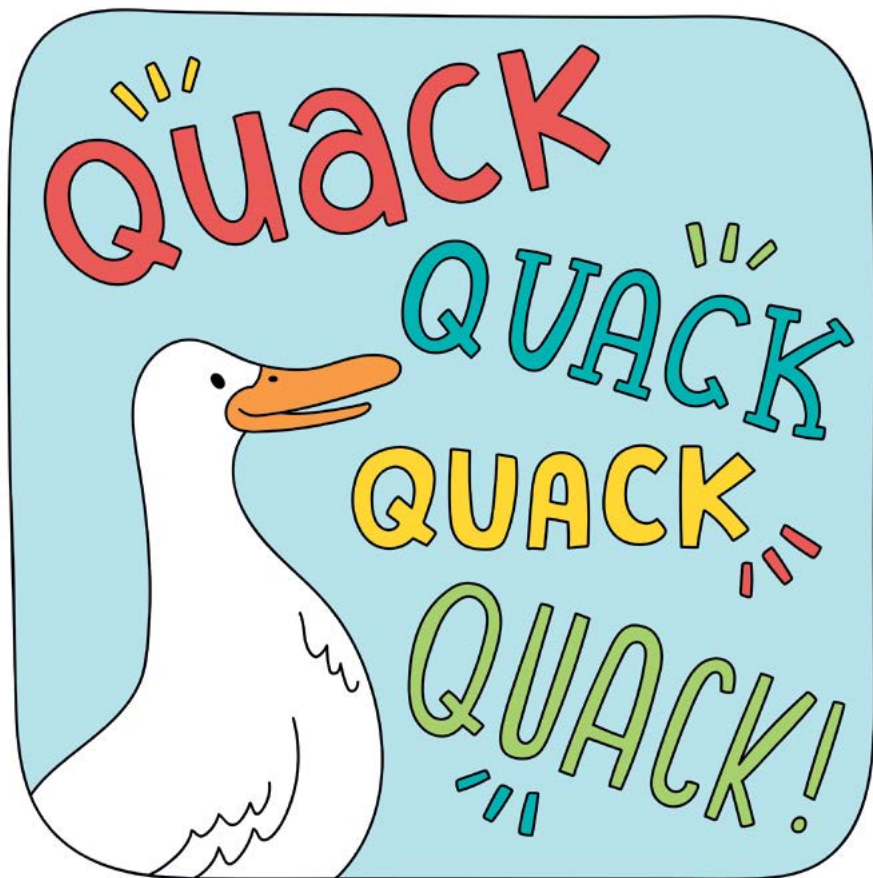
Action: Sit your baby gently on your lap and rock back and forth to pretend to row a boat



**Ride, ride, ride the tram**

***Ride, ride, ride the tram  
Off to Market Street  
Happily, happily, happily, happily  
Let's go get a seat***

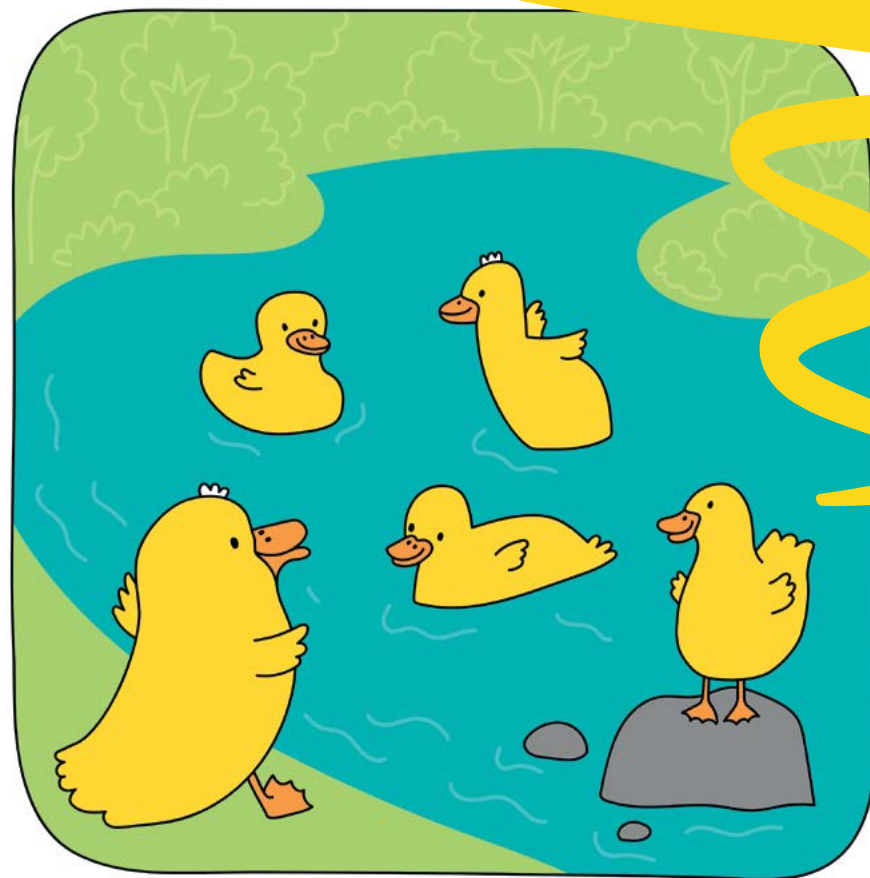
Action: Sit your little one gently on your knee and point out the stops as you pass them on the tram



### Five little ducks

*Five little ducks went out to play  
Over the hill and far away  
Mummy duck said  
'Quack, quack, quack, quack'  
And all of the five little ducks came back!*

Action: Try making a duck's beak with your hands for the 'quacks'



### Five little Manchester ducks

*Five little ducks went out one day  
On the canal they splash and play  
Mummy duck said 'Come back by dark!'  
And off they went to Heaton Park*

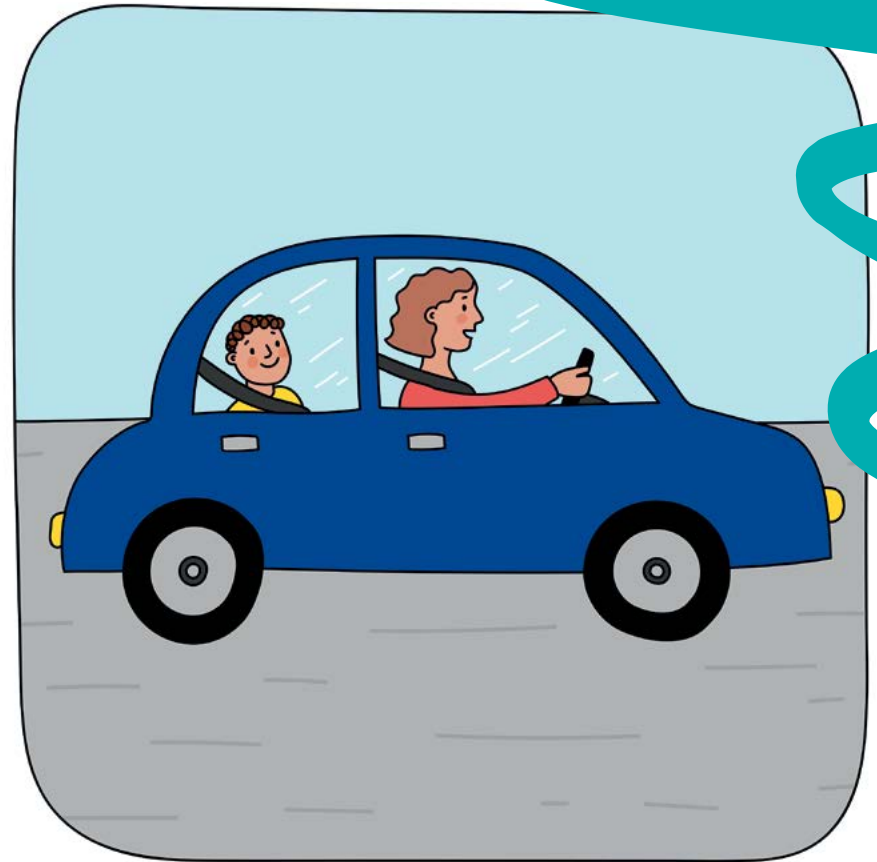
Action: Swap the park name for the one you visit most with your little ones



### Twinkle, twinkle, little star

*Twinkle, twinkle, little star  
How I wonder what you are  
Up above the world so high  
Like a diamond in the sky  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star  
How I wonder what you are*

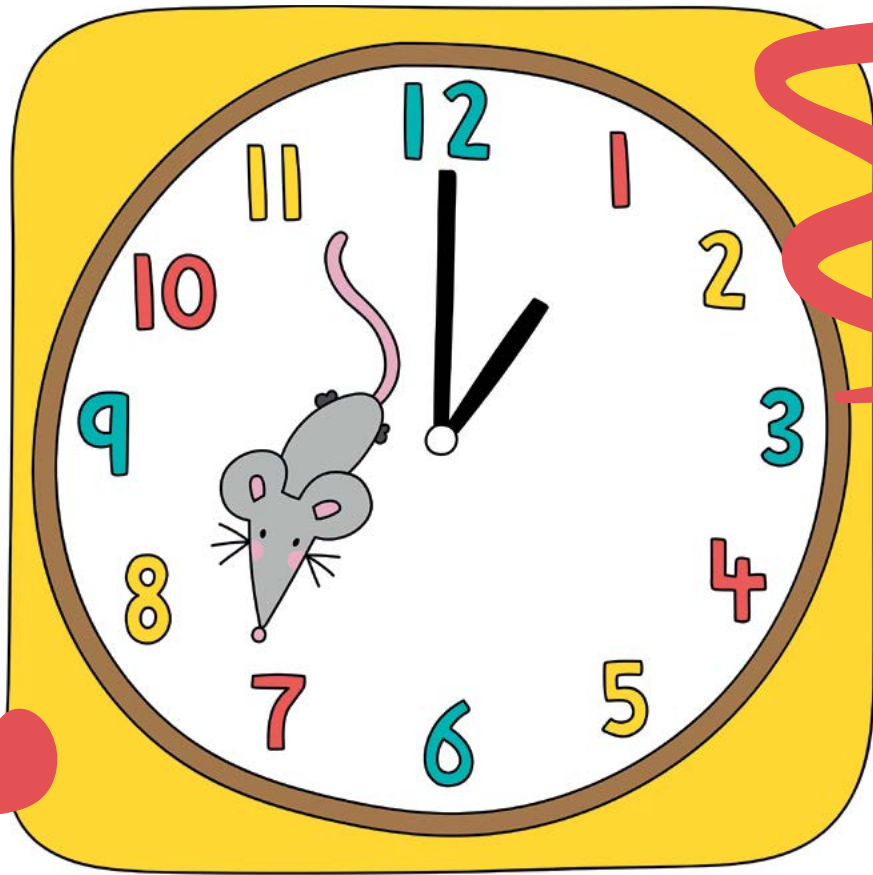
Action: You could show the twinkly star by opening and closing your hands together



### Twinkle, twinkle, little Manchester star

*Twinkle, twinkle, little star  
On the bus or in the car  
Lots of places we can go  
Eccles, Trafford or Milnrow  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star  
On the bus or in the car*

Action: Pretend to drive the bus or the car



### Hickory dickory dock

*Hickory dickory dock  
The mouse went up the clock  
The clock struck one  
The mouse ran down  
Hickory dickory dock*

Action: Turn your hand into a mouse and run it up your little one's arm



### Hickory dickory Town Hall clock

*Hickory dickory dock  
The bee flew up the clock  
The clock struck one  
The bee was gone  
Hickory dickory dock*

Action: Use your hands to form the bee flying up and down the clock tower



### Round and round the garden

**Round and round the garden**  
**Like a teddy bear**  
**One step, two step**  
**Tickly under there!**

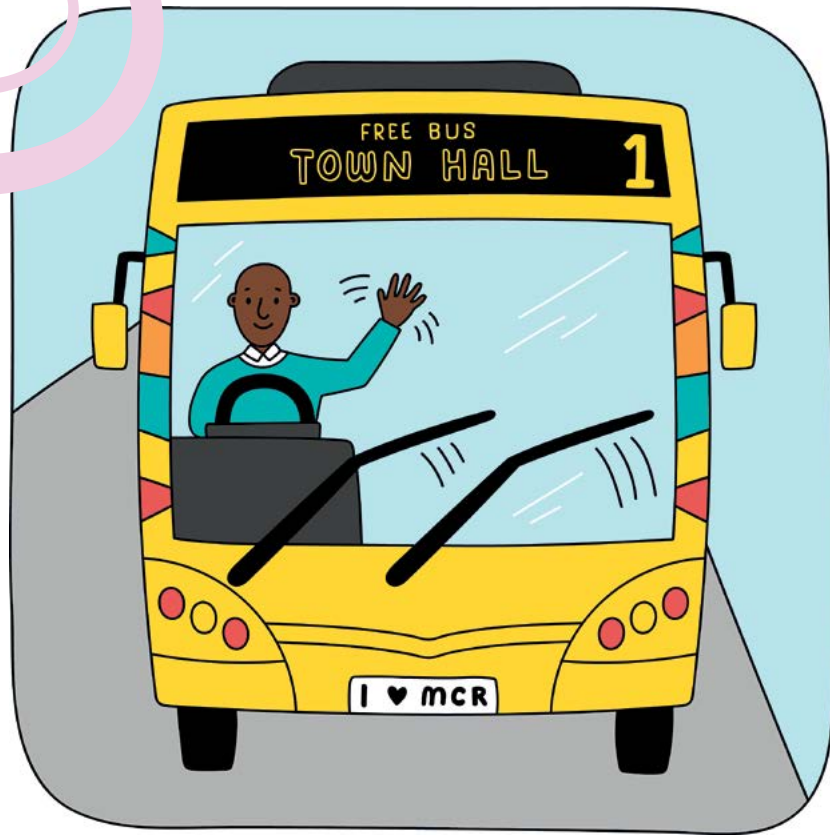
Action: Tickle your little one on their tummy or under their chin and arms



### Buzzing round the Arndale

**Buzzing round the Arndale**  
**Like a busy bee**  
**One buzz, two buzz**  
**Lots of things to see**

Action: Holding your little one's hand, gently trace a circle around their hand and pretend to be the buzzy bee



## The wheels on the bus

*The wheels on the bus go round and round  
Round and round  
Round and round*

*The wheels on the bus go round and round  
All day long*

*The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish  
Swish, swish, swish  
Swish, swish, swish*

*The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish  
All day long*

Action: You can 'swish' by waving your arms together



## The wheels on the tram

*The wheels on the tram go round and round  
Round and round  
Round and round*

*The wheels on the tram go round and round  
All through town*

*The doors on the tram go open and shut  
Open and shut  
Open and shut*

*The doors on the tram go open and shut  
All through town*

Action: Use your hands to show tram actions such as opening and shutting the doors.





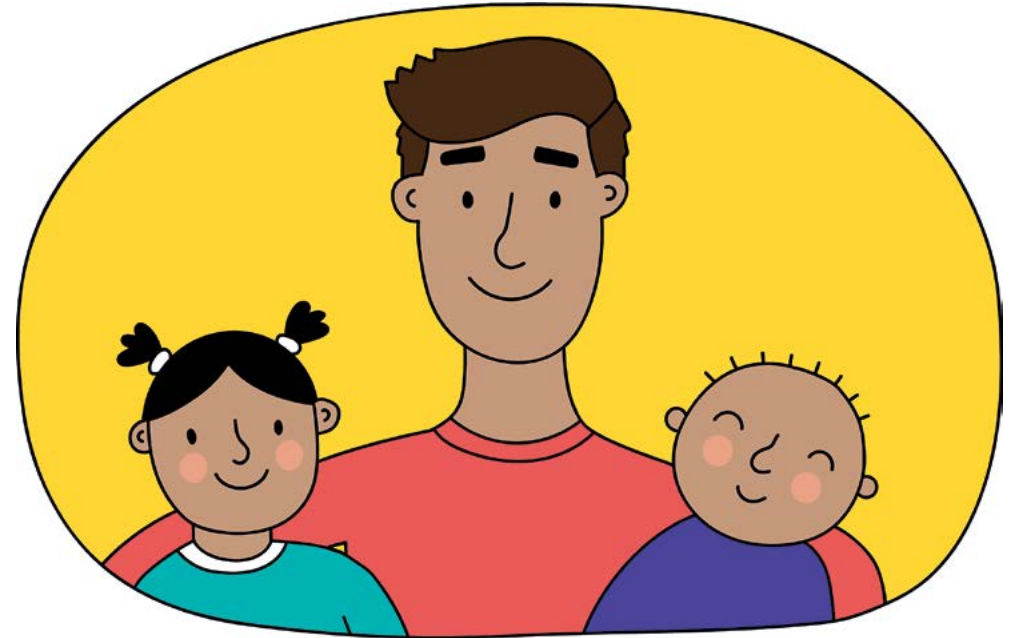
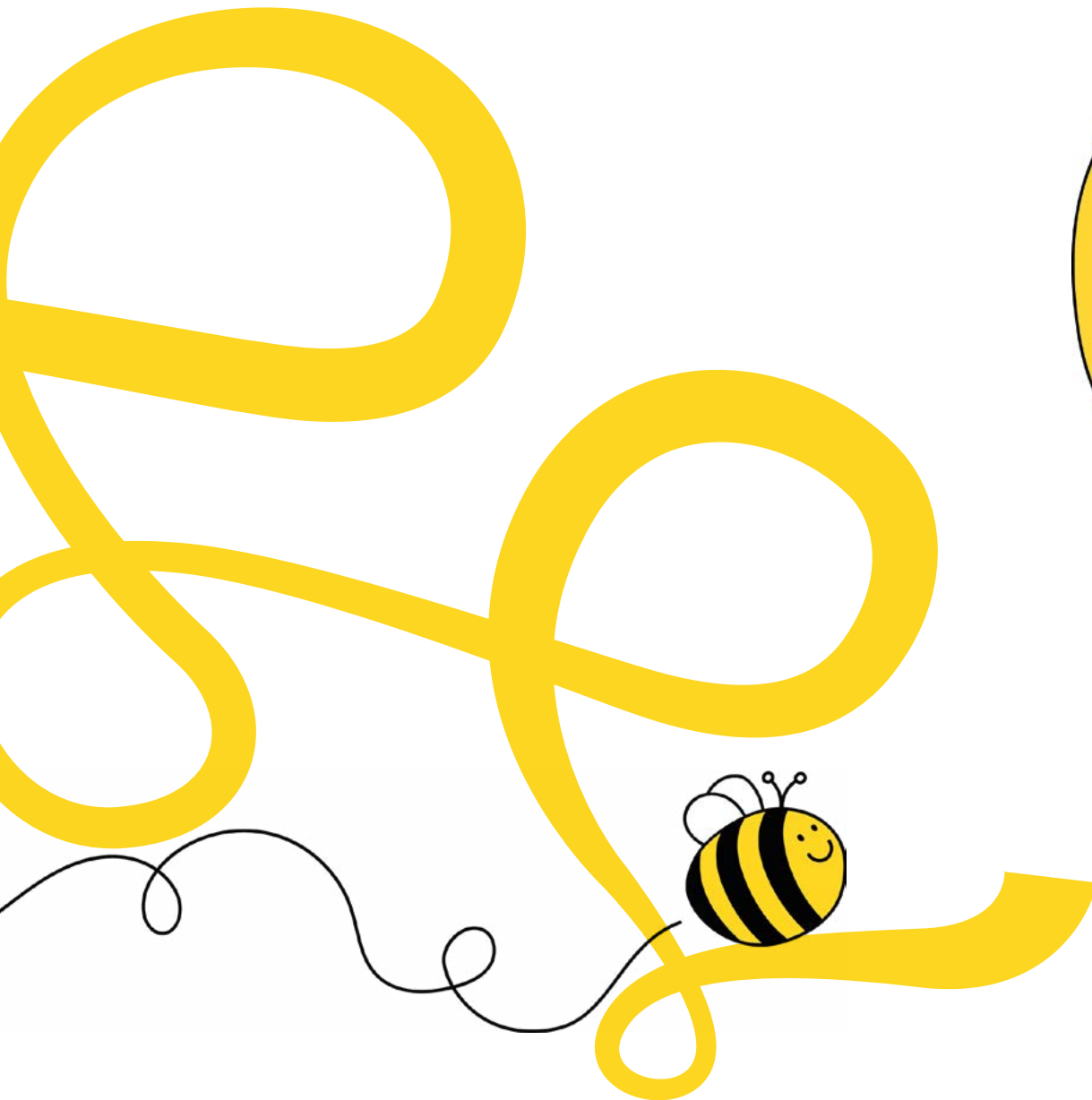
**Roses are red**

*Roses are red  
Violets are blue  
Sugar is sweet  
And so are you*



**United are Red**

*United are red  
City are blue  
We all love Manchester  
And so do you!*



### **We want to hear from you**

If we've inspired you to try our rhymes or create your own, we'd love to hear from you and your Tiny Happy People! Simply film an Instagram Story and tag @bbctinyhappypeople or DM your video to us.

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