Activities to try:

1. Feely bags – fill a bag with objects: can you feel something in the bag that rhymes with cat? (you could use real words or non-words that rhyme).

2. I spy with my little eye something that rhymes with cat…

3. Bean bag catch – pass and think of a word that rhymes with cat – keep passing till no more rhyming words can be thought of. The words can be real or nonsense words.

4. Bouncing ball on floor – how many words can you think of that rhyme with cat, bounce ball until you can’t think of any more.

5. Make rhyming paper chains.

6. Working as a team to make small rhyming books – e.g. – words that rhyme with cat book

7. Making rhyming rockets (pictures not words)

8. Making rhyming jars using pictures not words

9. Make up silly Rhymes – “a wiggly waggly woo, an elephant sat on you, a wiggly waggly wames, an elephant sat on James!” Start the rhyming couplet and let the children try to finish it.

10. Rhyming your name: Choose a child’s name and make nonsense rhymes with it using the different phonic sounds as you go e.g. Aan, Ban, Can, Dan, E-an, Fan, Gan … for Dan.

11. I know a word: Throughout the course of daily activities, encourage the children to think about and play with rhyming words. The adult begins with the prompt: I know a word that rhymes with cat, you need to put one on your head and the word is…hat. This can be used for all sorts of situations and also with some children’s names: I know a girl whose dress is neater, she is sitting next to Sally and her name is… Rita. As children become familiar with rhyme, they will supply the missing word themselves.