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**PSRIP Intermediate Phase**  
COVID-19 MESSAGING

Good day **Intermediate Phase PSRIP** colleagues,

Below are some simple phonemic and phonological skills development games. Please try to embed these games in your community during lockdown.

**GAME 1: THE TRUCK IS LOADED WITH...**

*You need a soft ball to play this game. You can also use a ball of crumpled paper to play.*

**Explain that rhyming words are words that end the same, like: skip and hip.**

- Tell children that this game is called: *The truck is loaded with...*
  - Tell children that you will toss the ball to someone and say something that is in the truck, like: 'The truck is loaded with **cheese**'.
  - This person must make a rhyme, like: 'The truck is loaded with **peas**'.
  - Then, they must throw the ball back to you.
  - Throw the ball to another child. Say a sentence, like: 'The truck is loaded with **bees**'.
  - This person must make a rhyme, like: 'The truck is loaded with **trees**'.
- Continue using this original sentence until children run out of rhymes (peas, fleas, bees, trees, keys, knees, etc.)**
- Then begin the game again with a new cargo inside the truck.

**Purpose of the game**

- *This game helps children to isolate the end sounds of words.*
- *In English, many words have the same endings – these are called 'word families'.*
- *Once children recognise and learn the patterns in word families, it helps them with reading and writing.*

**GAME 2: ALLITERATION**

- Tell children to think of the first sound of their name.
- Tell children to think of something that begins with the same sound.
- Tell them to make an alliteration using their own name.

**Give an example for children using any name, like: Pretty Palesa / Funny Fred**

- Go around the room and listen to each child's alliteration.
- Make corrections as necessary.

**Purpose of game**

- *This game helps children to isolate the beginning sounds of words.*
- *Note: This game is about sounds – not about spelling!*
- *If a child says Silly Cyril that is correct because both words start with the same sound.*

Thank you for your efforts and stay safe,  
**The NECT and DBE Team**