Resources

Video
[Animated] There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly! Read Aloud Books for Children! (YouTube, Pink Penguiny)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3ee7Tj8qZo

I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly - Nursery Rhymes for Kids - Kids Songs - The Learning Station (YouTube, TheLearningStation – Kids Songs and Nursery Rhymes)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNwmzDlyCt8

Learning possibilities


Engage

Step 1. If you have this book at home, encourage your child/children to predict what the story is about from the cover. If not use the suggested video link in the Resources box and watch the story together.

Step 2. Read/watch the story and encourage your child/children to join in.

Step 3. Invite your child/children to recall the characters in the story.

Step 4. Here are some questions to ask your child/children about the story.
   1. Show me the first creature that the old lady swallowed.
   2. What creatures did the old lady swallow?
   3. Which animal makes this noise: moo/bark/buzz?
   4. I wonder if this story could really happen? Why/Why not?

Respond

Encourage your child/children to retell the story making the characters with playdough or to act it out.

Extend

- Talk about the foods that people like to eat and discuss your child/children’s favourite foods, likes and dislikes. Invite your child/children to paint or draw a picture of themselves and talk about the foods that they like to eat. Write their comments below their painting or drawing to model writing for a purpose.

- Try using the following text variation for There was an old lady who swallowed a fly when your child/children are having a fruit snack.

There was an old lady
There was an old lady who swallowed some fruit
It tasted so good, it made her feel beaut,
She swallowed a berry that was not a cherry
Raspberry, strawberry, but NOT a cherry.
There was an old lady who swallowed a pear
That pear though delicious, but NOT a square,
There was an old lady who swallowed a plum
Oh boy, that plum was sureely NOT yum,
There was an old lady who swallowed a seed
Oh my, look now, she’s growing a weed!