Songs and Word Games for Early Literacy

1. **Separating/Combining letters and sounds:**
   Look at the kite! What is the first sound you hear in the word **Kite**?
   What is the last sound you hear in the word **kite**?

   It starts with /l/, and ends with /ight/
   Put it together, and it says _____!
   It starts with /st/, and ends with /ar/
   Put it together, and it says _____!

   For an extra challenge, you can also play with letters of the alphabet rather than sounds.

2. **Rhyming Songs**

   **A-Hunting We Will Go**
   A-hunting we will go
   A-hunting we will go
   We’ll catch a fox and put him in a box
   And then we’ll let him go

   In the third line, “fox” and “box” can be replaced with different rhyming pairs.
   Ex: “cat-hat, snake-cake, goat-boat, mouse-house”

   **Willaby Wallaby**
   Willaby Wallaby Wevan
   An elephant sat on Evan
   Willaby Wallaby Wapples
   An elephant sat on the apples
   Willaby Wallaby Wair
   An elephant sat on the chair

   Repeat using different names/objects, or get creative using different starting sounds and silly lyrics (ie: Hillaby Hallaby Heet, I put spaghetti on my feet!).

3. **Finding the Alphabet**
   Try to find each of the letters of the alphabet in order in your environment. They could be on street signs, classroom posters, restaurant menus, bus ads, branded clothing, food labels, etc.