

Week 10: Music

Age Range: EYFS

Weekly Reading Tasks	Weekly Phonics Tasks
Story sound effects- Read a story together and add in your own musical sound effects e.g. make swishy swashy sounds with fabric to go with 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. You can repeat this with as many stories as you like!	Play Odd Sound Out . You could play a practical version of this using objects from around the house. Can your child identify which object doesn't begin with the same sound?
Read together the story of Mr Big . Discuss with your child how Mr Big felt when the other animals didn't want to be around him.	Choose a letter of the alphabet. How many instruments or sounds can your child name that begin with that sound?
Read and sing a variety of nursery rhymes with your child. Which one is their favourite? Do any of the rhymes have the same rhythm?	Play Online Buried Treasure - Click on the sounds your child is learning. Can your child explain what the real word means?
Have a look at some of the different ways music is played. Are there CD's, vinyl records, tapes in the loft that you could show your child? Look at the writing on each and talk about how this gives people information about the music.	Ask your child to find a stick from the garden and explore making music around the house by tapping, hitting and scraping. You could ask them to make loud sounds, quiet sounds, sounds that are short and long.
Have a look at and explore musical notes. Talk about how people read the different notes to play different musical instruments. Talk about the different instruments people can play. Which instrument would you like to be able to play?	Play Washing Line Phonics- Peg along a washing line, or clothes airer, a number of different readable words. Give your child a simple sentence and ask them to rearrange the words to make that sentence. Simplify to sounds if needed.
Weekly Writing Tasks	Weekly Maths Tasks- Shape
Ask your child to think about how some musical instruments are played, for example bang a drum, tap a tambourine, shake the maracas. Write out the words and encourage your child to trace them.	Give your child a piece of paper and talk to them about how to halve the piece of paper. How many different ways can it be folded?
- Write an invitation to your own Family Music Show for a family member. They could watch the show on a video call.	Draw 2D shapes that can be halved (circle, square, triangle, heart). Get your child to cut them out, fold them in half and then cut them in half.
Your child can draw a picture of the events from their favourite Nursery rhyme. CHALLENGE: Ask your child to write out the words to a part of the song or the song title.	Halving amounts: Using the same objects (or sweeties!). Explain the concept of halving amounts and how odd numbers cannot be halved with whole objects.
Ask your child to sing their favourite nursery rhyme. As they sing each line of the song, they can draw small pictures to help them remember the song.	
Listen to a piece of classical music of your choice. Ask your child to draw/ paint along to the music. How does the music make them feel? CHALLENGE: Can they write onto their picture how it made them feel?	

Learning Project - to be done throughout the week

The project this week aims to provide opportunities for your child to learn more about music. Learning may focus on famous musicians, listening to and performing music and exploring a range of music genres and instruments.

Drummers Drumming

- Using pots, pans and baking trays from the kitchen lay out your own 'drum kit'. Allow your child to explore by banging and tapping the pans to see the different sounds they make. Extend this activity by tapping out a rhythm and asking your child to listen to it then repeat it. You could make this more difficult by adding in a blindfold so they have to rely on the sound to identify which pot or pan they need to hit to copy.



Make your own Music

- Your child could create a guitar using a plastic tub with elastic bands wrapped around it.

Play 'What's that Sound?'

- Game 1-** Hum a song to your child that they are likely to know. Can they guess which song it is from the tune alone? Take it in turns to hum out a tune.
- Game 2-** Go into a room of the house while your child listens outside of the door. Make a sound or play a rhythm out on an item in the room e.g. tapping on the table. Open the door and ask your child to find what you used to make the sound.

A Family Music Show

- Ask each member of the family to prepare a song and then put on a singing performance. You could select someone to be the judge or ask a family member to watch on a video call and decide on the winner. Don't forget to send the invite first (see writing task).

Discovering Different Eras

1920's	1930's	1940's	1950's	1960's	1970's	1980's	1990's
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- Click on the links above and listen to a sample. Which era did your child find most enjoyable to listen to? Can they dance in the same style?

STEM Learning Opportunities

Making Instruments – Make Sound Shakers

- Collect some different containers with lids, make sure you cannot see through them. The small plastic containers from inside chocolate eggs work really well. Put different materials in the containers. (Stones, rice, sugar, paper clips etc.)
- How many shakers can you make? Do they all sound the same? Can you make a shaker that is difficult to recognise? Can you make loud and quiet sounds with them?

Additional learning resources parents may wish to engage with

[White Rose Maths](#) online maths lessons. Watch a lesson video and complete the worksheet (can be downloaded and completed digitally).

[IXL](#) Click on Maths, Reception. There are interactive games to play and guides for parents.

[Talk for Writing Home-school Booklets](#) are an excellent resource to support your child's speaking and listening, reading and writing skills.