

Fun activities for young music makers and their parents/carers



Hello Songbirds!!

I hope you are all well and staying busy with work and play. I thought you might like to take part in some musical fun, so here are a few ideas for you to make your way through, over the Easter break. See if you can do one each day. Have fun!!

1. Listen to the music and watch the screen: https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Wlxq-1a_810&t=65s

Every time a te-te rhythm is played, tap your feet. Every time a ta rhythm is played, nod your head. Every time there's a rest (sh!) stay still.

When you've done it all the way through, try it again, but this time make up your own movements for te-te and ta. Remember, te-te has two sounds (e.g. 2 foot taps/ 2 claps, etc).

Now, challenge someone else at home to join in with your actions.

What else can you do with it?

2. Here's another listening activity: In the Hall of the Mountain King
- <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Wk43IDUQmTk>

You could try tapping out the rhythms on the floor with spoons, or tapping 2 pencils together.

Keep watching and reading the rhythms so you get it all correct. When you've finished, challenge someone else in your house to do it, too!

3. Join in with this So-Mi challenge https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=g_lcb0qL_q0 singing from a stave. Don't forget your hand-signs!

4. Also, there's this So-La-Mi challenge <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=vrPp01NoUHA> - a bit harder! Can you correctly pitch from la to mi? Listen and repeat, and don't forget to read from the stave and use your hand-signs!

5. Have a look at this free composing tool for primary. Really fun (similar to garage band but more appropriate for younger children). Play around with the rhythms and high-low pitch experiments:

<https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Experiments>

6. <https://musicplayonline.com/games/> This is free during the pandemic!! Use the username: snow, and password: 2020. It's great for all primary ages.

7. If you enjoyed the body percussion last time, but perhaps found it a bit hard, why not try these from CBeebies:

a. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOh1P1ZcTaU>

b. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sW2DY1Opgrl>

8. Or, if you're really good at keeping up with the body percussion and want more of a challenge (or have big brothers or sisters at home who want to play), try these:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=j4mZhv9HS-g>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1sch6wmmcE>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFYAM_Gn2Wc

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bZtr7ptod4k>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05GU6iQTnrU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4EDRVJBzLJU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1sch6wmmcE>