

## **The Great Musical Instrument Inventions:**

Creating instruments together can be a fun activity and the instruments can then be used to explore different aspects of music.

Try creating shakers by using pasta and rice in empty bottles.

You could also try using bottles either with filled with varying degrees of water or empty and scraping them with spoons or twigs to make sounds, or just upturned pans and colanders.

Using tissue boxes, shoe boxes without the lids or fruit punnets you can create a string-type instrument.

Use the box for the base of the instrument and take four to six rubber bands. Wrap the rubber bands around the base, the long way, and make sure there is space between the rubber bands. Experiment with ways of making sounds with the bands.

## **Think about and use the sounds of daily life:**

Together with your child you could explore the sounds heard around the home.

For example: What sounds can we here in the garden? – what do we picture when we listen to these?

What sounds can we hear in the kitchen? (Please do this at a safe distance)– What other things can we imagine we are listening to? Eg: The kettle could be a steam train, the bubbling pan could be a rocket ready to take off.

What different sounds can you hear in the living room? – Which is the quietest room?

You could make a piece of music using your invented musical instruments together that represents the different ideas you came up with while listening to the sounds around your house.

## **Use drawing to think about music:**

Drawing to sounds and music can be a lovely listening activity, you can invite your child to ‘dance with their hands’ whilst using their crayons, pencils, felt tips, paint brushes, encouraging them to listen to the music and respond to the music through their visual art.

You can explore this with different types of music – watch your child, do the contrasting sections affect how they draw or paint?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise/eyfs-ks1-music-play-it-bring-the-noise/z4sq92p>

Play It is a great resource to use for different styles of music.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise/music-colouring-sheets/zjqyhbkc> Use these colouring sheets to support this activity.

It would be lovely to see any pictures and videos you could send of your children doing any great musical activities.

Enjoy and hope to hear from you soon.

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