



Music for Home Learning

Year 5



Here are some ideas for having fun whilst doing some musical activities at home. This project is based on 'Drumming Around the World'. The project can be spread over several weeks, so enjoy your music making!

How do drums work?

Think back to your Year 4 science work. Can you remember how a drum produces sound?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/music--science-ks2-how-drums-make-sound/z6wc8xs#:~:text=The%20skin%20of%20the%20drum,the%20drums%20can%20be%20heard.&text=Volume%20depends%20on%20the%20size,vibrations%20and%20a%20loud%20sound> How do different drums produce different pitches? How can you change the volume of the sound?

Drums from around the world.

Can you remember what is meant by the terms 'beat' and 'rhythm'? What is the difference between them? Look up these terms in a dictionary (hard copy or online) and see if you were right.

Not all drums are the same. How many different types of drum can you think of? You might like to do some research of your own to find out about some of the different types of drum that there are. There are many different types of drum which are used in different countries and cultures all around the world. Watch the following clips. For each video clip think about the following questions:

- Can you see the different types of drums being used?
- Can you identify the different sound each drum makes?
- Can you hear the beat?
- Can you spot the different rhythms that are being played over the beat?
- Do the rhythms play just once or are they repeated?
- Does everyone play all of the time?

From India: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xIUg2Y3Y2g4&feature=emb_title

From Malaysia: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxjKlarNTJk>

From Africa: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbe_pBy9Z5o

From El Salvador: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3o30YJiWsc>

From the Notting Hill Carnival (London): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EtIUuZsX5M>

Creating your drums.

You are going to compose and perform your own drumming piece. But first you need to create your drums. Look around the house and see if you can find different sized boxes, cans, bottles and so on. Now turn these into different types of drum! Try and create a range of different pitches and don't forget to decorate your drums!

Composing and performing.

Now you can start experimenting with your drums. Which drum is best for keeping a beat? Which pairs or sets of drums can you use to add interest to your repeated rhythms? When you have composed your piece, try recording your ideas on a musical score so that you can play your piece in the same way each time you perform it. If you are able, use any willing family members or any apps / software you may have to help you to build-up layers of sound over a steady beat. You might even find something like a clock that keeps a steady beat for you!

Perhaps you might even be able to video your performance- we'd love to see it!