

Homemade musical instruments

Shakers

An empty drinks bottle. Fill with dry pasta or rice. Decorate bottle if you wish and shake!



Guitar

Using an empty cereal box cut a shape out of the middle on one side. Using elastic bands or string pulled tight, create the strings of the guitar.



Flute

If you have any plastic straws tucked away in a cupboard, you could make a flute. Cut to different lengths. Stick together with sticky tape on both sides and blow.



Drum

You could use pots and pans for drums but this is another fun way of making a drum.

Take an empty tub - I'm thinking Pringles tube, Bisto Gravy tub, an empty tub of ice cream or those yummy small cakes you can buy in supermarkets would be ideal or even a box. Make holes carefully and add a string or ribbon. If you have any chopsticks or spoons these can be the drumsticks. Encourage your child to sing the 'Grand Old Duke of York' and march around the garden!



Encourage children to 'compose' their own songs or sing along to nursery rhymes or songs. If your child is standing out on a Thursday evening to clap for careers, they could play their instruments! 🌈

By making these instruments your child will cover the following areas of the EYFS

Physical development (making the instruments uses fine motor skills, using the instruments use gross motor skills), **Personal and social development** (asking questions on how to do things and sharing an experience), **Communication and Language** development (following instructions and talking to each other), **Literacy** (listening to the story and role playing the story), **Numeracy** (cutting different lengths of tape - which is longer/shorter. How many straws do we need? How many taps on the drum can you make? Which shaker is heavier? How can we make it lighter?), **Exploring the world** (using different materials, talking about their textures and properties), **Expressive Art and Design** (making up songs and rhymes, the designs and patterns created to decorate the instruments).