

Music and Communication

Music and communication are closely linked and there are many skills that are common to both. There is a lot of research which supports, that exposure to music from an early age is beneficial for communication development.

Music offers many benefits to children who may have limited speech or are pre-verbal. We all pick up the musical cues within spoken language. Its pitch and rhythm and structure are full of meaning. They help to develop a context for verbal understanding. For those that who are verbal, research indicates that music, including the use of our first instrument, the voice, is a hugely important tool to include in the building of communication skills.

The power of music



There are nine parts of the brain that are stimulated while playing and listening to music. Making music together has an enormously stimulating effect on our brains, not least in the area of communication, whether verbal or pre-verbal.

Singing:

The following are a list of communication skills that are addressed through singing or being sung to:

- Concentration.
- Anticipation
- Turn taking.
- Body language and eye contact.
- Vocabulary development.
- Sentence development.
- Phonological awareness.
- Sequencing.

Musical instruments:

Using a musical instrument adds extra sensory dimensions to the experience of music through the senses of touch, proprioception and vision. Like singing, playing music instruments and learning music supports many skills that underlie communication.

- Concentration.
- Listening



- Self-expression and creativity.
- Memory
- Pitch awareness
- Rhythm.

Recorded music can be used to teach routines, such as lining up for playtime, settling a child for bed and to overall develop anticipating skills to support structure in a child's daily life. There is indeed enormous scope in using music to develop the communication of quite sophisticated ideas and feelings around emotions. It is not recommended to use music as a one-way spoon-feeding process. It is truly interactive at its best.

Music and Communication resources to support teachers and parents.

FREE ACCESS TO LÁMH SIGNS ONLINE UNTIL MAY 31ST 2020 USE CODE: lovelamh	Lámh is offering free and open access to Lámh Signs Online until May 31st 2020. This resource has videos of all 580+ Lámh signs, including timely signs like Wash Hands, Space, Hot, Clean, and Doctor. Usually Lámh users, their families	https://www.lamh.org
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The Full Primary Music Curriculum The works reasons for the primary private Tracks has	Dabble Doo Music are offering a months free full access to all of their best content so that parents and guardians can educate and entertain their kids at home.	https://dabbledoomusic .com/
	The content available includes radio shows, sing-alongs, video lessons, games and activities linked to the primary school curriculum.	
The result of th	Hap Palmer is an innovator in the use of music and movement to teach skills and encourage the use of imagination. This is a comprehensive website that offers songs across a number of themes, sheet music and a youtube channel to support the songs. There is also a list of vocabulary to support movement and music.	http://www.happalmer/index.html
TUTE Music Education & Autism	The Con Tutti Resource Booklet and CD is a teaching aid designed to encourage musical ability in young people with autism.	http://www.musicgener ationsligo.com/general- info/music-education- sen/con-tutti-video/



Let's Play Music	Let's play music is free nursery rhyme sheet music	https://www.letsplaykid smusic.com/free- resources/
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Songs & Teaching Using Music to Promote Learning Special Education Music Son Young A Contains The Special Education Music Songs for Children. Team and Adults will Special Resease Songs for Children Research Songs for Children Res	Songs for teaching: Songs for Children, Teens and Adults with Special Needs	https://www.songsforte aching.com/specialneed s.htm
HOLE OF THE REST SHARE (STATE ALLOW) THE REST AND A STATE ALLOW THE REST SHARE (STATE ALLOW)	Out of the Ark: Music and Musical plays for all seasons in the primary school. Free weekly resources during Covid-19	https://www.outofthear k.co.uk/
Feekids Musik	Free Kids Music: MP3 downloads of kids songs	https://freekidsmusic.co m/

Songs to provide routine address challenging social situations.

Time to get up	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7aa9EfctxE
Saying goodbye (social situations)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNEgloX6Mho
Feelings and emotions	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-J7HcVLsCrY
Taking turns	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRridNayLYw
Bedtime routine song.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VuvafCtuRnc