

Did you know the know the German word 'Glockenspiel' means *play the bells*?

This is a brand-new and exciting unit based on children learning key skills on the glockenspiel. The learning is focused around exploring and developing playing skills through the glockenspiel and creating own pieces in groups.

In this unit children will:

- The children will be learning the key skills of playing the glockenspiel and following rhythms and music.
- The children will get to see different musical scales and different notes to follow and play.
- They will be learning and following the notes E, D and F on their own and in a group.
- They will learn how to count in and follow steady beats.
- The children will be listening to and playing along with *Dee Cee's Blues*.

Key Vocabulary

- glockenspiel** – a percussion instrument similar to a xylophone but made with metal plates instead of wood.
- improvisation** – something created without planning or preparation, usually as part of music.
- scale** – a set of musical notes used to play rhythms from.
- rhythm** – a strong, regular pattern made by sounds.
- blues** – a musical genre created in the Deep South of America in 1870s.
- lyrics** – the words to a song.
- octave** - a series of eight notes occupying the interval and two notes, one having twice or half the frequency of vibration of the other.

Prior Learning

Year 1 Voice preparation before singing

Year 2 Different music genre understanding.

Cross Curricular Links

Geography – locating where Glockenspiels came from on a map.

Key Questions

- How was the glockenspiel invented?
- What other instruments are in the glockenspiel family?
- Who is a famous glockenspiel player?

Key Knowledge

- In German the word 'glockenspiel' means 'to play the bells'.
- Most percussion instruments do not produce a pitch when struck like the glockenspiel does, making it a unique percussion instrument.
- Auguste Mustel invented the glockenspiel in Paris in 1886.
- Modern artists such as The Beatles and Bruce Springsteen use the glockenspiel in their music.