

A close-up, black and white photograph of piano keys, showing the repeating pattern of black and white keys. A light blue curved line separates this image from the black background below.

Music at home

Session 1
Herons & Kestrels



Alternative Musical Instruments

Good afternoon Juniors! Let's look at something a bit different this afternoon to get our musical fix for the week!

Have a look at these three videos. They are fascinating and I think quite inspiring and not a classical musical instrument in sight! Decide which is your favourite and why?

The Wintergaten Marble Machine:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvUU8joBb1Q&feature=youtu.be>

Rimba Tube: Star Wars Medley Snubby J:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hj0hShhZ5c&feature=youtu.be>

Street Artist playing Hallelujah with crystal glasses:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAEXH9DAH98&feature=youtu.be>

Alternative Musical Instruments

Answer the following questions about the piece of music you chose. You can either write this down, or discuss with your family.

- Describe the instrument being played. What shape and size is it?
- Describe the materials used to make this instrument
- How do you think it makes a sound?
- Can you work out what the performer does to create this sound?
- How did this music make you feel? Choose an emoji if you'd like!

Let's create some music!

It's time to make a kitchen utensil band! First, **make sure the adults in the house are OK with this (and no one is on a Zoom call!)**, and maybe even get them to join in too.

Find some suitable items from the kitchen that you think will make some good sounds... like a saucepan, spoon, ladle, spatula, whisk etc.

Try this for inspiration!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GqEkxEcL6s>

Using a grid separated into four beats, make a graphic score showing when each sound is going to be made.

I've prepared an example for you, and you can download this, as well as a template grid to print on the next page and on our website.

Try playing each part, then with the help of others in the house, all the parts together. Remember you can extend your grid for more parts if you'd like to, by dividing each column into two giving you eight columns. Remember this will make your music twice as fast – the tempo will be faster.

Kitchen Utensil Band - Example

Count these beats as you play

	1	2	3	4
Tap the spoon quietly on the table for each beat				
Brush fingers across the whisk				
Tap the side of the saucepan with the spatula				

Describe which item to play and how to play it

Show when to play

Kitchen Utensil Band

Count these beats as you play

	1	2	3	4

Have a go! Send me a clip of your debut performance 😊

When you've done that, you could try changing the rhythms for each sound, or make more than one graphic score. Make them as musically colourful as you can. Have fun!

Describe which item to play and how to play it

Show when to play