



Home Learning Resources for Music

Over the last few weeks, there has been a plethora of resources made available to support home learning, and music is no exception. The following is a little taster of some of what is available. Some support learning about music, some use music to develop other skills and some are all about joining in and having fun. Don't forget that music and singing are great ways to de-stress and lift the spirits too so think about putting on some music for a dance around the kitchen. Finally, I hope those children who are learning an instrument are still finding time to practise and develop their skills. I'd love to see any mini-performances if children want to share what they've been doing (jtodd@stlawrenceprimaryschool.co.uk)

Websites

BBC Bitesize: Home learning lessons in all subjects including a range of music topics.

- KS2: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zwxhfg8>
- KS1: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zw2ntv4/resources/1>
- General collection: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise>

Websites to support singing: There are various websites which teach children songs complete with backing tracks, lyrics and in some cases dances to go along with them:

- <https://www.singup.org/singupathome>
- <https://www.popuk.org/kids-at-home>
- <https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/ootam-at-home/>

Music Technology: There are a number of free sites which allow children to start creating their own electronic music – it can especially engage children in music who otherwise wouldn't join choirs or orchestras and is surprisingly fun even for those who do!

- <https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Melody-Maker> (KS1 or KS2 – uses blocks to create simple repeating melodies)
- <https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Song-Maker/> (KS2 – a step up from Melody Maker – you can add beats and layer different pitches and instruments.)
- <https://www.incredibox.com/demo/> (Uses loops which can be layered and turned on and off to create unique tracks. Fun!)

RSNO Challenges: The Royal Scottish National Orchestra has set some music related challenges with videos to help. From a samba band using pots and pans to playing a tune with old bottles.

- <https://www.rsno.org.uk/rsnochallenge/>

Birmingham Contemporary Music Group: Activities that encourage children to create music of their own. There are sections for instrumentalists and those that need no equipment.

- <http://resources.bcmg.org.uk/>

