

Year 1 Music-Home Learning 5:

I hope you had fun singing about all the different animals walking up the ramp into Noah's ark. I wonder if tortoise made it before the door closed, he was very late!

Remember to keep checking BBC Bitesize Music and BBC Teach School Radio as there are some fun warm ups, songs, rhymes and musical games to keep your singing voice in tune!

Year 1's next musical challenge is Insects-hope you like creepy-crawlies!

Here's the fun song we were going to learn in school, so perhaps you can have a go at singing it at home:

There's A Spider On The Floor

(tune: She'll Be Coming Round The Mountain When She Comes)

There's a spider on the floor, on the floor!
There's a spider on the floor, on the floor!
There's a spider on the floor! HEY! Are there any more?
There's a spider on the floor, on the floor!

There's an ant on my knee, on my knee!
There's an ant on my knee, on my knee!
There's an ant on my knee! HEY! Has it come for tea?
There's an ant on my knee, on my knee!

Now you've got the idea, you and your family can make up some new verses about other insects-try a snail, fly, worm or woodlouse perhaps! Where are they going to be? What are they doing there? Have fun-you can make your verses funny, scary or just really yucky!

To practise your chanting and keeping to the beat, have a go at saying some of the insect names to a beat, eg, caterpillar caterpillar ant ant ant. Try clapping/tapping/clicking each syllable as you chant. When you are confident with your chant, perhaps a family member can make up a new chant and then see if you can put the two chants together! *Challenge:* can you fit 3 chants together?

Like the animal ideas in Music 4, you can make a insect finger puppet to tap or dance along to the beat as you sing and chant, and check out your bookshelf at home or the internet (remember to get an adult to help you) to find stories, poems and songs about insects and make up sound effects to go with them. Make your own insect song and rhyme book, then perform your favourite one to your family.

If you haven't got an instrument to play at home, here's how to make a shaker (maraca): Find a clean, dry plastic pot, bottle or small box from your recycling, preferably with a lid. Put some pasta or rice or lentils or small pebbles or small pieces of stick in the container and close the lid securely. Decorate your container with paint, drawings, coloured paper, stickers or old magazine pictures or strips. Shake away to the beat or make up your own rhythmic patterns! Keep singing and shaking to the beat!

