

Year 1 Music-Home Learning 4:

I hope you are having fun finding out about and listening to Japanese musical instruments and the sounds they make. They do sound different but they make some amazing music. Have you found some Japanese singing, drumming and dancing too?

If you have enjoyed researching music in Japan, you can do the same for another country-try maracas from Mexico, a fiddle in an Irish jig or bagpipes from Scotland.

Year 1's next topic is Animals-which is your favourite animal?

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

"The Animals Went In Two By Two"

The animals went in two by two
Hoorah! Hoorah!

The animals went in two by two
Hoorah! Hoorah!

The animals went in two by two
The elephant and the kangaroo
And they all went into the ark
For to get out of the rain!

The animals went in three by three
Hoorah! Hoorah!

The animals went in three by three
Hoorah! Hoorah!

The animals went in three by three
The wasp, the ant and the bumblebee
And they all went into the ark
For to get out of the rain!

The song carries on right up to ten animals. You and your family can make up some new verses with animals that aren't in the song. How did the bears, snakes and giraffes get into the ark?

Another fun animal song is *"Never Smile At A Crocodile!"*. See if you can find this one and sing along, but please be careful with crocodiles, they can be a bit tricky-remember what happened in the "Five Cheeky Monkeys" chant when they teased the crocodile in the river?! SNAP!

Do you know any more animal songs or rhymes? Make your own animal song and rhyme book: copy out the lyrics (words) and decorate with animals, then perform them to your family, with actions or clap/stamp/click to the beat. Video your performance and email it to me-Mrs Collins!

Choose your favourite animal song or rhyme and make a finger puppet of the animal, to tap along to the beat as you sing the song or chant the rhyme. You could attach your animal to some string, wool, thread or a stick and make it dance to the beat too.

You can look through your books at home or the internet (remember to get an adult to help you) and see if you have any stories, songs or rhymes about animals. You can try and make some sound effects with your voice or objects in your house, to accompany the story, song or rhyme. How about Hug? Giraffes Can't Dance? Baa Baa Black Sheep? Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf? The Tiger Who Came To Tea? The Three Little Pigs? Elmer? Hey Diddle Diddle? Mog?

Remember to check out the songs and games on **BBC Bitesize Music** and **BBC TEACH!**
Have fun and keep singing!

