

Making music

Let children listen to different types of music – including Mr Big’s type of traditional jazz and blues. Talk about how the music makes them feel. If there’s space, allow the children to move and dance and clap to the music.

Use percussion instruments to join in.

You can explore what kinds of music make you feel:

- Happy
- Sad
- Calm
- Excited

Give the children vocabulary for describing different types of sound:

- Loud
- Soft
- Long
- Short
- Quick
- Slow

Make patterns with instruments for the children to copy and join in. Help them to make sounds for running, skipping, walking and hopping.

Children might make their own instruments. They can make:

- Rubber band and cereal box guitars
- Rice or pasta and toothpaste box shakers
- Sand and metal tray swooshing instruments
- Pencil and plastic tub drums

Using plain labels let the children draw and colour their own Mr Big stickers to use to decorate their instruments.