

Reception

Rhythm and Beat 1 Week 2

Learning Intention

To develop ability to keep a beat at different tempi

Introduction

Show children the metronome and have them clap, click, tap etc... to the different tempi it can create.

Main Activity

Divide the class into two groups, one given drums to play, the other woodblocks. Spend some time showing children how to play their instruments correctly, for example curving their fingers over their chins and making sure it's their fingers that tap the drum, not the whole hand.

Practise playing the drums and woodblocks, having children copy the teacher's patterns (rhythms.) Ensure that children concentrate on only playing at the right time.

Now have the different groups match teacher's beats at different tempi. Use a drum machine to provide a solid beat backing.

Plenary

Ask children to march, tiptoe around the room in time to the beat provided by the drum machine or the metronome.

Resources

Drums
Woodblocks
Metronome
Drum machine

Targets

Children concentrate very hard to maintain the correct tempo

Evaluation
