



A series of short online sessions about music making at home with your children during lockdown. Based on themes teachers and pupils have been exploring in primary schools with us, we hope the whole family will find Home Made Music entertaining.

It's all about having fun with sounds and music, tuning the ears of children and parents to music beyond the confines of harmony, hit tunes and popular classics. It's not about acquiring 'musical chops', reading music or practising scales. We embrace free music, found sounds, music for non-musicians and musicians.

It's about people discovering and rediscovering their musicality, tapping into the music that's inside them and that's all around us.

HOME MADE MUSIC #1

This is a sonic version of Kim's Game, the traditional observation and memory game popular in Boy Scout, Girl Scout and Girl Guide groups.

Preparation:

You will need a blindfold for each player

Choose a selection of objects that can make 10 good sounds. They should include some found objects (e.g. a stone in a can, a sheet of paper, an elastic band) and some more orthodox musical implements (e.g. xylophone, mobile phone, music box etc.).

Put them all on a tray and cover them with a cloth before any of the players have seen them.

Playing the game:

Blindfold all the players.

Make your sequence of 10 sounds twice then cover the objects and take off the blindfolds.

Ask the children to identify the objects from their memory of the sounds...one answer each please. Hold up the object when it's identified.

See how many objects are not identified and then take the cover off and show those objects too.

Variations on a theme:

- When this first game is over another person, adult or child can assemble another collection of sounds, and the game can begin all over again...and again if they wish.
- when all the sounds have been discovered, each person chooses the objects that make their favourite sound and start to make the sound...try playing together quietly, then loudly; slowly then fast; coming in with your sound one at a time; then all joining in at once on a signal.
- using mobile phones or other recording tools, get members of the family to collect 10 sounds from around the house, or 10 sounds from outside. Then ask them to playback the sounds one by one and see if anyone can recognise them.

Please note: if you haven't got any items you can use as blind folds, you can put all the objects in a box and play them with your hands inside the box so the objects can't be seen!