

*Learning together...*

**Curriculum Area:** Literacy and Music

**Recommended for:** 2 years plus

**Learning Activity:** ABC Song

## Big Idea:

Music helps to develop children's sense of letters, sounds, words and vocabulary.

## What to do:

- Use tapping sticks. If you do not have tapping sticks at home, you can use any wooden spoon from the kitchen or any items that make a sound when you knock them together. All members of the family could join in using a variety of items from home, what a great way to create a small band!
- Sing the ABC song using your voice.
- Hit the tapping stick each time you say each letter of the alphabet.
- You can create fast and slow beats for your little one to follow.

## Benefits:

When young children start to recognise letters in their environments, often they sing the ABC song. Children very quickly learn the alphabet in a playful way, repeating the pattern and rhyme of the song. The simplicity of the song allows children to catch their attention.

## Links to Early Years Learning Framework:

Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators

