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# MUSIC EXPRESS

## Everything you need to teach primary music!

“Music Express is a lifesaver!”

Gill Flowers, music coordinator



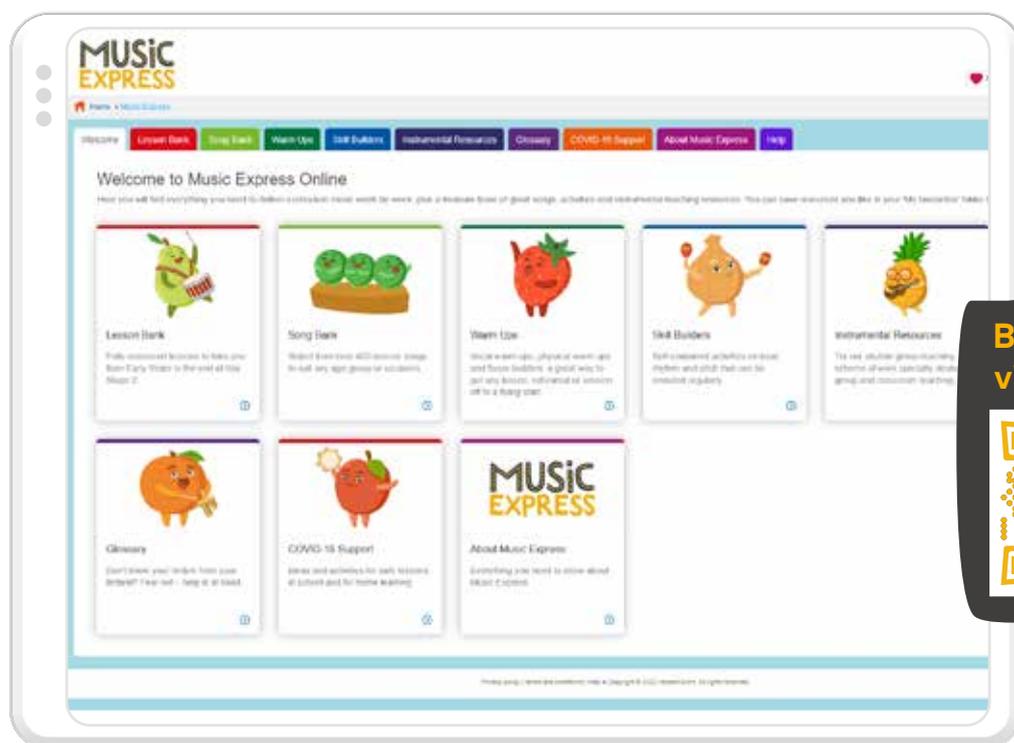
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**Music Express is an award-winning, cross-curricular scheme used by thousands of schools across the UK**

Available in both print and digital formats, **Music Express** has everything you need to teach a coherently planned music curriculum from Reception to KS2. It includes fully resourced lessons, planning documents and lots of activities to develop musicianship.



Explore the sample platform at [collins.co.uk/MusicExpressSample](https://collins.co.uk/MusicExpressSample)

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# Enrich your curriculum

## Support for teachers

- All the guidance you need with step-by-step teaching notes for hundreds of lessons
- Rich multi-media resources support the scheme throughout for high-quality lessons

## A full and inclusive education for all pupils

- Engage all children and foster a love of music
- Flexible resources allow you to adapt the scheme of work to suit the needs of your pupils
- Help children to embed knowledge through links to other subjects and topics across the curriculum
- **NEW** Topic-based units reworked from the mainstream scheme and appropriately differentiated for use in special school classroom environments

## Coherent progression

- Follow our guided route through each year or select resources to build your own curriculum
- Comprehensive planning and assessment documents make it straightforward to implement and demonstrate pupils' progress
- Curriculum maps, skills summaries and skills progression documentation show National Curriculum coverage and demonstrate how Music Express can build pupils' skills and understanding

“The activities build and extend [children's] musical experiences through structured lessons, which also allow the teacher to extend or support wherever necessary to suit the individual needs of the children and the school situation.”

Rachel Moorhouse, Music Co-ordinator, William Law CE Primary School

## INSET Training

We're here to help. Our experienced workshop leaders can help you unravel the music curriculum requirements and demonstrate how to make the most of Music Express.

For more information or to book a session, please contact our customer services team:

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# The comprehensive digital whole-school scheme for teaching curriculum music

Music Express is available online through our digital learning platform, Collins Connect

## The online package includes:

- Fully resourced lessons, schemes of work and assessment sheets for teaching curriculum music from Early Years to age 11, with accompanying curriculum maps and skills progression charts
- Hundreds of songs suitable for all ages and abilities, plus backing tracks and performance tracks with synchronised lyric display
- Easy-to-use materials, guidance and advice to support teachers with little or no music teaching experience, including our brand-new **Knowledge Bank**
- Popular whole-class instrumental schemes, *Ukulele Magic* and *Recorder Magic*
- Dip-in activities to develop foundational music knowledge and skills

“I’ve used Music Express for years across dozens of schools in my work as a music leader and county music specialist. The resources are fun, engaging, highly accessible and, most importantly, inspire children of all ages (and adults too!) to make music joyfully.”

Ben England, musician and teacher

School subscription starts from just £160+VAT per year



School subscription	For primary schools – offers multiple logins for all your teachers	
	For schools with up to 100 pupils on roll	£160 + VAT
	For schools with between 101-300 pupils on roll	£230 + VAT
	For schools with over 300 pupils on roll	£250 + VAT
Individual subscription	For music professionals – offers independent teachers a portable subscription for use in all their teaching contexts	£70 + VAT

# Lesson bank



Create an ambitious, coherent curriculum with downloadable unit overviews, lesson plans, assessment sheets and teaching notes

**Work through the carefully sequenced activities in each lesson**

**Support staff with step-by-step teaching notes**

**Includes high-quality video and audio content, demonstration and backing tracks and synchronised on-screen lyrics**

**SEND notes are signposted throughout the mainstream scheme to help you provide an inclusive learning experience**

**Watch the Bones dance to link the names of the bones in the song to the skeleton diagram shown in the Teaching audio.**  
Listen to the teaching audio, and all join in chanting the responses after each call as they become familiar:  
**Call:** Skull **Response:** In my head!  
Patella In my knee...  
What do children notice about the rhythm of the response phrases? (They have three syllables; they have the same rhythm.)  
**SEND notes:** Practise without the teaching track at first so that you can take the call and response more slowly and break it into two halves to help children who find it tricky to memorise lyrics. Incorporate actions to help children internalise the order of the bones.

# Song bank

Over 400 songs in a variety of styles to learn and perform

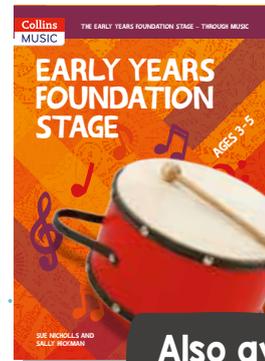
**Every song includes performance and backing tracks and optional on-screen lyric displays**

**Filter by year, theme, style or season**

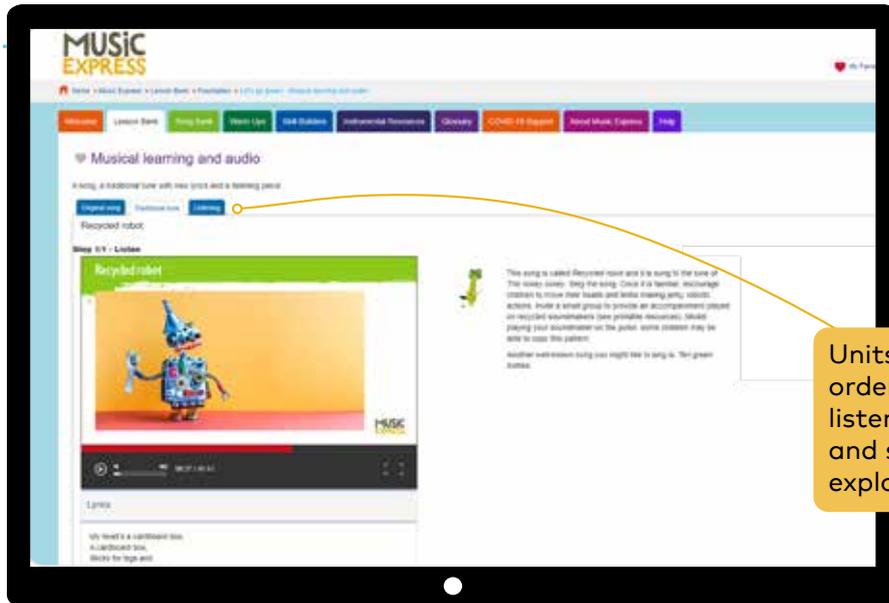
Song Title	Theme	Style
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A windmill in old Amsterdam	Fairs	Folk
Action Mouse	Animals	Pop/Rock

# Early Years Foundation Stage

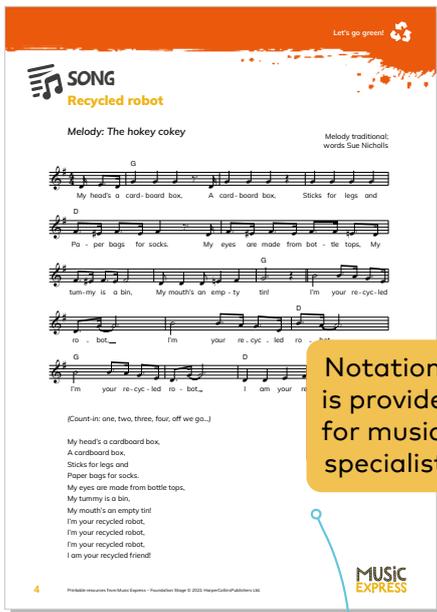
Support teachers to deliver the 2021 reformed framework with 12 'starting points' stemming from children's interests



Also available in print



Units can be delivered in any order, with songs, chants, listening music, images, videos and stories to engage and inspire exploration



Notation is provided for music specialists



Each starting point comprises ideas and activities for Enhancing Continuous Provision, Musical Learning, Home Learning and all Areas of Learning and Development, engaging and inspiring children with a wealth of music from around the world and across a range of traditions

Additional printable resources include planning and assessment guidance, templates, imagery, vocabulary, background information, and related reading and songs

Subscribe or sign up for a free 30-day trial at [collins.co.uk/MusicExpress](https://collins.co.uk/MusicExpress)

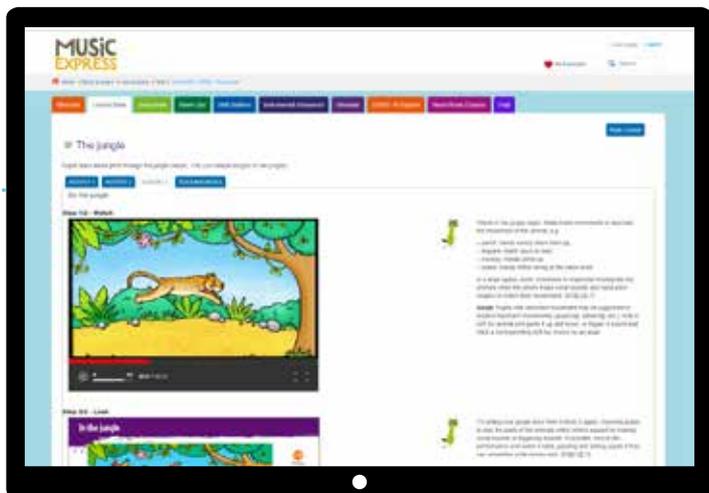
**“This resource provides practical ideas achievable by all practitioners. Well-known song tunes help with teacher confidence and audio recordings support learning new material. I am sure everyone will quickly make the songs and activities their own. A super resource for all Early Years settings!”**

Sarah Wise, Early Years and KS1 Lead, Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

# SEND units

Provide a wide range of music-making opportunities for all young people

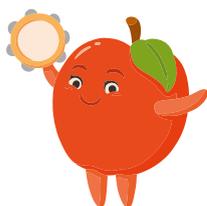
Shortlisted for  
Excellence in SEND!



“I have looked at many SEND schemes and what makes this one the best is that someone who is a non-specialist music teacher, but who is specialised in PMLD teaching etc., would be able to follow it.”

Vicki Brown, Curriculum Consultant,  
Derbyshire Music Hub

Materials include **unit overviews and printable resources, on-screen instructions and displays, music and videos**



**Six topic-based units** carefully reworked from the mainstream Music Express scheme, **appropriately differentiated**. For the most part, the unit's **original learning intentions are retained**, enabling pupils with SEND to participate meaningfully in your school's music programme

Additional alternative teaching instructions offer **streamlined approaches, practical multi-sensory ideas** and activities to **progress pupils beyond the core content**

## PLAYING INSTRUMENTS/ PERFORMING (P)

- P1 Responds briefly to a classroom percussion instrument/other soundmaker (e.g. smiles, blinks, reaches toward).
- P2 Explores sound-making objects coactively with another person.
- P3 Demonstrates an awareness of change as a result of an action.
- P4 Creates a sound by reaching (e.g. touching wind chimes or instruments suspended on strings).
- P5 Taps or bangs on a surface to make a sound.
- P6 Recalls/recognises an instrument as a sound-making object (e.g. shaking wrist bells rather than just holding or turning them over or using a sound-making toy effectively).
- P7 Uses technology consistently to produce a sound (e.g. purposefully using a switch to trigger a drumbeat on several occasions).
- P8 Coordinates clapping hands or brings hands together.
- P9 Responds to prompts to play and stop.
- P10 Remembers learned responses to specific instruments (e.g. repeating an action to make a sound on a drum over time).
- P11 Holds a beater/drumstick to play an instrument.
- P12 Copies simple body percussion/actions in a song or musical performance.
- P13 Uses two hands to make sounds on a percussion instrument (e.g. when shaking, tapping, banging or scraping).
- P14 Plays\* loud/quiet or fast/slow in imitation.
- P15 Recalls a sequence of actions for a song.
- P16 Plays\* classroom percussion instruments with control (e.g. selects which note to play when using tuned percussion).
- P17 Responds to simple directions (verbal or symbols) to play loud/quiet or fast/slow.
- P18 Plays\* to a steady beat either on body percussion or an instrument.
- P19 Copies a short pattern on an instrument (e.g. a simple rhythm on untuned percussion or a short sequence of notes on tuned percussion).
- P20 Plays\* a short instrumental part during a simple performance.

\*Playing may be using adult support.

An assessment framework of four SEND musical **skills progression ladders** offer 20 progressive steps of musical achievement across **listening to and appraising music, playing instruments and performing, composing and singing/vocalising**



Watch the  
full video  
walkthrough



# Knowledge Bank



Resources to develop every teacher's confidence and skills, including a handy glossary and over 60 informational training videos

**Dynamics**

dynamics = volume

Music can be quiet or soft, and it can be very loud!

Remind everyone of the elements of music with fun dip-in animations



Familiarise yourself with common percussion instruments through 28 brief video introductions

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Maracas



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Trombone

Abdul-Haseeb

Introduce children to a range of instruments with videos made in partnership with the National Orchestra for All (NOFA), the UK's only completely inclusive national youth orchestra

Develop best practice in the delivery of primary music with 12 teacher support videos

# Teacher support

## Music Express & The Model Music Curriculum (MMC)

### Indicative musical features

The MMC says...  
The first table below sets out indicative musical features (elements) that give language to concepts that pupils have understanding of in sound. Pupils will have experienced them unconsciously in many contexts before, building on their work at Key Stage 1, and their holistic musical experiences across Key Stage 2 will naturally be far wider than this. The second table sets out their progression in knowledge of the constituent parts of musical notation.

	Y3	In Music Express	Y4	In Music Express	Y5&6	In Music Express
<b>Rhythm, Metre and Tempo</b>	Downbeat, fast (allegro), slow (adagio), pulse, beat	Unit example: Time	Getting faster (accelerando), Getting slower (rallentando), Bar, metre	Unit example: Time	Simple time, compound time, syncopation	Unit examples: Keeping healthy, World units, At the poster
<b>Pitch and Melody</b>	High, low, rising, falling, pitch range do-so	Unit example: In the post	Paratonic scale, major and minor tonality, pitch range do-re	Unit example: Communication	Full diatonic scale in different keys	Unit examples: Solar system, life cycles, Keeping healthy, Seasons (major and minor)
<b>Structure and Form</b>	Call and response, question phrase, answer phrase, echo, ostinato	Unit examples: Sounds, Environment	Stanzas and partner songs, repetition, contrast	Unit example: Sounds	Tempi forte, piano and choral form, music with multiple sections	Multiple forms are explored in performance and composition units. Unit example: At the movies
<b>Harmony</b>	None	Unit example: Environment, Bridge composition	Static, moving	Chords and Basslines are explored in multiple units. Example: In the post, Communication	Troads, chord progressions	Unit example: Growth
<b>Texture</b>	Unison, layered, solo	Unit example: Food and drink	Duet, melody and accompaniment	Unit examples: Sounds, In the post	Music in 3 parts, music parts	
<b>Dynamics and Articulation</b>	Loud (forte), quiet (piano)	Unit example: Environment	Getting louder (fesscndo), getting softer (diescndo), agato (smo), accento (staccato)	Continuous. Unit example: Poetry	Wider range of dynamics including fortissimo (very passionate) very quiet, f-ore (moderately loud) or mezzo piano (moderate) quiet	
<b>Instruments and Playing Techniques</b>	Instruments used in Foundation listening	Multiple listening opportunities are available with information in the teaching notes.	Instruments used in Foundation listening including playing techniques	Multiple listening opportunities are available with information in the teaching notes. Unit example: Sounds	Instruments used in Foundation listening including playing techniques and effects, for example pizzicato (e.g. ruyter) and tremolo (dark and expectant)	

Read a full analysis of how the clear, scaffolded progression of **Music Express** covers the intentions of the MMC



## A two-year rolling programme of units for mixed age-group classes

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### Year 1 and 2

To provide a sense of progression and to ensure appropriate transition:

- The unit at the beginning of the year (Autumn term) is taken from the younger age group
- The unit at the end of the year (Summer term) is taken from the older year group



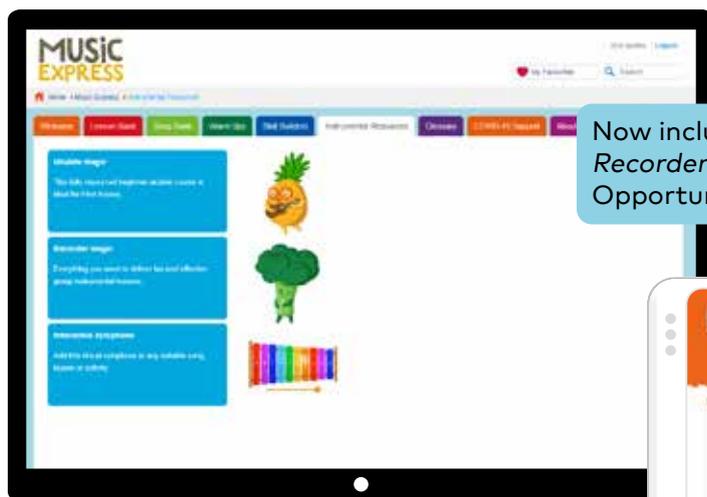
Autumn Year A	Spring Year A	Summer Year A	Autumn Year B	Spring Year B	Summer Year B
<b>Ourselves Year 1</b>	<b>Pattern Year 1</b>	<b>Number Year 1</b>	<b>Storytime Year 1</b>	<b>Water Year 1</b>	<b>Travel Year 1</b>
<b>Animals Year 2</b>	<b>Our land Year 2</b>	<b>Water Year 2</b>	<b>Weather Year 2</b>	<b>Toys Year 2</b>	<b>Ourselves Year 2</b>
	<b>Seasons Year 1</b>	<b>Our school Year 1</b>	<b>Machines Year 1</b>	<b>Our bodies Year 1</b>	<b>Animals Year 1</b>
	<b>Travel Year 2</b>	<b>Our bodies Year 2</b>	<b>Number Year 2</b>	<b>Pattern Year 2</b>	<b>Seasons Year 2</b>

Download supporting documents to help with planning and to understand how skills are developed across the scheme

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# Instrumental resources

Deliver fun and effective group lessons with fully resourced beginner courses *Ukulele Magic* and *Recorder Magic*



Now includes *Ukulele Magic* and *Recorder Magic*, ideal for Wider Opportunities/First Access



Features high-quality performance and backing tracks and helpful displays



### Meet my ukulele

**SING**

My ukulele has a body,  
a neck and a head,  
But it's got no arms and legs!  
My ukulele has a body,  
a neck and a head,  
But it's got no arms and legs!  
It has a bridge and a sound hole,  
a fretboard and a nut,  
Four strings and tuning pegs,  
My ukulele has a body,  
a neck and a head  
But it's got no arms and legs!

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# Also available...



Cover *Music Express* content for individual year groups with seven core curriculum books.

## Early Years Foundation Stage

Deliver the 2021 reformed statutory framework through music!

- Full of delightful songs and child-centric activities
- Music from around the world to engage and inspire exploration
- Ideas and activities for enhancing all areas of musical learning and development



## Music Express Ages 5-11

Each book contains:

- 6–12 units of work, totalling 36 lessons and over 100 activities
- 3 CDs with all the recordings needed to accompany the activities
- 1 DVD containing 6 medium-term and 36 weekly lesson plans, and whiteboard displays for all lessons with audio, lyrics, movies and slideshows



Performing, listening and composing activities that explore the dimensions of music

Unit summary highlighting musical focus and subject links

Handy hints and tips for teachers

The sample pages show two lesson plans from the 'Around the world' unit. The first page (page 24) is titled 'Pentatonic planet' and includes activities like 'Listen to three pentatonic pieces', 'Pentatonic improvisations', and 'Hex globe note trail'. The second page (page 25) is titled 'Where is the beat?' and includes activities like 'Where is the beat?', 'Kwaheri rhythms', and 'Kwaheri melody'. Both pages include lesson objectives, extended learning opportunities, and teaching tips.

Summary of lesson objectives

Provides opportunities for extended learning

Sample from *Music Express* Ages 8–9

Use alongside Music Express or any other music scheme!

Music Express Extra books are versatile resources covering a wide range of topics designed to further enhance pupils' musical knowledge and skills. These can be used as a key part of your scheme of work or as a dip-in resource.

Best Listening Resource 2019

PRIMARY MUSIC MAGAZINE

- Develop children's active listening, composition and performance skills
- Engaging activities designed to build musical skills and confidence
- Support the National Curriculum with subject links



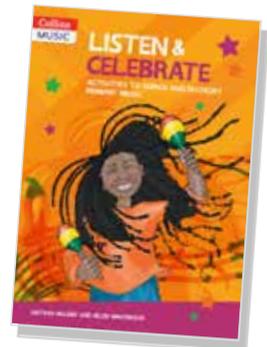
## Listen & Celebrate NEW

Enrich and diversify primary music with a selection of musical pieces from a range of time periods, countries and styles.

- Bring breadth and depth to children's musical experience and understanding
- Offer an immersive experience through active listening and composing activities
- Support National Curriculum objectives for Key Stages 1 and 2

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Downloads included

### FARMER NAPPY ET AL.

#### 1 FAM

Composed by a collaboration of various Caribbean musicians

Genre: Soca

Piece: 1 Fam celebrates the cultural diversity in the Caribbean in 2020.

KEY STAGE 1

#### 1 FAM

##### ACTIVE LISTENING

1. Listen to 1 Fam. As you listen, demonstrate some simple, repetitive dance steps on the spot for the children to copy, e.g. moving arms, legs or feet to the beat.

Where do they think this music is from and where would it be played? (E.g. a party, carnival, celebration...)

Listen again, and think of activities that might need going to prepare for a party or carnival and use these to invent ideas for some dance moves, e.g. 'wag the floor', 'to up the burbling', 'his up a coke', 'roll the dough!', 'play the game', 'dance to soca music'!

Once the children are familiar with the moves, play the audio again, calling out the moves as you would. Ask the children to invent their own dance moves and all join in to learn them.

2. In a large space, indoors or out, choose a leader to lead the dancers in a line along with the audio. The children copy the leader's dance moves around the space. The leader can call out the titles of the dance moves as they change.

Give other children turns at leading the dance.

FARMER NAPPY ET AL.

##### COMPOSING

Go in a circle and teach this chant to the children (see page 15 and online resources), adding body percussion on the pulse throughout (e.g. tap alternate knees, or knees, clap, knees, clap...)

We're all part of the human family. Some are different, that's just you and me. Doesn't matter, that's the way to be!

Discuss what the words mean to the children. In what ways are we the same or different?

All say the chant then call out a subject, such as 'fruit'. Children make turns going round the circle, choosing their favourite fruit, e.g. 'like bananas', 'like mango'.

##### ASSESSMENT

- Do the children move with awareness of the beat of the music?
- Do the children chant in rhythm with awareness of the steady beat?
- Can they combine a body percussion beat with chorused rhythms?

##### PROGRESSION

- In small groups or pairs, children invent four new dance moves with titles, then perform them in a sequence.
- Two groups join together. Each group takes it in turn to accompany the other dancing group with percussive rhythms, e.g. using maracas, drums or claps. They may like to repeat some of the word rhythms they have chosen in the chant (e.g. mango, e.g. 'like bananas', 'like mango', or just 'bananas', 'mango').

##### FURTHER LISTENING

- Backyard jam by Farmer Nappy – a participatory song celebrating having a party with friends in the backyard.
- Soca/mash grass by Kae – Kae is a popular band from Trinidad and this song was written for Carnival 2020.
- Vibrations groove by Lord Sharty and Vibrations International – one of the first soca songs Lord Sharty produced.

RESOURCES Human family chant

FARMER NAPPY ET AL.

♥

We're all part of the hu - man fa - mi - ly.

♥

Same or dif - ferent, that's just you and me.

♥

Does - n't mat - ter, that's the way to be!

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RESOURCES 1 Fam display

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