

## Drumming games for kids

- Move in a circle to the count of 4, help out by saying left,2,3,4 and right,2,3,4. You can add a clap on 1 to make things tricky.
- Lay some sticks in a circle so they can tread between them. Create a beat and they have to walk round in time to the beat.
- Pass the rumble. Get them to pass a rumble to each other 1 at a time. They can imagine they are passing it like a ball to the next person
- Rumble volume. Get someone to stand in the middle and act as a volume control. Arms up more volume arms down less volume.
- Stomping game. Get someone to stomp in the middle everyone plays their drum as the foot hits the ground.
- Ball bouncing similar to stomping as the ball hits the ground they hit the drum.
- Mexican wave beat. Pass a beat around the circle in time and rhythm.
- Neighbours drum. Sit close in a circle and hit the drum to your right on 1 and then to the left on 2 and your drum on 3 and 4.
- Call and response. Play a simple rhythm for them to repeat you can then ask one of them to play something and everyone repeats.
- Stop game. 1 person in the middle and everyone plays a beat and when the person in the middle clearly counts to 4 and then everyone stops and they make a dramatic pose, make it fun.
- Name game. Drum 2 beats then put the arms in the air for 2 beats while you each say your name in turn. Can say colours or animals or favourite beach etc....
- Destructive rhythm. Divide group into 2. One side plays a rhythm and the other tries to put them off by loudly drumming badly.
- Teach rhythm with phrases. 'Thank you very much for my lunch' works well, also 'dog, dog cat, caterpillar' tricky but fun 'red lorry yellow lorry' etc. create new ones amongst yourself too.
- Dancing. Play a rhythm for them to dance they can try mirror dancing and also teach them the, 'dig and dig and dig and sow' which we learnt
- Solo. Put a drum in the middle for 1 at a time to solo on while others keep the beat.
- Get creative and have fun 😊

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