

Fishy Instruments

You will need

A selection of percussion instruments and bells; dowelling; strong tape; beads; lentils; rice; buttons; fabric; coloured/shiny paper; card; plastic bottles; yoghurt pots; kitchen roll tubes; tubs; wool; scissors; felt pens; pictures of fish and sea creatures.

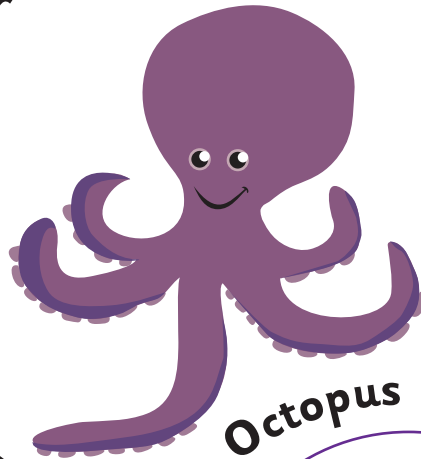


What you do

Sing the rhyme together - "1,2,3,4,5,once I caught a fish alive" and encourage the children to use the percussion instruments to accompany the singing. Use books and pictures to find out about different types of fish and creatures which live under the sea. Invite the children to design and make their own musical instruments on the theme of the sea. Here are some ideas:

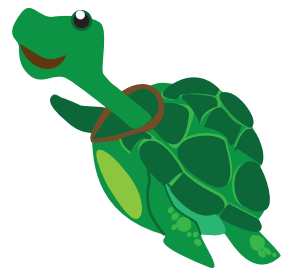
Sea Snake Shaker

Thread coloured beads, buttons onto string. Attach a card "face" to one end and a card "tail" to the other.



Turtle Drum

Attach a card "head", "feet" and "tail" to a round ice cream or margarine tub. Decorate the sides with brown squares.



Crab Scrapers

Attach card claws and eyes to a plastic bottle with ridges. Rub sticks along the ridges to make different sounds.



Octopus Maracas

Attach 8 fabric legs and wiggle eyes to a kitchen roll tube, seal one end, insert rice/lentils/small beads into the tube and seal up the other end.

Tropical Fish Bells

Tape or tie 3 or 4 lengths of string to a piece of dowelling. Attach some bells and small colourful fish cut from card/fabric/shiny paper.

