

ACTIVITY TIME

My Possum Plays The Drums

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As night falls, the orchestra begins! Drums bang, violins scratch, and saxophones hiss. Join in in this noisy celebration of possums and their night-time antics.

Join the possum orchestra!

You will need

- You and your toddler
- Craft items such as crayons, textas, pencils, ribbon, cardboard and coloured paper for decorating
- Ice-cream container with lid, spoons and two saucepan lids
- Sticky tape.

Instructions

Drum

1. Use your coloured paper and pencils to decorate your ice-cream container
2. Use spoons as drumsticks and make lots of noise!

Cymbals

1. Using sticky tape, attach a strip of ribbon or cardboard to one side of each of the lids to form handles
2. Bang the lids together to make create your own cymbals.

Other ideas

You can create music with everyday items from around the house! Search together to see what you can find that makes different noises. Can you hear the clock go tick tock? Can you hear the bird singing? Talk with your toddler about different sounds and instruments. For example, “what sound does a violin make? What is your favourite instrument?”. Listen to jazz or classical music on Spotify and identify the sounds together.

STEM Focus

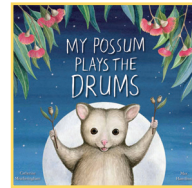
Singing and dancing helps to strengthen your child’s balance and coordination skills and incorporates math skills by learning about beat and rhythm, so clap along to the beat. Songs with actions help children to learn how to move their bodies and to play safely in the space around them.

Songs

Sing the ‘Cuddly Koalas’ song to the tune of *Frere Jaques: Cuddly koalas, cuddly koalas, Possums too, possums too, Wallabies and wombats, wallabies and wombats, Kangaroos, kangaroos!*

Key message

Children learn through being engaged and doing.



Adult supervision is required at all times when children play or are around water.



*You can introduce simple Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) concepts to children aged 2+ years through every day play.

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