

Loan Box

Teachers Resource

African Rhythms

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Introduction

This Teacher's Resource accompanies the schools Loan Box, Play: African Rhythms, available to hire from The Box, Plymouth.

Go to theboxplymouth.com to book your visit.

Risk assessment

Please conduct a risk assessment of these objects before using them with your class. Some of the objects included within this box have sharp edges, which you might need to treat with care with your students.

Lost/damaged items

If you have lost or damaged any items, please inform us as soon as possible, using this email address: TheBoxLearning@plymouth.gov.uk

Loan Box contents

This Loan Box gives your students the chance to play a range of African instruments, and create their own musical masterpiece.

Online Teacher Resources

To enhance your teaching, we've included a film of the musician Chartwell Dutiro playing an Mbira on our website. This resource can be found online alongside lots of other resources for schools at theboxplymouth.com/schools/learningresources

What's in the box?

3 x Mbira

5 x Djembe

2 x Darabuka

1 x Tik Tak



Ideas for
activities

There are lots of different ways to use these objects with your class. Here are three ideas to start you off:

1. Individual playing

The Djembe is played by holding it between your legs, and using your thumbs and fingers to play different tones. Experiment with the range of sounds that you can create.

There are lots of types of Mbira, and two different types in this box to experiment with. These are held underneath, with your thumbs plucking the keys.

Tik Tak's are played by holding the stick between your hands, and moving them to make a sound. Move quickly for a louder sound, and slower for something softer.

2. Topic enhancer: research skills

Make a group composition with your class. You can introduce your class to some musical terms to help direct the music, and together you can invent hand signals that indicate when these things happen. Traditionally, musical terms are in Italian:

Crescendo – getting louder

Diminuendo - getting softer

Accelerando – getting quicker

Lentando - getting slower

We'd love to see a video and hear your musical masterpiece!

3. Research Skills

Can your students find out more about the instruments in this Loan Box? How are they made, and where else are they played? We'd love to see what they discover! Or combine research skills with your ICT teaching, by using a free presentation app like Padlet or Explain Everything – these two apps can even hold films of the students playing the instruments. processes are involved in their production?

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