## Fun with phonics

## Environmental sound - Good for developing listening skills

Go out into the garden, open a window or the back door

Go on a listening walk in your garden. Listen to the outdoor sounds around you.

You can use the outdoor sounds worksheet or draw and write the names of the things you can hear.

Why not try drumming on different items outside and comparing the sounds.

Another idea is making shakers out of old yoghurt pots and different small items like rice, split peas stones or shells.

## Instrumental sounds

Collect together all the instruments and noisy toys in your house. Put them into pairs if you can. . If you have 2 similar items you can compare and match sound makers. Another fun learning activity is to make sound effects for your favourite stories, playing instruments alongside a story and making loud and quiet sounds.

## Body percussion - call and response, action songs online

To help develop children's awareness of sounds and rhythms. You can sing along to our favourite Go Noodle songs on YouTube. Sing songs and action rhymes, listening to music and build a sounds vocabulary.