



Chime bars– Year 1
An introduction to the chime bar
Spring
(Previous knowledge - exploring
percussion instruments in reception,
feeling the beat charanga unit)

Vocabulary

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
hit	Chime bar	Percussion
shake	melody	crotchet
beat	tune	quaver

Useful Resources

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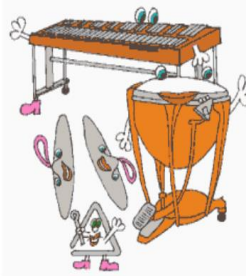
The Chime Bars



The musical alphabet can be played on the chime bars.

C D E F G A B C

The Percussion Family



We are from the percussion Family. Our family is very big. We have many more instruments than any other family has.

Anything that can be hit or shaken is called percussion. A saucepan or a bottle can be called percussion!

Some of us play notes and others just make sounds.

We are the rhythm section of the orchestra and help the orchestra to stay together.

Maps: Using the school grounds

What is a percussion instrument?

Percussion instruments are instruments that we hit or shake.

They can be tunes - play melodic notes, or united - just play rhythm.

The chime bar is a melodic percussion instrument,

Key Definitions

Word	Meaning
Crotchet	A note that plays for one beat
Crotchet rest	Making no sound for one beat
Quaver	A note that lasts for half a beat
Melodic	Makes a tune
Beater	The stick used to play the chim bars
Accompaniment	The music that plays alongside you playing the chimbars