



Chime bars– Year 2  
Playing melodies  
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

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XlwWRJPm4LTXslG-n7SrhHv1U6TCi5o>

## The Chime Bars



The musical alphabet can be played on the chime bars.

C D E F G A B C



When reading notes children are supported with notes in the same colour as the chime bars - setting them up for the next step in Year 3 - xylophones

## 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
Stave	The five lines musical notes sit on. This term we are playing on the treble clef stave, seen in the image.