



SPACE ACTIVITY ADVENTURE 1: MUSIC OF THE STARS

What can you see at night when you look up into the sky? Clouds? The moon? Stars?

What do the stars look like when you watch them? Do they twinkle? What sort of a sound do you think they might make? A low slow growly sound? A loud bangy sound? A high gentle twinkly sound? Make the sort of sound you think they might make.

Instruments

Now, with a grown-up go on a sound hunt around your house and gather-up things that might sound like twinkly stars. Find something to tap them with gently - did they sound like the stars?

If you haven't already, gather pairs of spoons of different sizes, cups, mugs, and maybe even some strong glasses and milk bottles. Tap your matching spoons together – how do they sound? Do they all sound the same? Are they high or low sounds? Now try the handles of the cups and mugs (tap on the inside of the handle). Do they all make the same sound? Are they high or low? Do they ring? Do any of the sounds sound like the stars might? If you have them, try the glasses and milk bottles too.

Listening:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLphLYoJWA8fknd0g99hBHyLXKSbq4sRQF>

Listen to the music - can you hear the stars twinkling? The tune is played by a celeste which means heavenly. In the first piece, does the tune sound more twinkly the first time or the second time it is played? Why do you think this is? Can you play along with your "star instruments". There is a video about the celeste too to find out more.