

BOOGIE BAGS



Communication, Language and Music

Music has an important part to play in the development of communication and language skills, including phonics (letters and sounds). Music is a universal language that can be enjoyed by everyone.

Music has a structure, with variations in pitch, pattern, sound, dynamics and rhythm. These are important elements that we also use when we speak - our words have a rhythm forming rhymes and patterns, the pitch of our voice can change and we create different sounds (phonemes); we also speak with a steady beat that can change tempo (speed) and volume (dynamics). *We are all musicians!*

Letters and Sounds



The teaching of phonics forms the corner stones of learning to read. To support children on their literacy learning journey, it is important to provide them with exciting ways to develop listening skills and the ability to distinguish between different sounds and patterns. This

is supported by the Letters and Sounds (phonics) programme used at St Elphin's.

Boogie Bags



Musical activities can provide opportunities to explore and develop basic phonics skills in a fun and imaginative way. Over the coming weeks and months the Reception children will be taking it in turns to bring home a Boogie Bag - a bag of exciting musical activities to promote and support listening and phonic skills. Phonics are taught daily at school, but your support at home is much appreciated; an opportunity for you and your child to **learn together**. Activities will include: a story, a sound walk, dancing games, singing songs and instrument challenges. I am sure that the children will have fun exploring the Boogie Bags, but with your support and guidance their learning experience will be more successful and enjoyable.

Thank you for your support

Miss Davies (Music Lead)