

## Listen to the Beat

*Main purpose* - To experience and appreciate rhythm and rhyme and to develop awareness of rhythm and rhyme in speech.

Use a variety of percussion instruments to play different rhythms. Remind the children to use their listening ears and to move in time to the beat - fast, slow, skipping, marching, etc. Keep the beat simple at first (e.g. suitable for marching) then move on to more complex rhythms for the children to skip or gallop to.

