

Why music is important

For babies music provides a whole body learning experience that promotes well-being.

Music sets the emotional climate for learning. Babies learn through relationships with parents and carers and this communication is at first, essentially a musical one.

Music is highly motivating for babies and young children as they are born with the ability to respond to music.

Music promotes trust and well-being. Our earliest experiences of music after birth are about being touched, talked to and sung to.

For older children music supports listening, aural discrimination and aids memory, the basic building blocks for language learning.

Music promotes thinking skills or 'cognitive' learning but also the learning of language, social skills, play and creativity.

Music introduces children to speech