



Boomwhackers: Lite Level 1

Course Evaluation Criteria

Y1: We would expect all children in Y1 to attain statements 1-4. If any of statements 5-10 are attained, those pupils are exceeding expectations.

Y2: We would expect all children in Y2 to attain statements 1-8. If statements 9 or 10 are attained, those pupils are exceeding expectations.

1. Pupils know how to make a sound with a Boomwhacker.
2. Pupils can play simple rhythms in unison with the class.
3. Pupils can play a C scale using solfège.
4. Pupils can hear the different pitches of each colour Boomwhacker.
5. Pupils can play a beginner song by reading a colour chart.
6. Pupils can play a song from start to finish in small groups.
7. Pupils can adjust their grip accordingly to produce a clear tone.
8. Pupils can play two Boomwhackers at the same time while producing a clear tone in both.
9. Pupils can identify whether a pitch is higher or lower than another.
10. Pupils can understand octaves and can use the octavators.

Learning Outcomes

Course Overview: This course is about learning a new instrument in a fun, creative and inventive way. Boomwhackers are a new instrument that allows the children to play in group ensembles, recreating songs or composing their own tunes. Children will get the opportunity to play in different parts of the Boomwhacker orchestra to see where they prefer to be. Every song is taught using colour-coordinated notes, allowing children who struggle to read from a staff to still participate easily.

Learning Outcomes: To have gained a greater understanding of Boomwhacker instrumentation and to know its background. Students will also be able to perform a number of different skills on the instrument and play a number of songs.

Keywords

Boomwhackers

Playing Techniques

Hit against your body, or against the table.



The roll - Using just one or two boomwhackers



Octavator

Creates a larger range



Chords and chord sequences

Playing three note chords and songs with simple melodies and chord sequences.



Class Songs

Ebenezer Sneezer	Star Wars Theme	
Jacques	Rollin' in the deep	
Birthday Rock	How far will I go	
Sunny	Ghostbusters	
Tetris Theme	Lady Bird	
	Oh Suzanna	
	Paris - Do-Re-Mi	

Vocabulary Bank

Boomwhacker *A plastic tube that plays a note when hit.*

Octavator *A black cap, which when placed on the end of a boomwhacker, lowers the pitch by an octave.*

Pitch *How high or low a note is.*

Melody *A sequence of notes that makes a tune.*

Chords *Two or more notes played together at the same time.*

Solfège *A musical scale we sing to Do, Ray, Me, Far, So, La, Te, Do.*