



## MUSIC PADS EARLY YEARS



During the Early Years Music sessions we have been exploring a set of 'Music Pads'. These are brightly coloured foam circles, which play a note when you stand on them. The four to seven year olds who attend have had a wonderful time with these.

We began by simply playing with them to find out what they could do - the children quickly worked out how to play them and enjoyed making up 'tunes'. We then progressed to making up tunes which began and ended on a 'C' (a red pad). This led to recording our tunes on paper, as well as playing tunes, which I had previously recorded ('Jingle Bells' was a great favourite at Christmas time!).

The pads have also been useful during work on pitch - the younger children were able to tell me whether the notes were moving up or down the scale and the older children put the pads in the correct order to create the Scale of C.

Most importantly the children (and the parents who come along) love playing them. Every Saturday morning the first thing they do is ask if we will be using the music pads!

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**For more information on Early Years sessions - contact Music Service (01454 863147).**

**Music Pads** are available from Music Education Supplies Ltd at £179.00.

Ideal for Key Stage 1, Nursery and Special Needs.