

## Music Skills

### Ideas/questions to explore in your setting

- Create inviting musical environments for children to access and observe their musical play.
- Experiment by sometimes playing recorded music in these environments. Does music affect their play? Do different styles of music affect how children play? Do some children identify the pulse or play more rhythmically with different styles?
- Use music as a starting point to encourage children to create their own pieces. You can start with simple ideas such as music which draws upon obvious changes in volume – music from musicals can be useful as they are often dramatic. For example Dance at the Gym from West Side Story changes from fast to slow. Fast and slow could be the basis of a structure to help children compose.