

Year 4 Afternoon Learning –

Week beginning Monday 22nd February 2021

This is your learning for Science:

Sound – Sound Mapping

What is a sound map?

A sound map is a way of drawing, or mapping, the sounds around you. All you do is stay in a single spot and draw the sounds on paper to show which direction they come from.

Why make a sound map?

They confront a bad habit that most of us have developed - we are so intent on getting somewhere that we miss much of what we are travelling through. Or a place is so familiar we fail to notice the detail that makes it special. Stopping and just soaking in the sound around us makes us pay closer attention to what is really around us.

How do you make a sound map?

1. Take a piece of paper, card or cardboard and a pencil or pen.
2. Mark yourself in the middle of the sound map, perhaps as a stick figure or a cross.
3. Find a spot and stand or sit still.
4. Stay quiet for at least 5 minutes and listen to what is making sound around you.
5. Mark on your paper the sounds you can hear and where they are coming from.
6. Be still and quiet, really focusing on sounds you can hear from further away.
7. You can draw, write or colour the sounds you can hear around you.

Some example sound maps are shown below.



Places that could be good for sound mapping and what you might hear in them:

Bedroom – family walking around or talking, cars driving on the road, rain or wind...

Your living room – TV in the background, dinner being cooked, cat purring...

A park – swings squeaking, grass rustling in the wind, dogs barking, children playing...

A forest – trees groaning, leaves rustling, crunching snow and ice, birds singing...

Any place is good for sound mapping as long as you can hear the world around you!

Use the space below to sound map if you wish, or use your own paper.