

Music in Early Years

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, routines are established and one of the ways this is achieved is by using music to tidy up to. During tidy-up time children will still be learning. The process of tidying up itself involves many learning opportunities. It's a collaborative experience if everyone participates, it's physical and, as we have pictures and labels on storage, this can help to promote children's literacy development.

Here is the list of the tidy up songs. The choices are deliberate to ensure we promote a wide range of music and musical genres.

Autumn Term

A Tidy up Rumba. The Rumba originates from Cuba.



Jambo Bwana. A song from Kenya.

Hall of the Mountain King from Peer Gynt by Grieg This is also the title of a play whose main character is based on a Norwegian folk tale.

Joyeux Noel—A French Christmas Song



Spring Term

January by Pilot - This song was number 1 for three weeks in January 1975.

Take Five by Dave Brubeck - This jazz track was recorded in 1959 is still the biggest selling jazz single of all time.





Moi et Toi - a song from Algeria

The Great Big Boat Song - a song from the Caribbean



Summer Term



Heli Meli - a song from Libya



Battu an African song



Sommer für sommer by Dota Kehr - a song from Germany

Riddles Hornpipe/The Circus by Granny's Attic; a folk tune

