

Songs

Bells in the Steeple: Traditional playground song

Bells in the
Steeple How
loudly they ring
Ding a dong, Ding a
dongDing a dong
Ding!

This song is based on a three beat in a bar pattern. It may also be useful to ask children if they think the Abbey would have had bells?

Find the audio file here:

https://soundcloud.com/reading_museum/bells-in-the-steeple-3?in=reading_museum/sets/the-music-of-reading-abbey

The steps are:

1. Sing the song teachers turn pupils turn
2. Pupils sing and keep the beat in by clapping (beat one) and then clicking so clap, clickclick.
3. In a circle whilst singing one pupil claps (alone) the next two click alone
4. Try and varying speeds how fast can they go?

Lucy Locket: Traditional playground song/game

Lucy Locket lost her
pocket Ki-ty Fisher
found it
Not a penny was
there in it But a
ribbon round it

Find the audio file here:

https://soundcloud.com/reading_museum/lucy-locket-3?in=reading_museum/sets/the-music-of-reading-abbey

Game:

1. Stand in a circle
2. One person walks around the circle carrying a small token/toy.
3. They drop it behind the person they are closest to at the end of the song and run around the circle to take the person's place.
4. The other person picks up the toy and chases them and become the next 'on it' person.