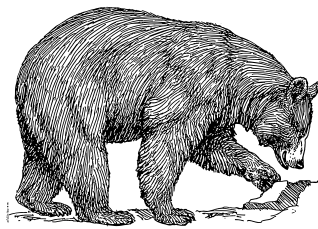




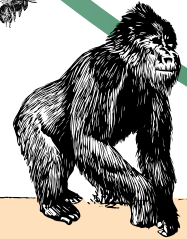
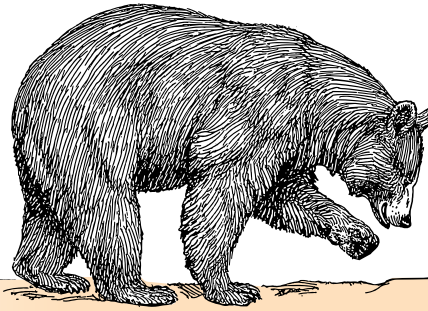
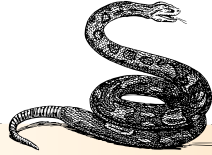
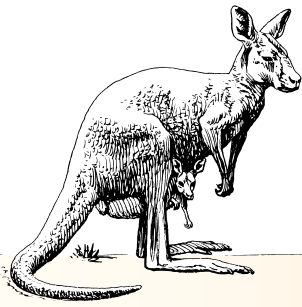
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# Mini Sparks with Trish Keelan

## A Trip To The Zoo

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## A Trip To The Zoo

Hello Song

Guffalo Song

Kangaroo Song

Boa Constrictor

Three Little Monkeys

Brown Bear

Busy Bee

Goodbye Song

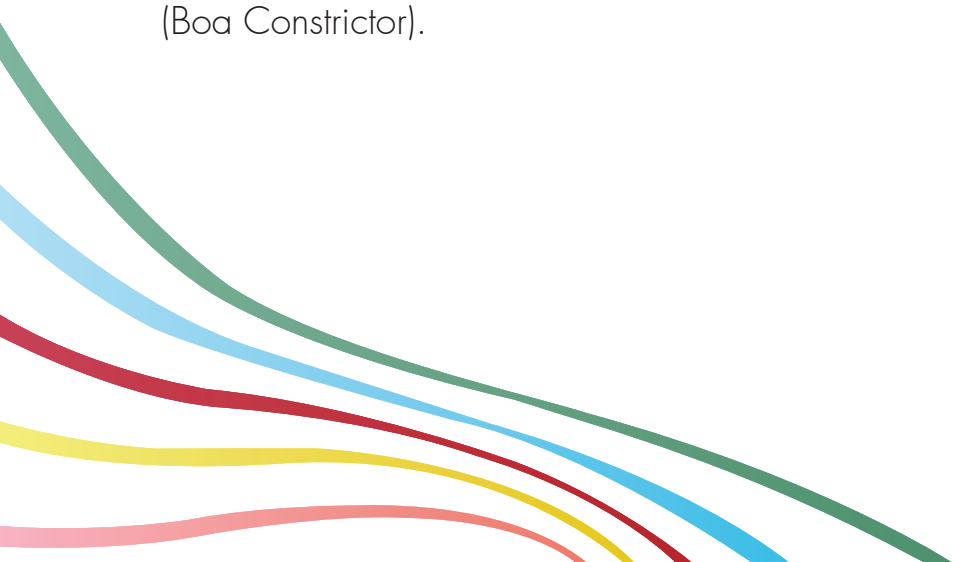


**Mini Sparks is our specialist programme for children age 0-4. It is proven that children who engage in high-quality, regular musical learning from an early age gain musical, intellectual, emotional and social advantages. At Mini Sparks we want every child to be able to access great music!**

We hope you enjoy watching the accompanying song resources with your child.

## Explore

Using the songs as a starting point, support your child in exploring some elements of music:

- Dynamics (quiet and loud) – sing quietly like a mouse or loudly like a bear (Brown Bear).
  - Tempo (speed) – fly fast like a bee or crawl slowly like a tortoise (Busy Bee).
  - Pitch – jump up high and crouch down low to the high and low notes (Gruffalo Song).
  - Pitch – tap to the beat with a wooden spoon (Kangaroo Song).
  - Rhythm – clap the pattern of a word. Try Kan-ga-roo or Gruff-a-lo. Try it with a homemade shaker of rice, pasta or beans sealed inside a bottle.
  - Mood – make scary faces (Gruffalo Song) or silly faces (3 Little Monkeys).
  - Movement – hop like a kangaroo (Kangaroo Song) or slither like a snake (Boa Constrictor).
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## Learn

Music also helps with working the memory to aid learning.

Using the songs as a starting point, you could support your child in practising colours (Brown Bear), parts of the body (Boa Constrictor) and numbers (Three Little Monkeys):

You could also use the songs to explore habitats and the world around us with your child (Busy Bee, Kangaroo Song and Gruffalo Song).

- Where can you see bees? How many can you see in your garden or on your daily walk? What do bees make? Who likes honey?
- The bear in our song likes honey. Which other famous bear likes honey?
- Where do snakes live?
- What kind of home does a Gruffalo have?
- Where does a Kangaroo come from?
- Where in the world is Australia?
- What is a Joey?



## Listen

Your child may like to know more about Charlie, who features in Trish's videos. Charlie is a piano accordion. He's a bit like a big bag of wind. Trish plays him by pushing wind through him. She then presses a button/key which opens a hole to make a note (a pitched sound). Trish needs big muscles to play Charlie. Charlie loves playing with other people and Trish often takes him on stage to play with a band.

See You Tube for Trish playing Charlie in **Rainbow Season with the Gerry Colvin band.**