

Music can impact on children's development in so many ways:

Music learning

Understanding and experiencing the musical elements of beat (the pulse), rhythm (the pattern-long and short sounds) dynamics (loud and soft sounds), tempo (fast and slow sounds) and tone colour (the quality of the sound-is it a triangle or a drum?).

Music is SPECIAL

Social

Playing together in a group and turn waiting, Sharing and cooperation

Physical

Fine and gross motor skills improved through movement and instrumental experiences. Spatial awareness.

Emotional

Developing self-confidence, self-expression and a sense of belonging.

Cultural

Experience of other cultures through song and dance. Use of waiata, te reo Maori

Intellectual

Develops critical listening skills. Concentration improves with aural training. Supports a higher level of thinking

Aesthetic

Calms and focuses the mind. Develops a musical taste and an appreciation of beautiful things.

Language

Vocal and speech development improves through singing. Increases vocabulary and understanding of language structures.