

Jamalong sessions with Carrie & Mowkee

These jam sessions work alongside The Improvise Approach.

To get started straightaway, follow the instructions here, to keep your music space in tune.

There is a 20 minute training video available on my website and from Leicestershire Music Hub.

These Jamalong sessions allow students time and space to improvise harmoniously with each other, within a repeated musical framework.

The joy of always being in tune with each other, helps develop confidence and independence.

Each song has a picture and title/ theme to encourage easy recognition and imaginative play.

Traditional musical instruments are often very difficult for our PMLD students to access. By using iPads/ iPhones with the ThumbJam app and optimum positioning for the needs of that student, they have access to use any part of their body, to play a wide range of musical instruments and have more control over what and how they play.

It's amazing to see the motivation that is created when a student realises they can play beautifully! It helps develop their hand-eye coordination, listening and communication skills, turn-taking...and so much more.

The well-being we all experience when are able to access music, must be accessible to everyone.

It's our aim, that these sessions will help students/ staff/ carers/ parents....everyone, to make free, improvised, musical choices and give them the time to find their "inner muso".

The best app is **ThumbJam** IOS app £8.99 - <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/thumbjam/id338977566>

Alternative FREE music-making apps:

AUMI - works in a similar way to a Soundbeam, using the iPad camera - <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/aumi/id647002265>

Harp Real (plays in C major) - <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/harp-real/id1481348599>

iGrand Piano (Free for iPad) - <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/igrand-piano-free-for-ipad/id562914032>

Sensory Mica/ Vocalisation - <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/sensory-mica-vocalization/id1114480218>

To keep your music space in tune

iPADS & THUMBAM APP SET TO C MAJOR PENTATONIC SCALE

Choose your instrument sound (see suggestions for each song).

ALL TUNED PERCUSSION chime bars, bells etc., SELECT THE NOTES

C D E G A

...and plenty of pots, pans, spoons, rice shakers and wrinkly tinkly things.

Sensory Speak Up/ Vocalise - <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/sensory-speak-up-vocalize/id655636902>

For more details on The Improvise Approach, free resources and useful links, please visit our website at www.improviseapproach.com

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Song Titles	Mowkee's Props	Vocal	iPad Setting Suggestions
Welcome song -	Rice shaker	It's a la, la, la, la, lovely day	
1. Guitar	Modelling balloon and balloon pump - copy Mowkee and make a guitar!	Guitar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mandolin (u) - Hang (u) - Vintage Accordion (s) - Trombone Plunger (s)
2. Rock star	Old classical guitar (this one's from a charity shop). Attach iPhone with Velcro, across body hole, load ThumbJam app (in C major pentatonic) and set to "Electric Guitar". Add a WOWee speaker bottom of guitar and connect mini jack to jack. Funnel	Rock Star I'm a Rock Star	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upright piano (u) - Banjo (u) - Blues Organ 2 (s) - Electric Guitar (s)
3. Jazz	Flower Box double bass made with a broom, 3 pegs, elastic bands and gaffa tape. Bells Box covered with foil played with a washing up brush iPad (ThumbJam) Blues Organ 2	Jazz cats That's Jazz!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glockenspiel (u) - Vibes (u) - Blues Organ 2 (s) - Flute (s)
4. Harp	Harp iPad - ThumbJam (Harp)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'Cello (s) - Flute (s) - Vibes (u) - Grand Piano (u)
Goodbye song		Goodbye, goodbye, Goodbye to you	
All backing tracks (c) Carrie Lennard, live guitar, iPad + ThumbJam Live 'everything else!'" - Mowkee			<p>For students using iPads and the ThumbJam app as an instrument, set key to 'C' and scale, Major Pentatonic. For some students, a sustained sound (s) is difficult to control, in which case, choose unsustained (u). All the music on this video is playable using C major pentatonic scale.</p>

