

Scots Sang an Leid wi Amy Lord

Introduction

This book is a teacher's/parents aide for teaching Scots song and language and to help develop knowledge of cultural heritage in primary school aged children during the 2020 Covid-19 Lockdown.

It has been designed so that teachers and parents of levels of musical ability can use it, and also taught in the style that Scots songs have been taught and passed on for hundreds of years.

Background

Scots songs and Scottish street traditional street songs have long been used as educational aides for young children in Scotland. Within this context, their main use is to help with singing and Scots language skills, however, like nursery rhymes they are also useful for helping develop phonic skills by learning sounds. The rhythm and repetition makes them easy to commit to memory and memory skills can play a large part in helping children to learn to read.

What's included

Each song in this booklet has a song sheet, teachers and parents information/answer page, accompanying track and suggested further activities and reading/listening. Within it, I have also tried to include a wide selection of different types and genres of Scottish childrens song, which cover a range of different subjects normally used to help when learning a new language such as animals, body parts and foods.

There is an accompanying information page to each worksheet, with facts about the songs and a little background information.

How to Use – The Song Sheets

There are two ways to approach teaching the songs in this booklet. Before learning each song, you could start by reading out and discussing the info given for the song on the answer/info page, so as to give a little background knowledge prior to hearing the song. This will help prepare your child for learning the song, it also means they have to retain the information longer and repeating it will ensure further retention.

All of the songs have a further task or suggested activity for your child to do on the answer page, as well as additional extra worksheets relevant to some songs.

How to Use – Learning the Song

On the accompanying tracks, the song has been sung through in its entirety. It is not necessary for you to use the tracks when teaching the songs, you're very welcome to learn the songs first yourselves and teach them but I would still thoroughly advise teaching the songs in the call and response method which has been indicated above.

Thanks

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