



Sherlock's masterplan – teaching the songs

- Listen to the CD before teaching the songs. This will help you get to know them and give you a better idea of how they should be performed.
- Children need a good singing model to follow; this could be you, another teacher or the singers on the CD. For some of the simpler songs you could ask one of the children to help you sing. Ultimately, however, children will respond to your enthusiasm, so be prepared to have a go, even if you do not feel confident with your voice.
- It helps if you know the song well yourself; then you will be aware of any possible difficulties such as tricky notes, rhythmic patterns or awkward words.
- For some songs it may be an idea first to talk briefly about the background and content of the song.
- Always aim for a stimulating and positive environment where the energy level is high and the activities are interesting so that the children do not lose attention or motivation.

Using the CD to teach the song

- Play through the song once so the children can hear how the whole song goes.
- Next, play through the song again, but this time ask the children to join in with any repeated parts of the song or any simple actions.
- Continue in this way, putting the song together by learning short sections until it is completely familiar to the children.