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Developing knowledge, skills and attitudes for change in a global society

WEST AFRICAN MUSIC COLLECTION

This collection contains a range of musical instruments that are commonly used in West African countries – Senegal, **The Gambia**, Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Cote D'Ivoire, **Ghana**, Togo, Benin, **Mali/Burkina Faso**, **Nigeria** and **Cameroon**.

For additional information, the above countries in bold type have their own day-to-day artefact and photo collections available for loan.

Please use the boxes on the right to check the items **IN** and then **OUT** before you return the collection.

Instruments (total number of pieces = 26)

		IN	OUT
Basket Rattle x 3	Woven pink baskets with seeds or pebbles inside.		
Calabash Rattle x 2	Calabash covered in net and beads.		
Drum in Fabric Bag	Medium sized carved drum, played with the palms of the hand.		
Double Basket Rattles x 2	Double rattles made from woven wicker.		
Single Basket Rattle	Made from woven wicker.		
Gon-Gong	Long metal instrument with metal beater (also known as Frikiwa).		
Maracash x 2	Small round calabashes attached to wooden handles (also known as Chekere).		
Pepensua	Drop shaped metal instrument with metal beater.		
Pod Shaker	A dried seed pod from one of the local trees (cassia). This forms one of the easiest to find instruments.		
Shaker	L-shaped instrument with both rattle and shaker (also known as Rakatak).		
Round Calabash Shaker	Ball-sized shaker made from a calabash.		
Seed Shakers x 4	Small shakers made from seed heads. Two are attached to wooden handles. Two are joined by a cord.		
Leather Shaker	Small drum-like instrument on a wooden handle with attached beaters (also known as Tik Tak).		
Xylophone	Made from wood and half-calabashes (with two rubber ended beaters). These come in a variety of sizes (also known as Dagarti Gulu).		
Yomkwo Raft Zither	There are many different variations of this W. African instrument		
Gourd Shakers x 2	Made from gourds with wooden handles.		
Shakers x 3	Long seed pods		
Thumb pianos x 2			

Photographs, Information, CDs and Cassettes

Music & Musical Instruments	Booklet giving information about a selection of instruments; includes sketches of each instrument. (2 copies, 1 original, 1 photocopy)		
Gourds and Calabashes	Booklet about gourds and calabashes and their uses.		
Sound, A Cultural and Global Approach	1 x book for Key Stage 3.		
Laminated A4 photos	Making a double basket rattle.		



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x7	Pods growing on a tree. Calabash growing on a tree. Calabash drying, prior to being made into instruments. Selection of calabash shakers. Carving out a drum. Decorating a drum.		
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Laminated A4 info sheets x 6	Suggestions for relevant websites. Video notes on Africa's Child: Dance to the Drum – Ghana x 3 Suggestions for stories linked to instruments. Africa for Kids.		
Making Music on the Line	CDROM. Songs, dances and melodies collected from five locations on the zero degrees longitude line (Greenwich Meridian).		
The Rough Guide to West African Music	CD of music from a selection of West African countries.		
CD	Music from Nigeria & Ghana		
Tahinta, A Rhythm Play for Children	1 x book and cassette.		
Talking Drum	1 x cassette and spiral bound book with 8 photos.		
Worlds Behind the Music	Booklet and transparencies (slides).		
Laminated A5 photos	17 Photos of various West African musical instruments.		
Laminated A5 sheets x 10	Percussion Instruments. Information and pictures of each instrument.		