Young children need to listen to talking and adult conversations to learn about the patterns of rhythm and intonation in their language, which they will then learn to imitate.

**ACTIVITY**

**Pot & Pan Drums**

Play a drum game with pots, pans and wooden spoons – you play short 2 or 3 beat rhythms then encourage your child to copy you – vary your beats to be long/short, quiet/loud, quick/slow – then you copy your child’s rhythm!