Year 4: Sound

Key vocabulary		
Decibel	The unit of measure describing how loud something is.	
Distorted	Changed from its true sound.	
Eardrum	Membrane of the middle ear, which vibrates in response to sound waves which helps you to hear.	
Frequency	The number of times a soundwave occurs.	
Insulation	A way to keep heat, sound or electricity from spreading.	
Muffle	To prevent sound from being heard.	
Pitch	How high or low a sound is.	
Sound waves	The air vibrating and carrying a noise with it.	
Vibration	Particles moving backwards and forwards.	
Vocal cords	Tissue in the throat that produce sound.	

Key Knowledge		
Preceding	•	Hearing is the sense that you use to hear sounds.
	•	Sound is created when something vibrates and sends waves of energy into our ears.
Current	•	The vibrations travel through the air or another medium (solid, liquid or gas) to the ear.
Curr	•	The stronger the vibrations, the louder the sound.
	•	Sound changes depending on how fast or slow an object vibrates to make sound waves.

Which material is best to use for muffling sound? Comparative tests How does the length of a guitar

Fair Tests

Scientific Enquiry

string/tuning fork affect the pitch of the sound?

How does the volume of a drum change as you move it further away from it?

