

Ukulele Club is the perfect chance to introduce your child to the amazing world of the "uke" and all the stringed instruments in general.

## Content

Children will have amazing fun and cover:

- Basic knowledge of the instrument.
- How to tune a Uke
- Beats: What's a beat? How do we play in time and how do we keep a beat steady?
- Chord patterns. How do we play a chord on the Uke?
- Strumming. Development of coordination skills.
- Single note picking. Let's play a melody on the Ukulele!
- Week-by-week work towards a finale performance.

# Class Size

- Groups of 5 students
- Students that sign up a full course get a school Ukulele to take home and practice!





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## Week 1

Introductory lesson to the ukulele:

What is a Ukulele?

What's the difference between a Ukulele and Guitar?

How do we tune a Ukulele?

Ukulele tuning practice.

Ukulele Jam!

### Week 2

What's a beat?

Hands Clapping to a certain beat/rhythm.
Understanding of concept of "beat", "time", "rhythm".

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<u>Learning how to strum:</u> Learn the first strumming pattern:

1 2 3 4 .......

down-down-down

Taking turns playing 4 downstrokes on a steady beat (4/4).

### Week 3

More Strumming:

Strumming turn game: The children will strum one downstroke each on a steady beat.

<u>Concentration Game:</u> This is very similar to a drumming circle warm up.

Let's learn our first chord: The C chord.

### Week 4

Strumming warm up game

More chords!: Let's learn our second chord. F Chord

<u>How do we read a ukulele TAB?</u>: Get familiar with the ukulele tab sheet.

## Week 5

<u>Let's learn one more chord!</u>: Learning the G chord. Play the chords we learnt so far in an order:

Start from counting: 1 2 3 4....

1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 C (4 strokes) F (4 strokes) G (4 Strokes)

#### Week 6

Our First song: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star Let's learn the chord pattern (progression) of the verse: Chords used: C F G

Let's practice all together.

Crazy Ukulele Jam!

## Week 7

Song Practice: Let's see what we got so far....

Add the second part of the song (Up above the world so high part).

## Week 8

<u>Introducing single notes!</u>: Ukulele is not only for strumming all of the strings at once, but we can also play

single notes.

Let's learn the melody of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. (If we are running a full class, we can split the melody section in 2 harmonized parts).

### Week 9

Let's keep practicing!

<u>Ukulele TAB practice.</u>

Single note practice.

Chord strumming practice.

## Week 10

Ensemble music time!

<u>Let's get used to play together. Listen to our friends playing.</u>

Rehearsals: Rhythm section and melody section combined.

# Week 11

Let's rehearse the song:

Playing with other people is a very important skill to develop when it comes to music.

Let's memorize the notes and the chord pattern!

## **Week 12**

We are almost there!

Let's keep practicing the song and have some fun with a recording tool.

How does it work? How does my voice sound when it's recorded?

What can we do with a recording tool? Let's find it out!

#### Week 13

Let's record the sona!

This will be the most challenging part of the course.

We will have a real recording session and we will learn all the steps of recording:

Setting up the microphone, what's the ideal distance between the instruments and the microphone....

# Week 14

Let's keep producing our song!

We will continue with the recording session adding more parts and some singing too!

The children will experience what it feels like to be in the studio, record and listen to their own playing in a critical way.

## Week 15

Celebration Time!

To celebrate the end of the course, every ukulele player will play in the end of course show and receive a ukulele diploma, well done everyone!