

# Lightning Creek Band - Starlings

The Starlings enjoyed a visit from The Lightning Creek Band. Scott & Greg's musical explorations invited lots of interest from the children – they created familiar animal sounds and some 'curious' sounds; they introduced well known instruments along with some more unusual ones - using various songs to explore many different and interesting sounds. After a piano accordion was played, the children were overheard pondering its unusual shape and discussing its possible name – they wondered if it might have been a piano? But soon decided the shape and size were wrong.

There were further conversations after the puppet show from their performance – the children speculated about how it was able to move –some thought the man was controlling it, but they couldn't see him, whilst others suggested robots which lead to a discussion about 'transformers'. Everyone enjoyed our special day, and since the Lightning Creek Band visited, we have been exploring music during group times - with a special focus on rhythm and beat. Providing musical experiences where children can incorporate animation and mime has since emerged as an interest for our group....a magical way for children to become comfortable, relaxed and excited to participate.

