Key Vocabulary	
Vibration	A movement backwards and forwards
Soundwave	Vibrations travelling from a sound source
Volume	The loudness of a sound
Amplitude	The size of a vibration
Pitch	How high or low a sound is
Soundproof	To prevent sound from passing
Absorb sound	To take in sound energy
Eardrum	A part of the ear which is a thick, tough layer of tissue that is stretched out like a drum skin. Sound waves make the eardrum vibrate
Distance	A measurement of length between two points
Vacuum	A space where there is nothing. There are no particles in a vacuum.
Ear	An organ used for hearing

<u>Year 4 - Sound</u>

Loud and quiet:





High and low pitch:



Key Knowledge	
•	Sound is a type of energy that is created by
•	The louder the sound, the bigger the vibration
Amplit	ude:
•	Louder sounds have a larger amplitude
•	Quieter sounds have a smaller amplitude
Pitch:	
•	A measure of how high or low a sound is
•	Faster vibrations = higher pitch
•	Slower vibrations = lower pitch
•	You can change the pitch of a sound in different
	ways depending on the instrument you are
	playing
How sound travels (drum example):	
•	When you hit the drum, the drum skin vibrates
•	The particles in the air close to the drum start
	to vibrate
•	The vibrations pass to the next air particle and
	to the next
•	This carries on until the air particles closest to
	the ear vibrates, passing the vibrations into your
	ear

- Inside your ear, the vibrations hit the eardrum and are passed into the middle ear
- Vibrations are changed to electrical signals and are sent to your brain

Sound energy travel easier in a solid because the vibrating particles are closer together