

Tongue

It's best to practise using the tongue from the start. Put the reed in your mouth, then the tip of the tongue needs to hit the tip of the reed to start the note and then immediately move it back into the mouth. It might feel uncomfortable to do, but it's good practice to start every note with the tongue at this stage, as it makes the notes easier to play.

Here is a link to a video clip demonstrating how to tongue on the bassoon.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pVcXAW1jP1Q>

Using just the reed, try tonguing the rhythm of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and Happy Birthday.


