

English

Musical Composers Reading Comprehension

Choose one of the famous composers below to read about and answer the comprehension questions provided.

Debussy/Holst/Gershwin/Rachmaninoff

Research the life of a famous musician and create a biography.

Consider current musicians such as Lady Gaga, Rihanna or Justin Bieber but also musicians your parents or grandparents enjoyed listening to such as Elvis Presley, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder or David Bowie.

Write a song and record it.

Watch the online video for inspiration before writing your lyrics. The website provides you with some great instrumental tracks for you to sing along to. Enjoy!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/english-ks2-write-song-lyrics/znhh7nb>

Art/DT

Make and play a tissue box guitar. This project combines the science of sound with the art of music.

(See resources)

Design a front cover for a CD of a band or for a song you like (or for the song you made up). Look at examples of CD front covers to help you. What colours can you see? Who or what is on the cover? Are there any instruments? What is the title? How do you feel when looking at the cover?

(See resources)

Can you create other musical instruments using recycling?

History

Who were The Beatles? When were they around? What did they do? Were they popular? Can you name any of their songs?

Find out the answers to these questions and many more in the resource pack. You could even try some of the other activities.

(See resources)

Maths

The first six numbers of the Fibonacci Sequence are;

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5

Mathematicians have discovered that an unusual number of musical items such as pianos, violins, saxophones and even speaker wires have Fibonacci numbers linked to them.

Can you work out the next six numbers in the sequence?

Can you describe the rule for calculating each number in the sequence?

Home Learning Y3/4 Theme:



Music



RE

Have you got a favourite assembly hymn? How many can you remember? How about - Shine, Jesus Shine, Autumn Days, Push Little Seed, Push, Push?

Challenge: Can you write an extra verse for your favourite hymn and perform it for your family?

PE

Can you create your own dance to some music of your choice? It can be rap, dance or classical...or even jazz music

Science

A xylophone is a tuned percussion instrument. The notes are made from a set of wooden blocks. The longer the block of wood the lower the note.

A jam jar xylophone uses a set of jars with water in them instead of wooden blocks to make different notes.

Watch a video and download resources by clicking the link below

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zd748xs>

Make music using jam jars filled with water

Musical Instruments!! Think back to our autumn term topic of Sound! Watch the videos below and try to explain in your own words how each of the 4 families of instruments make sound!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/music-science-ks2-what-is-sound/zbnmhbk>

PSHE/Mindfulness

Think about how music affects you. In lockdown, on Thursday evenings, many people went out to clap for the NHS workers and some played instruments. Why do you think they did this?

Can you write two paragraphs to explain how different types of music have different effects on your mood?

Geography

Research Manchester - it is said that it is the birthplace of much of our great music... which bands have come out of Manchester and were they popular? Are there any other places where great musicians have come from?