

# Year 2—Music—Knowledge Organiser

## Wood wind instruments

### Key Vocabulary

<b>Orchestra</b>	A group of musicians playing different instruments.
<b>Ostinato</b>	A short patterns of notes that is repeated several times.
<b>Pitch</b>	The highness or lowness of a sound
<b>Rhythm</b>	A regular pattern of sound
<b>Tempo</b>	The speed of the music.
<b>Beat / pulse</b>	A basic and continuous unit of time
<b>Crescendo</b>	Music that gets louder
<b>Diminuendo</b>	Music that gets quieter.
<b>Percussion</b>	Instruments that make a sound by being struck or shaken.
<b>Composer</b>	The person who writes music.
<b>Reed</b>	Thin piece of wood in a mouth-piece of some wind instruments.
<b>Dynamics</b>	Shows how loud of quietly pieces of music should be played to add effect.

Wood wind instruments include the **flute, oboe, clarinet** and **bassoon**. They used to be made of wood. Now they are made of plastic and metal.

Woodwind instruments make different sounds or 'notes' when air is blown into them and holes are covered. They can make low pitch and high pitch sounds and come in different sizes.



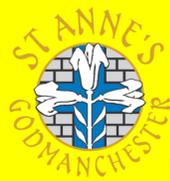
The air within a wind instrument vibrates to make a sound. Sometimes the air is blown across a mouthpiece such as a flute. Sometimes the air is blown into a mouthpiece through a reed. A reed is a very thin piece of wood that vibrates. To make different notes, holes on the instrument are covered.



**Mouthpiece of a flute**



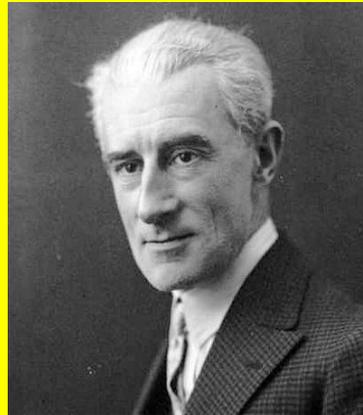
**Mouthpiece with a reed**



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## Maurice Ravel

Maurice Ravel was born in 1875 in France. He started playing the piano when he was very young. He liked to write music about fairy tails and far away lands.



One of his most famous pieces of music is 'The Bolero'. It was used by two famous ice skaters called Torvill and Dean who skated to it in the Olympic Games.

## Rhythm



Happy Happy Sunshine

Music is written using dots and lines. The dots tend to tell us the note or pitch. The lines help us to recognise the rhythm or beat.

Single lines are a single beat or 'Clap'. Joined lines indicate a double clap. Try the rhythm above by clapping it as you say 'Happy Happy Sunshine'

## Key music to listen to.



### 'Bolero' by Maurice Ravel

Can you hear the music get louder and quieter?

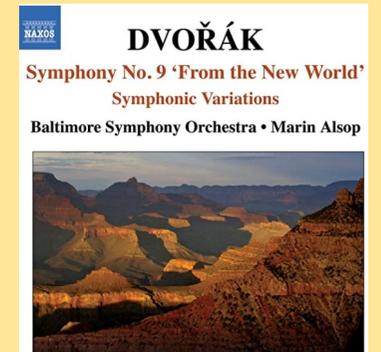
Can you tap along to the beat?

What instruments can you hear?

### 'Largo—New World Symphony' - By Dvorak

Close your eyes? What pictures does this music help you see?

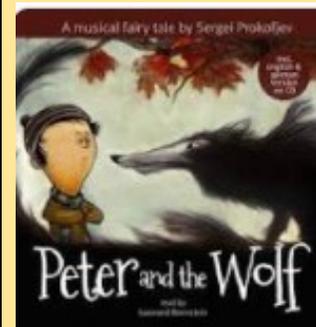
What instruments can you hear?



### 'Peters theme' from 'Peter and the Wolf' by Prokofiev.

The same tune is played by different parts of the orchestra.

Does the music help you imagine what Peter is like? Does it tell a story?



### 'With a little help from my friends' by The Beatles

Can you feel the beat? Clap along!

Can you hear the Question and Response sections?

