

Year 4—Music—Knowledge Organiser

Key Vocabulary

Legato	Long and smooth notes or sounds.
Staccato	Short and bumpy sounds or notes.
Octave	There are 8 notes grouped within an octave.
Melody	An arrangement of notes that sound pleasant
Crochet	A note that is one beat long.
Quaver	A half beat note (Paired quaver) two quavers joined.

Improvise	Make up music as you go along.
Pentatonic	5 notes within a scale
Major	Notes played together to make a 'bright' sound.
Minor	Notes played together to make a 'sad' sound.
Minim	The note 2 beats long.
Time signature	Two numbers on a staff that tell you what time beat to count for that piece of music.

Brass instruments



The trumpet has a cup shaped mouth piece and a bell shaped end. There are 3 valves on the top that when pressed, make different notes.



The cornet is like the trumpet, but it is smaller and rounder in shape.



The French horn is round. It has valves that are closed by levers. If you pulled the tube straight it would be over 3 meters long.



The tuba is the largest brass instrument. It is oval shaped and produces low pitched notes.



The trombone is different to all the other brass instruments. It has a sliding U shaped piece that creates the notes.

Jazz



Jazz was created in the USA, A famous area for Jazz is New Orleans. Jazz is a particular style of music. Many jazz bands have brass instruments in them.

Jazz is different to other music in that part of it is written and planned and some of it is made up as the musicians go along. This is called improvisation.



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Key music to listen to.



'Take the A Train' -by Billy Strayhorn and the Duke Ellington Orchestra

Can you feel the beat?

Can you hear the Question and Response sections?



'When the Saints go Marching in' by Louis Armstrong

Can you hear each instrument?

Can you name them?

Can you describe Louis Armstrong's voice?

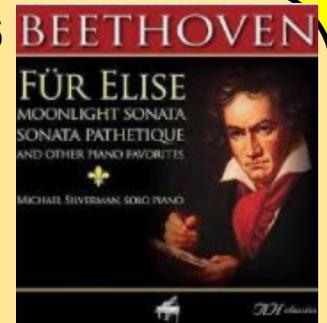


'Symphony No 5 by Beethoven.

Is this a slow or fast piece of music?

What sections of the orchestra can you hear in this music?

What does this music make you think of?



'Für Elise' by Beethoven.



Beethoven

No one really knows when Beethoven was born. Although there are records to say that he was Baptised as Ludwig Beethoven on December 17th 1770 in Bonn in Germany.

Beethoven was one of the most famous Classical composers and wrote music for the piano, orchestras and string quartets. At the age of 30 he started to go deaf. By the time he was 40 he was completely deaf. But that did not stop him writing mazing music. He was known to be a little grumpy and scruffy. He would get very angry if anyone talked during one of his performances. Between 10,000 and 30,000 people attended his funeral.



A **time signature** tells us how many beats in a bar and what type of beats. The top 4 means 4 beats. The bottom 4 means crotchet beats which are one whole count, eg. 1234 1234 etc.



An **Octave** is the name of the interval between notes. On this keyboard the distance include 8 white keys, including the starting C and finishing C. 'Oct' in Latin means 'eight'.

