

Sticky knowledge: Music

Key vocabulary whole school

- **Articulation:** how specific notes or passages are played or sung.
- **Audience:** assembled spectators or listeners at an event.
- **Compose:** create and develop musical ideas.
- **Composer:** a person who creates and develops musical ideas.
- **Duration:** the length of time a pitch, or tone, is sounded.
- **Dynamics:** the range of volume that music notes can be played.
- **Glockenspiel:** a musical percussion instrument having a set of tuned metal keys mounted in a frame and struck with mallets.
- **Harmony:** the sound of two or more notes heard simultaneously (at the same time).
- **Improvise:** to make up a tune and play it on the spot.
- **Melody:** a tune.
- **Percussion:** an instrument that is played by striking with hand, stick, mallet or beater, or by shaking.
- **Perform:** sing and play instruments for others to hear.
- **Pitch:** high sounds, low sounds
- **Pulse:** the regular heartbeat of the music, its steady beat.
- **Rhythm:** long and short sounds or patterns that happen over the pulse.
- **Singing:** making musical sound with the voice.
- **Structure:** the order that different sections of a song or piece of music are played in.
- **Tempo:** the speed music is played at.
- **Texture:** how layers of sound within a piece of music interact.
- **Timbre:** the quality of a musical note. It is what makes a musical note sound different from another one.