

Year 6 - Dynamics, pitch and tempo - Term 2

Key Vocabulary

Depict

To represent something using music.

Composition

A piece of music that has been created.

Conductor

A person who directs the performance of an orchestra or choir, using hand signals.

Graphic score

A way of writing down music on the page without using traditional stave notation, using symbols and images to represent the music.



Improvise

Making up music as it is played or performed.

Notate

To write symbols to represent music.

Ensemble

A group of people who perform instrumental or vocal music.

DURATION

The length of time each note is played for (long or short).

TEXTURE

How many layers of sound the music has (thick or thin).

PITCH

DYNAMICS

The volume of the

TIMBRE

The quality of sound e.g. smooth scratchy, twinkly.

STRUCTURE

NTER-RELATED

The seven main building blocks

of music

How the music is organised into different

Classical music is music that has been composed by musicians who are trained in the art of composing. The term 'classical music' can also refer to music composed in the classical period 1750 to 1825

The focus piece for this topic is Fingal's Cave by Mendelssohn (1830) which is a classical piece depicting the sea and waves swirling around Fingal's Cave which is in the Inner Hebrides.



Anything else you have learnt? What have you enjoyed?

To know statements

To know how to appraise the work of a classical composer (Felix Mendelssohn)

To know that improvisation means making up music 'on the spot'.

To understand that texture can be created by adding or removing instruments in a piece and can create the effect of dynamic change.

To know that timbre can also be thought of as 'tone colour' and can be described in many ways e.g. warm or cold, rich or bright.

To know how to use dynamics, texture and pitch to create a group composition

What can you remember from previous units?

Can you remember how you used your voice to create different timbre? What do you know about the inter-related dimensions of music?