Grange Park Primary School Year 2 Spring 2 Music

Singing, accompanying and composing music about the sea

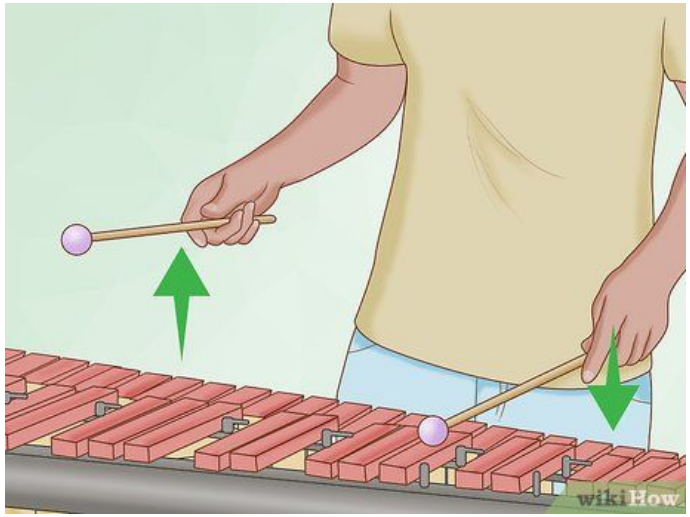
Key composer, genre and instruments

Claude Debussy - La Mer (The Sea)

Claude Debussy was a French composer born in 1862. La Mer was written in 1903 and performed in Paris, France. At first, many people said unkind things about it, saying the music was hard to understand and it did not sound impressive. But then, in 1908, Debussy conducted the piece himself and many people changed their minds.

Golliwog's Cake Walk

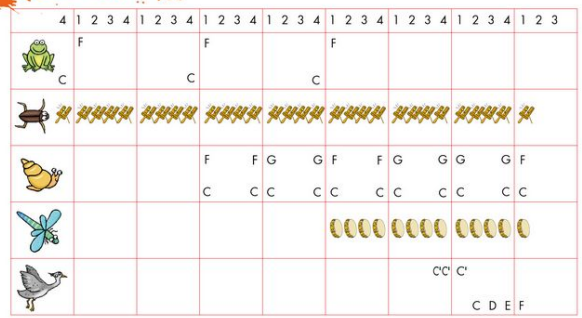
Debussy wrote six pieces of music called 'Children's Corner' between 1906 and 1908. One of them, the *Golliwog's Cake Walk,* was a sort of dance or stepping competition for a prize of cake, sponsored by a plantation owner and featuring his own slaves who were allowed to mock the way their masters walked.



Key Skills

- Play instruments in different ways to create effects.
- Listen to famous works by a composer with concentration.
- Sing expressively, developing your fluency and control.
- Develop understanding of pitch in relation to long and short notes on instruments like glockenspiels/boomwhackers.
- Use a bouncy beater to create a good sound on a glockenspiel.
- Read a graphic score.

Frog score



Relevant songs

Oh I do like to be beside the Seaside

Wonderful World

A wave went up my nose

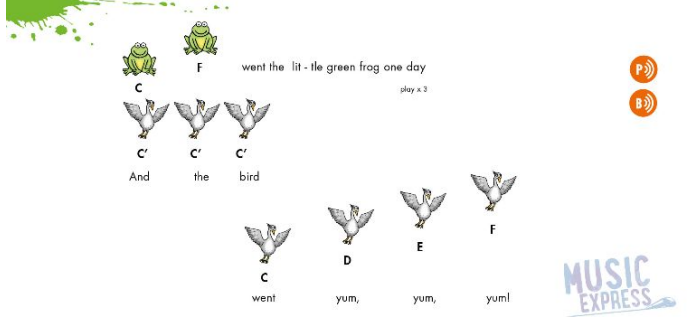
Little Green Frog

Debussy: La Mer/ Golliwog's cake walk

Key Vocabulary

composer	A person who writes music.
glissando	Glide using a beater from one note to another.
pitch	How high and low notes are.
conductor	Someone who controls the orchestra, helping them to play in time and expressively.
improvise	Invent music as you go along.
compose	Write your musical ideas down.
graphic score	A way of writing music in pictures.
tuned percussion	A percussion instrument (something you can hit) which can change the melody.
sound effects	Music chosen to match an image or idea.

Frog melody



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