

Musical Minds Objectives

Year 2 St Luke's

Half Term 1: Instruments

- Learn the main instrument families and listen and watch several examples of each.
- Listen and play some basic instruments – Playing together as a full class.
- Sing fun songs together as a class!

Half Term 2: Note Lengths

- Learn 3 Note lengths and play several games to learn how to hear and play them.
- Learn more songs using our new knowledge of notes to change their arrangements.
- Combine different notes to create memorable food-rhythms allowing complex note combinations to be understood.
- Perform these different rhythms as a class on different instruments.

Half Term 3: Carnival of Animals

- Use the Carnival of Animals suite to learn about basic contrasts in music.
- Increase the class's musical vocabulary and listening ability.
- Look at the story-telling capabilities of music, working as a class to create compositions based on famous stories and fairy tales.

Half Term 4: Dynamics/Rests

- Develop understanding of note lengths through the introduction of rests.
- Play games that encourage active listening, developing the class's understanding of dynamic range and simple pitch differences.

Half Term 5: Sol Fa Singing introduction.

- Use the sol-fa major scale to learn how basic intervals sound and can be sung.
- Use this to sing some memorable easy songs together as a class.
- Play listening and singing games that build an understanding of intervals and develop the personal confidence of students to sing and get involved.

Half Term 6: Recorders

- Focus on listening and careful performance. Ensuring a good early technique.
- Playing several songs with accompaniment, changing between notes and singing along with the instruments. Improving the children's understanding of relative pitch.
- Learn about the wind family of instruments, listening to, watching and learning about a different instrument each week.
- Children will learn how to read and write simple notation, performing their own music as a class.