

Owls/Penguins Year 1 Music – Spring 2 and Summer 1 2020

Musical activities to do at home during Coronavirus Lockdown

SPRING 2 MUSIC - there are some lovely resources on BBC School radio. I can recommend the 'Jack and the Beanstalk' story, songs and activities available for Primary Music:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4BzQ44KqZdxM8m3hSSdMgS/primary-music-ks1-jack-and-the-beanstalk-info>

SUMMER 1 MUSIC – Minibeasts

We would have been learning lots of fun songs about minibeasts (such as 'Inch Worm' from Hans Christian Anderson), listening to famous compositions about minibeasts and making our own music to sound like different minibeasts using percussion instruments, rhythms and movements. Make a collection of minibeast songs to learn at home!

Here are some other activities you can do at home:

1. Listen to a recording of 'The Flight of the Bumble Bee' by Rimsky-Korsakov - there are lots of performances on youtube. Don't tell your child what it is about!

Using a piece of paper and a black crayon, ask your child to draw the sound of the music thinking about fast/slow, high/low, loud/soft and to think about what kind of movement the music is trying to represent. When they have finished their drawing in response to the music, talk about it with them and listen to the music again.

- Can they identify high and low sounds?
 - Can they say whether the music is fast or slow?
 - Is the music loud or soft and does it change?
2. Watch the performances of Benjamin Britten's 'Two Insect Pieces':
 - The Grasshopper: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8Kd56uCy1k>
 - The Wasp: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5vPmFlquVA>

Think about these questions when you listen to each one:

- Was it a fast piece or a slow piece?
 - Was it the same tempo/speed all the way through?
 - Which one did you like best?
 - Listen again – can you move the way the music tells you to?
3. Try out these Minibeast word rhythms. Tap them on a drum/percussion instrument. Repeat them. Mix them up. Make a piece of music from them. Ask each member of your family to do a different minibeast rhythm and perform it all at once to a steady beat!

