



Gamelan

Music Y6

Key skills

Listening:
gamelan music

Composing:
in teams of three, using xylophones, create a composition with three independent parts.

Performing:
Perform gamelan as a class.
Refine and perform team gamelan composition to the class.

Events and extra curricular

Harvest Festival
Christmas Concerts

Vocabulary

Gamelan orchestra
slendro scale
melody
accompaniment
ostinato

Links to prior learning and next steps:

Y5 Cyclic Patterns
Y6 Blues

Links to other subjects:

Geography

Key Facts and Knowledge

Gamelan is the traditional instrumental music of Java and Bali.

The word 'gamelan' means 'to hammer'.

A gamelan is mostly made up of tuned percussion instruments.

Each gamelan is hand made and has its own tuning.

The music is passed on through oral tradition – players memorise the music.

The music is made up of interlocking layers.

Gamelan is played together as a group and is performed for celebrations and theatre performances.



Characteristics of effective musician

I can... perform as a class; compose a piece with three different parts using the slendro scale; perform as a team of three; listen and comment on others work; review and reflect own composition.