



Year 3 Knowledge Organiser Composer Study

What I should already know.

- **Listening & Responding** – I can listen with concentration & understanding to a range of live & recorded music.
- **Dynamics** – I understand how volume is used. (loud, quiet)
- **Duration** – I know how to keep a steady beat. (Count in 2,3,4)
- **Tempo** – I know how speed is used. (fast, slow)
- **Notation** – I know that it is a series or system of written symbols used to represent music. I can start to draw patterns to represent notation.
- **Structure** – I can hear, follow and create a repeating rhythm.
- **Texture** – I can identify and create simple layers in music.

What will I know by the end of the unit?

Vocabulary

Composer – a person who writes music.

Score – music written especially for a specific film.

Orchestra – a group of instrumentalists, especially one combining string, woodwind, brass, and percussion sections and playing classical music.

Conductor – to direct the performance of several players or singers by the use of gestures.

Skills

Listening & Responding

Begin to use a variety of art forms to identify the structural and expressive aspects of the music & its impact on individual listeners.

Describing and Discussing

Express and justify ideas and opinions about music heard and performed – starting to use appropriate musical vocabulary.

John Williams

(1932 – Present)



- Modern composer
- Born in America
- Conductor of orchestras
- Plays the piano
- Has written musical scores for many Hollywood Movies.
- He has composed music for over 20 of Steven Spielberg's films.
- Well known for composing the music for the first three Harry Potter Films.
- Wrote the famous Star Wars theme.

Elements

Timbre – identify percussion and **non-percussion** instruments. (Drums)

Pitch – identify the scale patterns in a piece of music (how high or low the sound is).

Key Knowledge

- John Williams is a modern *composer* and *conductor*.
- Writes *scores* for Films.
- **Pitch** – how high or low a note is.

Music (Scored)

- Harry Potter
- Star Wars
- Home Alone
- Superman
- Jurassic Park
- E.T
- Indiana Jones
- War Horse

Comparison Study



Handel's
Zadok The Priest