

Online music activities and resources suitable for primary age children

The following list of online activities and resources has been compiled by NMPAT primary classroom teachers. The list aims to support both staff working informally in schools and parents working with their children at home, signposting both resources and engaging activities that encourage participation and musical thinking.

Orchestra interactive websites for children:

San Francisco Symphony Orchestra: <http://www.sfskids.org/>

SFSKids includes: a fun and playful series of educational modules presented as immersive environments and using animal avatars as guides; the ability to explore various linkages between composers, instruments and music compositions; interactive online tutorials to learn about music basics; the opportunity for users to compose and notate their own original music; and much more.

Dallas Symphony Orchestra: <https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids>

The site features games, listen and learn, and various teacher resources, from the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

New York Philharmonic Orchestra: <https://nyphilkids.org/>

Great graphics and fun games (like the clarinet scavenger hunt) make this New York Philharmonic website great, especially for instrumental students.

London Symphony Orchestra <https://play.lso.co.uk/performances/Ravels-Bolero>

A video performance of Ravel's Bolero in which the listener can experience the orchestra from multiple points of view

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BBC Resources:

Ten Pieces: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces>

Ten Pieces resources bursting with ideas for how to get children to engage and be creative with classical music

Ten Pieces and the Nutcracker – live lesson: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/ten-pieces-and-the-nutcracker-live-lesson/znhyqqt>

An online lesson introducing children to The Nutcracker. A lesson full of dance and movement, aimed at 7 – 11 year olds.

Ten Pieces Party Live Session: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/ten-pieces-and-the-nutcracker-live-lesson/znhyqqt>

An online lesson in which children learn about rhythm, melody and dynamics, the building blocks of musical composition in a lesson aimed at 7 – 11 year olds

Classical Music for Early Years / KSI – Ten Pieces:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/classical-music-early-years/znvhrj6>

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House of sound: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/music--science-ks2-house-of-sound/zncr7nb>

A series of short films exploring the science of sound, music and musical instruments

Nursery rhymes: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-a-to-z-index/z4ddgwx>

Great versions on old classic nursery rhymes for younger learners (Reception/year 1)

Publishers – free resources:

Out of the Ark: https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/ootam-at-home/?utm_source=homepage&utm_campaign=ootamathome2&utm_medium=banner

Seven free songs for children to sing on their own or together, one for each day of the week

Sing Up home-schooling: <https://www.singup.org/home-schooling>

Free songs for different ages to sing along at home

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Youtube resources

The Learning Station:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+learning+station+songs

Songs & action songs for children to sing along to

Debbie Doo TV: <https://www.youtube.com/user/DebbieDooTV>

For young kids. Bright videos and upbeat, action songs combining music with PE sessions

Visual Musical Minds:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjUxQg9cHiOYqaRdtZ6pfoQ>

Some good resources on his page especially the rhythm exercises.

Music with Lindsey: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nITrUZK8SUY>

Youtube link to sing along for early years, it also includes some interactive percussion work.

Music Express Magazine KSI & Early Years:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCy6k3iWYxFWYKXEuXxfCsMw>

The music show video lessons 1 – 6 are good for KSI and Early Years.

Music Express Magazine KS2. (<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVt3BNNgQR-HyadKFHyRqwC0pWST2S4TL>)

The music show video lessons aimed at KS2

Beethoven for Kids (250 years of Beethoven::

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWj8qGDNZOQL6P7EhEotZjw>

Selected repertoire selected to introduce children to the music of Beethoven

Body Percussion: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ollie+tunmer+beat+goes+on

A great series of videos for children to create body percussion rhythms and movements.

Learning the ukulele

Ukulaliens: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cfmMs5Icf0>

This is a great program for learning and playing along on your ukulele. Start with the chords C F G Am. Then play with videos. Songs include I'm Yours by Jason Mraz. How to play reggae rhythms with Bob Marley's Three Little Birds and so much more. These music videos start at really easy and progress from there.

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Others:

Top Marks: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=132>

On this site children can create a sound picture and solve musical mysteries

Classics for kids: <https://www.classicsforkids.com/games.html>

Games include: Learning musical terms, play note names, match the rhythm, compose your own music, open instruments in an orchestra, explore composer timeline and explore the composer map.

Opera Maker: <http://opera-maker.de/en/?gclid=EAlalQobChMlp7GAIPay6AIVCLrtChIpyQVIEAAYASAAEgJwvfD BwE>

An interactive program where children can make their own opera. May need to be downloaded.

Go classical for kids: <http://classicalkusc.org/kids/opera/>

Children can direct their own opera in this program.

The music interactive: <http://www.themusicinteractive.com/classroom-apps.html>

Some free apps on this site including playing the recorder interactive and set up for a white board. and Star Wars, exploring music notation.

Music Tech Teacher:

http://www.musictechteacher.com/music_quizzes/music_quizzes.htm

Quizzes and games for a little light hearted relief!

Sound Picture:

http://resources.hwb.wales.gov.uk/VTC/sound_picture/eng/Introduction/default.htm

Composing using a visual stimulus, based on the Carnival of the Animals with teachers notes and group work.

Primary Resources: <http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/music/music.htm>

A few one off lessons and mini activities on this site.

Musicians Union: <https://www.musicteachers.co.uk/resources/4>

Some simple glock songs using sol-fa.

Great Home British Chorus: www.greatbritishhomechorus.com

Gareth Malone is running a live Great Home British Chorus sing along, each night at 5:30pm. Sign up at www.greatbritishhomechorus.com. You will be sent downloads for the song 'You are my sunshine'. Suitable for kids as well as adults.