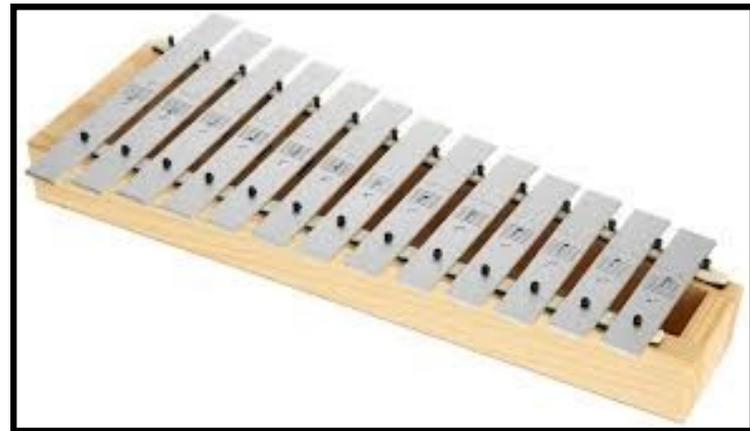


Year 6

Music Transition Booklet



Hello,

We are very excited to meet you when you join us at John Spence in September. This booklet contains a number of fun activities for you to complete whilst you are learning from home. You do not need to complete them all but they are there to help you with your musical learning and for us to get a better understanding of you and your interests ready for September.

We hope that you and your families are keeping well.

Mr Holland and Mr Grazer
(Music Teachers)



About Me

I have been teaching at John Spence for 6 years now and I enjoy watching young people's musical ability grow as they progress.

I originate from Bolton in Lancashire.



Mr Holland

Head of Music

My interest in music came from my father.

He played the Tenor Horn in the 'Bolton Borough Brass Band,'.

Being surrounded by music from an early age certainly inspired me to want to play a musical instrument.

I play the Piano, Harpsichord and Flute.

The first instrument I started to learn was the piano; I was 6 years old when I had my first piano lesson.

I decided to take a break from teaching and went back to college as an adult to study Early Music at the Royal Northern College of Music.

I continued my study of music at the London College of Music where my interests in Harpsichord and Flute began.

I love composing music and many of my compositions have been published, sold and performed all around the world !

I continued to study Piano as well as Harpsichord, Flute and composition.

About Me

I have lived in North Shields all of my life.

I love the fish quay and coastline. We are so lucky to have these on our doorsteps !

I used to go to Spring Gardens Primary School.

Two of my teachers still work there:

Mr Stephenson and Mrs Wilson.

I have been working at John Spence for 14 years now. I have not always taught music.

I used to be the school librarian at one point and then I moved into student support which I loved; I still do some support in other lessons!

This year, I have started to teach some Cultural Studies lesson too.

Alongside my work at John Spence, I continue to play music in a band called 'Soul Machine' where I play keyboards.

I have played alongside familiar faces who have appeared on programmes like:

X Factor and Britain's Got Talent.



Mr Grazer

Music Teacher

I was a pupil at John Spence Community High School. Some of my old school teachers still work at John Spence. Maybe they have taught some of your older brothers, sisters or cousins.

I play the Piano and Saxophone.

I did not start learning to play the Piano and Keyboard until I was 11 years of age.

I only became interested in music through my school music teacher.

I continued my study of music alongside A-levels in ICT, Film Studies, Photography and Critical Thinking at Tynemouth College.

I then went on study at both The University of Sunderland and The Open University to further develop my interests in Music and Humanities.

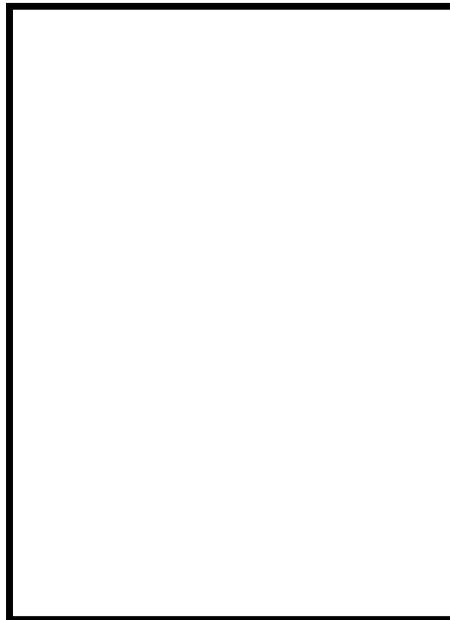
As you can see, I have stayed very local to home.

Sam Fender was a pupil at John Spence and he studied music as part of his GCSE's.

Look at him now ! He's a celebrity!

About Me

Hopefully, you have learnt a little bit about us. We would like to learn a little bit about you. Which school do you attend? Have any of your family been students at John Spence? What are your favourite subjects? Do you attend any clubs or activities both in and out of school? Do you or anyone in your family play a musical instrument? You can print this page off and complete the task on the sheet or design and make your own. Take picture and send it to you class teacher who will forward it on.



The Elements of Music

There are seven different elements in music. We often use these when we think about performing, composing or when we are talking about music we have been listening to.

Pitch

A musical note can either have a high pitch or a low pitch.

TEMPO

Refers to the speed of the music. The tempo could be fast, slow, or of a medium pace.

Duration

How long or short a note is.

Texture

How many musical instruments are playing at once. The texture could be thin or thick.

Timbre

The sound quality of an instrument. (Piano sounds different to Guitar).

Dynamics

Refers to volume. Is it loud, quiet, or a combination of both?

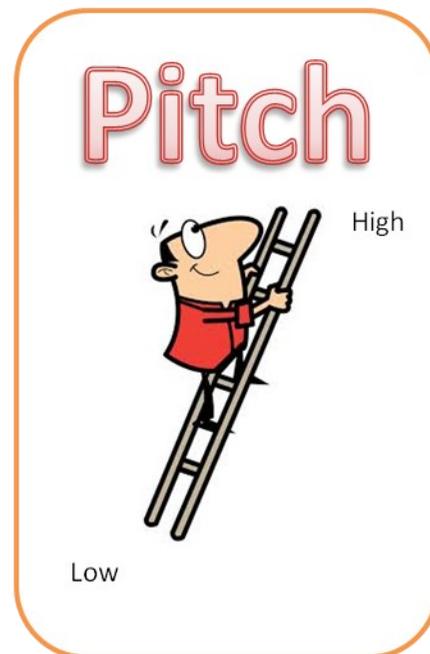
Structure

The overall plan of a piece of music.

The Elements of Music

Could you design a poster explaining the seven different elements of music or could you create one detailed poster on just one element. You could do this on a computer or you could complete it in on paper in your own creative way! Maybe you could bring these to school with you in September so we can make a display? If you can, take a picture of your work and send it to your primary school teacher.

Example



Here is my example for 'Pitch'.

A man climbing up a pair of ladders.

The further up the ladder he goes, the higher he is.

The further down the ladder he goes, the lower he is.

The Elements of Music: Wordsearch

D	Y	N	A	M	I	C	S	D	I	R	S	T	L	PITCH
T	T	T	H	K	Y	P	T	H	R	H	I	F	O	DYNAMICS
T	E	T	P	O	O	I	R	E	U	H	S	A	N	TEMPO
M	D	O	T	P	R	T	F	I	X	H	T	S	G	DURATION
Q	E	U	M	I	U	C	G	X	N	T	R	T	I	TEXTURE
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I	T	A	N	A	O	B	R	S	O	E	C	R	E	STRUCTURE
E	G	R	S	U	T	U	R	L	M	R	T	T	E	HIGH
T	H	F	H	H	P	I	T	E	O	N	U	H	R	LOW
R	H	L	O	U	D	O	O	I	R	W	R	I	I	LOUD
P	T	O	R	T	I	T	U	N	U	K	E	C	T	QUIET
M	R	H	T	T	T	H	I	N	S	I	D	K	I	LONG
T	O	H	H	I	G	H	R	R	I	T	T	T	R	SHORT
A	R	L	P	I	U	O	M	N	M	H	R	G	T	THICK
														THIN
														FAST

Can you find the seven elements and some other words linked to them in the word search?

Try and compete against someone else at home and see who can do it the quickest!

Baked Potato Song

I am sure you will have heard the 'Baked Potato Song' over the last few weeks. It has been composed by actor Matt Lucas whilst he has been staying at home. It carries a very important message on how we can all stay safe!

Matt Lucas Baked Potato song with orchestra



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Matt Lucas - Baked Potato Song featuring BBC Concert Orchestra | The Big Night In

Comic Relief: Red Nose Day
17 hours ago • 6,692 views

Little Britain star, Matt Lucas, performs once more his Baked Potato song from the BBC show Shooting Stars. Matt Lucas has ...

NEW

If you have not listened to it, ask your parents / guardians if you can use YouTube and type in 'Matt Lucas Baked Potato song with orchestra'.

Listen to the music a few times and give a response to the following questions:

How does this music make you feel? (Happy, Sad, Laughing,) Why do you think it makes you feel this way?

How would you describe the tempo of the music?

How would you describe the dynamics of the music?

What word would you use to describe the texture of the music? Why have you chose this word?

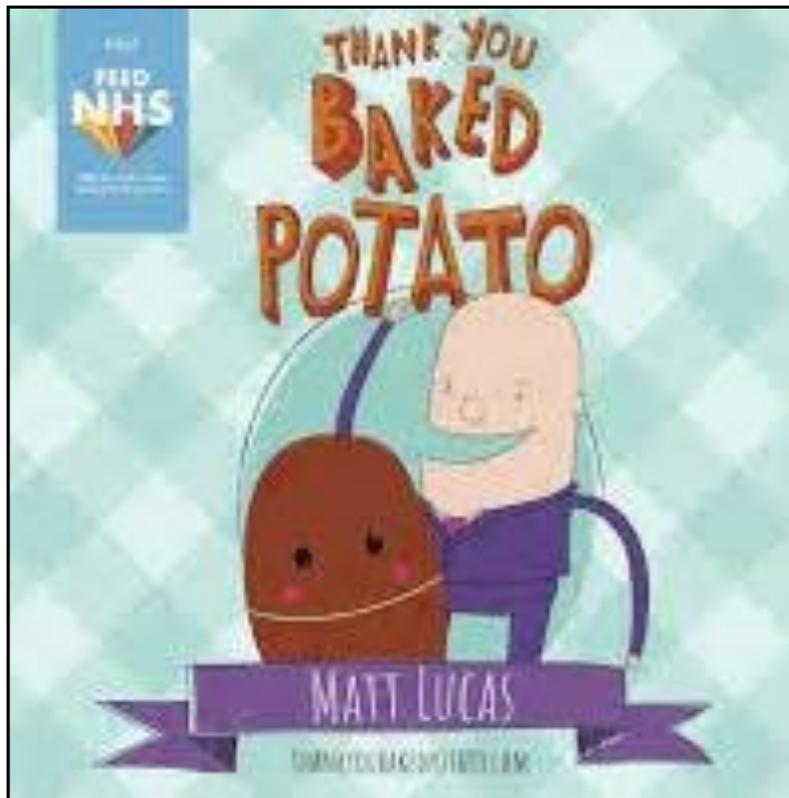
Fill in the blanks to these words (listen carefully to the singing):

Baked potato changed my _____ / Wash your hands and stay _____ / Keep you distance make some _____

What you are practising here are 'listening' skills. These are important in all subjects, not just music !!!!

Baked Potato Song

Design an album cover for Matt Lucas' 'Baked Potato Song'. Try and draw as many images that link to the song as possible. Think about the words you have listened to and how you could include them in your design. You can draw this at home and take a picture and send it to your primary school teacher.



Think about:

Important words in the song.

Are there any characters?

Make it colourful so it stands out.

Could you draw any of the instruments you can hear in the song?

Baked Potato Song

We know that there is a lot of great Ukulele playing going on in our feeder primaries. If you have a Ukulele at home, why don't you have a go at trying to play the Baked Potato song?

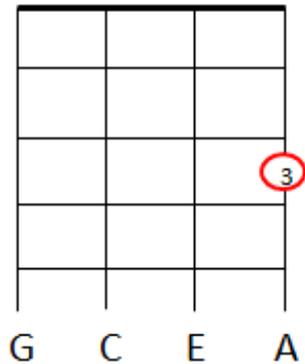
C Baked potato changed my **G** life
C Baked potato showed me the way **G**
C If you want to know what is wrong from right **G**
C You must listen to what potato say **G**
C Wash your hands and stay in doors
G Thank you baked potato
C Only go to grocery stores
G Thank you baked potato
C If you want to have a better day **Am**
D You must listen to what the baked potato says **G**

TIPS:

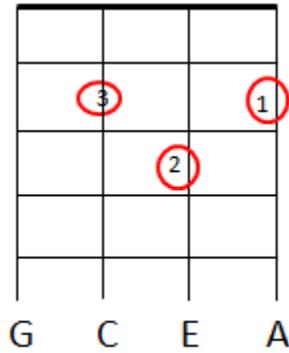
- 1) Look at the chords on the next page. The diagrams show you how to play each chord and what fingers to use.
- 2) Practise each chord slowly
- 3) Read the lyrics of the song and look at when each chord needs to be played.
- 4) The chords are coloured in red. They are directly above the lyrics. Slowly sing the lyrics and strum the chord when you sing the lyrics below it.

Maybe you could try and learn this with your parents / guardians, brothers or sisters. Some of you can sing, others might keep a drum beat on pots and pans you have at home. You could record it and send to your teachers! MAKING MUSIC IS FUN!

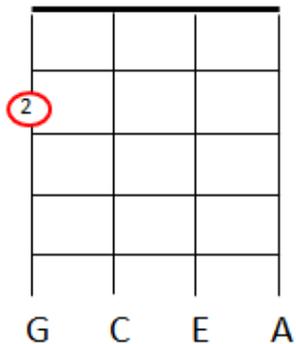
Baked Potato Song



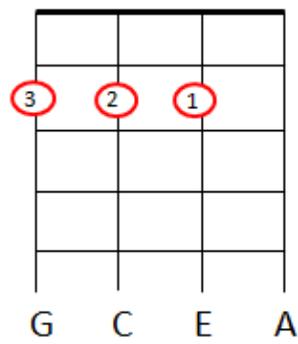
C major



G major



A minor

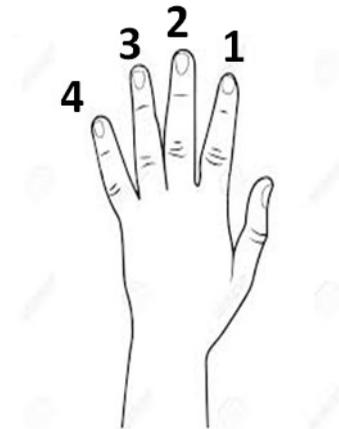


D major

Use your left hand to play the chords and your right hand to strum the strings. The diagram of the hand below numbers each of your fingers.

Match each finger to the correct string on the fret-board of the Ukulele.

Good luck !!



Baked Potato Song

If you have been learning keyboard or piano at school or with a private teacher you may wish to have a go at playing the tune.

On the next page is a diagram with notes of a keyboard labelled.

The musical score is presented in four staves, each with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are represented by letters: G, A, B, C, D, E, F. The score includes various rhythmic values such as quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes).

Staff 1: G G A G E F G G G A G E E C G A A G G E E F G F D G G A A G G E F G

Staff 2: G G G G G G G G A B A A G G G G G G G G A B A A G E E E E F G E A E E D D D D E B B B A

Staff 3: G G G G G G G G A B A A G G G G G G G G G A B A A G E E E E F G E

Staff 4: A A A G G G G G E E E D C C C G A B C D E F G F E G G C C

Baked Potato Song

The diagram below will help you locate the notes on the sheet music for 'The Baked Potato Song' on the previous page.

You might want to record yourself trying to play this and send it to your teachers.

Notes On A Keyboard

The notes on a keyboard consist of the first seven letters of the alphabet; A, B, C, D, E, F, G.

The layout of the keys is exactly the same from keyboard to keyboard.

The easiest way to remember where the notes are located is to remember that the note C is located to the left of the two black keys.

The diagram below shows you how the keys are laid out and where they are positioned.

