
Hymn Practice and Composer Coverage

Every Wednesday, all children have a whole school Hymn Practice. Songs are taught focusing on different themes e.g. Christmas, Harvest, School Values etc. Children learn about how to recognise the pitch and rhythm of songs; the patterns they hear and when they need to breath/pause/extend a note in a song. They understand the importance of 'sitting tall' to allow them to have full capacity of their lungs, as well as how to hold their face to ensure their voice does not hit the ground. They have regular opportunities to perform with actions, in rounds, as classes or as a whole school. As part of this assembly, each half term there is a focus composer which is taught to the children. They can be found below. They are revisited each year to ensure they are remembered and different aspects of their lives/music can be explored in further detail.

When?	Composer
Autumn 1	George Handel
Autumn 2	Ma Rainey
Spring 1	John Williams
Spring 2	Clara Schumann
Summer 1	Ludwig Beethoven
Summer 2	Billie Eilish