



Wigan Music Service Whole Class Instrumental Lessons at Home



STRINGS

Listen Up!

Listen to this string quartet arrangement of Rather Be by Clean Bandit.

<https://youtu.be/jj4fydJj1DA>

You will notice how the musicians use their fingers to change the pitch of each string. Did you also notice that the violins played high notes by putting their fingers high up the string? Also, the tune is passed round so each instrument gets to play the melody.

Now violins and violas, watch this video of a **D major scale**

The finger pattern is: 0 1 2 3 0 1 2 3

2nd finger goes a space away from 1st and then 2nd & 3rd fingers are close together.

<https://youtu.be/nwIPkBdDsEc>

Cello players, look at this one.

The finger pattern is: 0 1 3 4 0 1 3 4

https://youtu.be/Lf43MTN_gSo?t=35.

Make Some Music

We are going to practise the tricky bit of William Tell now. Try this without the instrument first by touching your thumb with the correct finger and singing.

Then try it on your instrument. Remember our green notes are on the A string!

Violins and Violas: **A 1 2**

(Remember 2nd finger goes a space away from 1st)

Cellos: **A 1 3**

Try mixing these notes up in as many different ways as you can to make your own tunes!

Can you write down the different ways you have tried?

Were any harder than others?



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Investigate



We are going to investigate **Dynamics**.

Dynamics describe the volume we play at.

Have a look at this video:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcbkci6/articles/z3rcgdm>

Watch the different instruments of the orchestra

Which instruments do you think sound **loud (Forte)** and which sound **soft (piano)**?

More Fun

Can you fill in the missing letters in the words below which are all instruments of the orchestra?

__UBA

VIO__IN

TAM__OUR__NE

CL__RINE__

__ELLO

DOU__LE B__SS

TR__MP__T

XY__OPHO__E

F__UTE

__ASSOO__