Make Makers!

Here are some websites, apps and ideas to take a look at over the coming weeks which can help you to appraise, create and enjoy music in all shapes and forms. Whether you are beginning your musical education at Valley or have been learning an instrument for a number of years, there should be something for you to enjoy!

Get singing

**Out of the Ark** has a free song for every day of the week for you to sing at home. There is the song itself and an activity sheet. [https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/](https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/ootam-at-home/?utm_source=homepage&utm_campaign=ootamathome2&utm_medium=banner)

**SingUp** also has a range of free resources too. Try learning this song, “One Moment, One People” which we can all sing together when we are back in school. <https://www.singup.org/home-schooling/ks2/one-moment-one-people>

**Cbeebies** has load of great videos to sing and dance along with for the younger ones. Why not rock out with Andy and his Odd Socks? <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch>

Get creating

These websites and apps have some great technology for making digital music. They are for a range of ages and abilities so take a look at a few to see which one works best for you.

**Learning Music by Ableton** has a great lesson-by-lesson structure to take you from the basics to more advanced. However, if you feel more confident you can jump in further along the lesson sequence. More suited to KS2 pupils

<https://learningmusic.ableton.com/>

**Groove Pizza** is a fun program for experimenting with and creating digital music. Plus you can learn about fractions and angles at the same time!  
 Could be tailored to suite a range of ages

<https://apps.musedlab.org/groovepizza/?>

**Incredibox** is another fun website for creating digital music, this time in beatbox style. The website has a limited number of versions for free. The app has a wider range of versions available, however this costs £4.10 on Android or £3.99 on IOS. Can be enjoyed by all ages.

<https://www.incredibox.com/>

**Loopimal** is an app available on IOS which help younger children to create music by combining different melodies and rhythms in the form of quirky animals. It is a fun, engaging app but does charge £1.99.

**Toc and Roll** is another app available on IOS which is suited towards KS1 and KS2 pupils. This app enables children to compose their own music by combining melodies and rhythms on different instruments. This app also charges £1.99 on IOS.

Get thinking

On these websites you can listen to recording from professional composers as well as music from cultures all around the world.

**BBC Ten Pieces Trailblazers** has recordings of pieces from ten top composers. There are lots of ideas and resources to accompany each piece as well as information about each composer.   
After or while listening to a piece of music, could you create a picture of the image the music creates in your mind? You can even upload your creations to the website for the change to feature in their creative showcase.

The website has ideas to support KS1 and KS2

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/ten-pieces-trailblazers/zfpy7nb>

**World Music Network** has examples of and information about music from all over the world. You could use the recordings available to inspire your own compositions.

<https://worldmusic.net/blogs/guide-to-world-music>

Get practicing

Those pupils who play an instrument should make sure to keep practicing at home! Here are some websites which can help and inspire you. There are also resources available for those who want to learn more music but do not have an instrument.

**Beat Goes On** have a youtube channel where they are teaching you how to play body percussion at home. Take a look at their Youtube Channel for a range of videos to help you play music with just your body and hands!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/OllieTunmer>

**Jamzone** has a range of lessons and songs to play along with for a range of different instruments and those with no instrument at all! They also have live and recorded sessions on their Youtube channel. There are also some fun music games on their website too.

<http://jamzone.littlekidsrock.org/>

Have you got a piece you have been practicing and really want to perform? **Warwick Music Group** are holding an online music festival for children at home to enter. Take a look at this blog article for more details.

<https://blog.pbone.co.uk/warwick-music-online-festival>

Have some fun!

Finally, here are some websites which have games to help you develop your musical understanding further.

<https://www.classicsforkids.com/>

<http://www.sfskids.org/>

Enjoy making some music at home and I look forward to hearing all of your brilliant work when we are back at Valley!

All the best,

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