

## Year 2: Orchestral instruments

### Musical style: Orchestral

Orchestral music is music that is played by an orchestra. It is usually classical or film music, but sometimes orchestras play other types of music too.

### Vocabulary

#### Strings

Instruments that are played by plucking or bowing strings.

#### Woodwind

Instruments that make sound by blowing air through a reed or small mouthpiece.

#### Brass

Instruments that are made of metal and the sound is made by blowing air through a cup-shaped mouthpiece.

#### Percussion

Instruments which are played by shaking, tapping or scraping with your hand or a beater.

#### Dynamics

The volume of the music (loud or quiet).

#### Sound effects

A sound created to represent something in a film, television programme or a play.

#### Tempo

The speed of the music (fast or slow).

#### Timbre

The quality of sound e.g. smooth, scratchy, twinkly.

#### Vocals

Using your voice in a piece of music.

## Instruments

### Orchestra

A group of instruments that play together.

