

Spring 2

World Music

Week 1 (Courage) - Traditional Irish Music

The famous Riverdance is a performance of traditional Irish music and dance. The percussion (rhythm) is created by the dancers hitting the floor with their feet. The dancers need courage to dance in front of their audience. They also need courage to believe that they can perform a challenging and difficult dance. By not giving up and having courage they have practised their skills and have become the best Irish dance in the world.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FoHlrQScWI0>

<http://www.viewpure.com/FoHlrQScWI0?start=0&end=0> without adverts & comments

Week 2 (Enjoyment) -Barrule - Celtic Folk Music

Music can be fun and enjoyable. It can make us want to sing and sing and it's even more enjoyable when we share it with our friends. We also use music to help us celebrate special events. Music can allow us to forget our troubles for a while.

This week's music is by a band called Barrule from the Isle of Man. In the video you can see the musicians having fun playing music together and enjoying creating music.

Barrule is a celtic folk band. The Isle of Man is a small island above Wales and it is close to Northern Ireland and Scotland. The instruments used in the music we are listening to this week are the violin, accordion and guitar. These instruments are typical of those found in celtic folk music.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGUNoy9F32s>

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Week 3 (Openness) - Popular Cuban Music

The assembly music this week was written and performed by Cuban and American Musicians. Their goal was to bring Cuban Music to America and Britain and to share the culture of Cuba. The musicians were open about their goal as they wanted their fans to support them and others to be excited about hearing their music Cuban music is a mixture of African rhythms, spanish instruments and lyrics and Jazzy melodies.

Cuban Music - Buena Vista Social Club - Chan Chan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tGbRZ73NvIY>

Week 4 (Respect) - Ukulele Music

Respect is important in music. Respect is needed for instruments and for musicians. Year 4 have been learning Ukulele last term and this term. They have been learning to respect instruments. If we don't look after them then they will be damaged and won't be able to create music anymore! They have also been learning to respect each other as musicians. If they don't listen to each other and to each others ideas then it is difficult to create music together.

In our video this week you can see the Ukulele Orchestra looking after their instruments and listening to each other so they can create music.

The Ukulele Orchestra: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLgJ7pk0X-s>

Week 5 (Determination) - Aboriginal Music

Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu

Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu was an Aboriginal musician from Australia and was born blind. When he was 4 years old he found that he had a love for music. His family had very little money and could not afford for anyone to help him learn at school. Despite his blindness Geoffrey was determined to become a musician. He taught himself to play the accordion with no help and he practised every day. Next he learnt the piano and then the guitar and drums. Being blind did not stop him from becoming a musician and he was determined to share his music. People loved his music and he travelled the world to play his music to many different people.

Wiyathul <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8-YMpYbRqY>

Week 6 (uplifting)- British music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IREtsV2y2bQ>

George Ezra - Shotgun

George was born in Bristol and people living in Bristol are very proud of his music.