



KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: WORLD MUSIC 4



Suggested listening

Modern

Jay Chou and songs from his album Common Jasmine Orange (pop style)

Pu Shu and songs from his album The Ordinary Road (folk style)

Traditional

High Mountains and Flowing Waters—Yu Boya

Plum Blossoms in 3 movements—Chen Yue

*Historical documents and archaeology tell us that Chinese music is thousands of years old. In fact, a bone flute called a Xun has been discovered dating back over 9000 years



*There are many traditional instruments. They are divided into categories based on the materials they are made from: silk, bamboo, wood, animal skin, metal, stone and clay. There are woodwind, plucked and bowed string and percussion



*The erhu or Chinese violin is a bowed string instrument

*The guzheng, also known as a Chinese zither, is a plucked string instrument



*The dizi is a bamboo flute

*A gong is a flat, circular metal percussion instrument which is hit with a mallet. A gong can be really big!



*Chinese music is diverse. There are many forms in different regions. China is a huge place! Many forms have emerged through history. Rock, hip hop and pop music is popular in China today as well as more traditional styles

Chinese New Year

*Chinese New Year is the festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year in the traditional Chinese calendar. This usually takes place around February



*New Year is often referred to as the Spring Festival

*Families get together for special meals, houses are cleaned in order to sweep away bad luck and make way for good luck, houses are decorated, fire crackers are lit, people wear red and money is given to children in red envelopes



*Dragon and Lion dances are common and music is performed



*There are 12 Zodiac animals used to represent years. In Chinese culture, the qualities of the animals can determine your future, career and relationships. 2020 is the **Year of the Rat**

Scale	A set of musical notes ordered by pitch. There are 8 notes in an octave. C major scale uses the notes CDEFGABC in order.
Minim	I refer to a minim as a 'worm' in lessons. This has a note value of 2 beats

The Pentatonic

*A pentatonic scale uses 5 notes in its scale. This means that only 5 notes are played in the melody of the music

*This scale has been developed by many ancient civilisations and is still used today particularly in traditional Chinese Music


Recreating Chinese Music

Use CDEGA on a keyboard, glockenspiel or any other melodic instrument.



Create an 8 beat rhythm like this one



Play CDEGA in any combination so each letter fits the rhythm pattern you chose. Repeat. At the end of your music, finish with a minim.  This is a 2 beat note.