

Vocabulary

Crescendo – Gradually getting louder.

Ostinato – A repeating pattern of music.

Pulse – A steady beat.

Timbre – The sound quality of the music – using words to describe what it sounds like

Tuned percussion – percussion instruments that can play different pitches – xylophones, glockenspiels, chime bars etc.

Untuned percussion – percussion instruments that can only make a limited number of sounds – drums, shakers and claves etc.

'Mars' from The Planets – Gustav Holst

How can sounds be described?



About the composer:



Gustav Holst was born in 1874 and died in 1934.

He was a British composer.

He was interested in space and astronomy.

Holst didn't like being famous and refused to do interviews or sign autographs!

Prior learning

Learning songs, chants and rhymes, exploring instruments in EYFS.

Exploring and improvising rhythms in KS1.

Interesting ideas:

'Mars' is one of the pieces of music taken from the suite 'The Planets'. Each piece in the planets is completely different and takes into account the character of each planet.

Useful links:

Follow this link to listen to 'Mars' by Gustav Holst.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXOanvv4pIU>