Vocabulary

Graphic score - A visual (often diagrammatic) representation of music. There are no rules for graphic scores, the composer (i.e. you!) invents them

Motif - A short musical idea

Ostinato - A repeating (often rhythmic) pattern

Pulse - Another (better) word for beat

Soundscape - A musical collage of sounds often free flowing without an underlying beat or pulse

Structure - The shape of a piece of music

Prior learning

Work in KS1 on untuned percussion and rhythm, listening to and appraising a variety of classical music.

'No Place Like' – Kerry Andrew

How can voices be used to represent sounds around us?

About the composer:

Kerry Andrew is a composer, performer and writer. She was born in Britain and studied composing at York University where she completed a PhD.

She is perhaps best known for her work with voice; she specialises in experimental voice and choral music, music theatre and community music.

One of her most famous works however is called The Song of Doves and was written to remember victims of the July 7 London bombings.

She has won several awards including three British Composer Awards (one for Community or Educational Project in 2014).

Interesting ideas:

'No Place Like':

- was created from words sent in by Ten Pieces students who completed a literacy exercise asking them to think about their home.

- Was written for a cappella voices - which means singing with no musical accompaniment

- Showcases the amazing range and power of the musical instrument all of us are born with – the voice.

Listen out for:

The middle section which has a wide range of overlapping sounds from everyday life – can you identify what they are? This musical collage of free flowing sounds is called a soundscape. You can have a go at creating your own soundscape of your area by listening to the sounds around you and either recording them or recreating them yourself!

Useful links:

Follow this link to listen to 'No Place Like':

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/classical-music-kerry-andrew-no-place-like/z7k4f4j