

The Instruments of The Orchestra

Year 7, Spring 2

An orchestra is a large group of musicians that play together. Within the orchestra there are different families of instruments. They are: **Strings, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion.**

Strings

The instruments from the string family are: violin, viola, cello, double bass and harp.

Strings instruments can be plucked (pizzicato) or played with the bow (arco)



Brass

The instruments from the brass family are: trumpet, trombone, tuba and horn.

The trumpet, horn and tuba are all played with valves. The trombone is played with a slide.



Woodwind

The instruments from the woodwind family are: flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon and piccolo.

Some woodwind instruments use reeds. These are the clarinet, oboe and bassoon.



Percussion

Instruments from the percussion family are instruments that can be hit or shaken.

Percussion instruments can be tuned (can play different pitches) or un-tuned.



Skills developed

To be able to play 'Ode to Joy' by Beethoven, on the ukulele.

To understand how to read ukulele tab and be able to label different parts of the ukulele.

Be able to hold a ukulele correctly .

To develop our ensemble skills by learning to play 'Ode to Joy' in a small group.

To learn how to play basic chords on the ukulele.

