

Programme Music

Year 7, Summer 1

Programme music is music that is descriptive, or tells a story, painting a picture in your head when you listen to it.

The Carnival of the Animals

The Carnival of the Animals is a collection of pieces of programme music composed by a French composer called Camille Saint-Saens.

Saint-Saens composed pieces of music about animals including: an elephant, a lion, a swan, a kangaroo and several more.

Each piece of music uses the *elements of music* to describe how the animal moves, their daily activities and their characteristics.



The Task

During this topic you will develop the skill to compose (create your own) music.

Your music must be descriptive and paint a picture of an animal of your choice.

In your piece of music you must include an **ostinato**, which is a repeating pattern.

Skills Developed

- Develop the ability to compose music in a pair, using the elements of music.
- Develop ensemble skills by working in a partnership.
- Develop performance skills by performing your work to the class.
- Develop listening skills by learning how to analyse the different elements of a piece of music.