

Creating effects with music about the weather

Key composer, genre and instruments

Antonio Vivaldi

Antonio Vivaldi was an Italian composer, violinist, teacher and a priest. He was born in Venice, in Italy in 1678. That's about 340 years ago!



He is famous for composing The four seasons. These pieces of music are for violins, which play the tune, and other stringed Instruments. He wrote the four seasons between 1718 and 1720, 300 years ago. The music is still famous today!

Style

This kind of music is called Baroque.

Instruments

String instruments: violin, viola, cello double bass, harpsichord.

Key Skills

- Listen with concentration to works by great composers.
- Sing in tune and expressively.
- Choose sounds to create effects.
- Make long sounds and short sounds on different instruments.
- Use a beater to play lightly and strongly on a glockenspiel/chime bar.
- Begin to recognise the musical symbols *p* and *f* and play soft or loud to match.
- Copy back rhythm patterns on percussion.



Key Vocabulary

composer	Someone who writes music.
strings	A section of an orchestra with string instruments: violin, viola, cello, double base.
harpsichord	An instrument invented before the piano. The strings make a short plucking sound.
bow	A special stick to play a stringed instrument with. It has horse hair on it and is pulled across the strings to make them vibrate.
rhythm	A pattern of beats.
sing in tune	Sing the right melody.
accompany	Play instruments while someone sings or plays the main tune.
melody	The tune.

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THE FOUR SEASONS

— AND OTHER STRING FAVORITES —

A harpsichord



Relevant songs

Vivaldi- Spring, Summer, Winter.

To sing:
Mr Wind
The Sun and the Wind story songs