

Where and when:

Date: Friday, 12 May 2023

Time: 11:00

Duration: 30 minutes

Location: bbc.co.uk/livelessons



This programme is available to view from home or school, and no sign-up is required.

Simply visit the website on the day and follow the instructions on the page to watch. Subtitles will also be available.

Curriculum links:

KS2 Music/KS2 PSHE & Relationships Education (caring and respectful relationships)/KS2 English /Literacy and English second level/Health and Wellbeing

- To use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others.
- Understand and explore how music is created.
- Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music.
- Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts.
- The characteristics of friendships, including mutual respect and kindness.
- The importance of respecting others, even when they are very different.

Setup:

This Live Lesson will be broadcast on the CBBC Channel and simultaneously on the BBC Teach Website on Friday, 12 May 2023.

We will be running a live commentary page on BBC Teach during the broadcast to share contributions from children watching from home and school.

How much space and equipment is needed?

The lesson can be viewed in a classroom or at home with a device (computer, tablet or mobile phone) linked to a reliable broadband connection or watched on a television on the CBBC Channel. We will be asking children to get involved in activities throughout the lesson and have provided downloadable [activity sheets](#) to help guide them through this.

Lesson content

This programme is designed to engage primary learners from the ages of 7 to 11 (Key Stage 2).

Section 1 - Introduction

From St George's Hall in Liverpool Tyler West, Lauren Layfield and Yolanda Brown will start by explaining what the Eurovision Song Contest is and why it's being hosted in Liverpool on behalf of Ukraine this year.

With the help of a group of local children and some Eurovision legends, they will encourage pupils to help create a Live Lessons Eurovision song welcoming people to Liverpool. Together they'll learn how to write song lyrics and how to use musical tools like dynamics, tempo and key.

Section 2 - Songwriting

The presenters will list/consider words, phrases and images that come to mind when we think about being in a new place. Yolanda will use these words as a starting point for the first lyrics of the Live Lessons song.

After a message from some famous faces about making people feel welcome, for activity 1, pupils will be asked to continue Yolanda's lyrics:

"Music is an international language, together we are strong..."

Download activity sheet 1 [here](#).

Section 3 - Key, tempo and dynamics

Yolanda will explain the difference between major and minor keys, and explore how key can be used to create different moods and feelings in music.

After listening to two Eurovision songs - one in a major and one in a minor key - Yolanda will demonstrate how powerful a key change can be, by playing 'Happy Birthday' in a major, then minor key.

Yolanda will then explain the effect of dynamics and tempo on a piece of music. The children will be given four different Italian musical terms - *forte*, *piano*, *allegro*, *adagio*. To find out what they mean, our keyboardist Simon will play 'Happy Birthday' and change the tune as the children hold up their signs. We will learn that *forte* means loud, *piano* means quiet, *allegro* means fast and *adagio* means slow.

For activity two, we'll hear two pieces of music and pupils will be challenged to identify the key, tempo and dynamics of each piece.

Download activity sheet 2 [here](#).

Section 4 - The big performance

With the lyrics sorted, we'll focus on adding some clapping and rhythm to the song. Lauren and Tyler will also explore confidence and why it is such an important part of any great performance. They'll turn to some famous faces for confidence-boosting tips and prepare for the grand finale.

For activity three, pupils will be asked to write a message of encouragement to a friend who is just about to go on stage and feels nervous.

Download activity sheet 3 [here](#).

The Live Lessons choir, led by YolanDa, will perform their Live Lessons song, welcoming everyone to Eurovision 2023!

Useful links:

- BBC Teach: [English KS2: Write song lyrics](#)
- BBC Bitesize: [What is composition?](#)
- BBC Bitesize: [What is structure?](#)
- BBC Bitesize: [What are dynamics?](#)
- BBC Bitesize: [What are pulse and rhythm?](#)
- BBC Bitesize: [How does music make you feel?](#)

Follow-up activities:

Try some of these suggestions to follow up on the Live Lesson and extend children's learning:

- Bring together children's composition ideas from the Live Lesson. Can the ideas be joined together to make a brilliant Eurovision class song?
- Allow children time to develop their composition ideas in pairs or small groups. Hold your own Eurovision competition in class or across the school.