

Year 2

This week you are going to do something different and creative! You are going to listen to a piece of classical music of the Lark Ascending written by an English composer, Vaughan Williams. A composer is someone who writes music and the music often tells a story. Do you know what a Lark is?

Click below to find out!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ld35eKlvxSc>

Now click on the link below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1qJzptdT7pvzCq59PGWXS1P/the-lark-ascending-by-ralph-vaughan-williams>

Next, click on the picture of the women, Molly Rainford and listen to the video which tells us about Vaughan Williams and his music.

Next click on the video of the orchestra and listen to the music. The solo instrument that is representing the lark is called the violin. Vaughan Williams is using this instrument to tell the story of the lark. When you are listening to the music think of answers to the questions below.

- What do you think the Lark is doing?
- Do you think the lark is happy or sad?
- Do you think the lark is flying high in the sky or close to the ground?
- Which other animals can you hear or imagine?

Using the bird template cut out and colour in the picture of the bird. If you have a straw, stick your picture of the bird to it. Now play the music again from the start. Move your bird slowly or quickly to the music as if it is flying high up in the sky. Every so often stop and glide and then start again!

Extension

What do you think the Lark could hear around him? Think of the types of birds that you see and hear when you open a window or go out of your home.

Here are the sounds of some common birds. Which have you heard?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8-dOm7-WEI>