

## Vocabulary

Crescendo – Gradually getting louder.

Ostinato – A repeating pattern of music.

Pulse – A steady beat.

Timbre – The sound quality of the music – using words to describe what it sounds like

Tuned percussion – percussion instruments that can play different pitches – xylophones, glockenspiels, chime bars etc.

Untuned percussion – percussion instruments that can only make a limited number of sounds – drums,

## 'Mars' from The Planets – Gustav Holst

How can sounds be described?



### About the composer:



Gustav Holst was born in 1874 and died in 1934.

He was a British composer.

He was interested in space and astronomy.

Holst didn't like being famous and refused to do interviews or sign autographs!

### Prior learning

Learning songs, chants and rhymes, exploring instruments in EYFS.

Exploring and improvising rhythms in KS1.

### Interesting ideas:

'Mars' is one of the pieces of music taken from the suite 'The Planets'. Each piece in the planets is completely different and takes into account the character of each planet.

### Useful links:

Follow this link to listen to 'Mars' by Gustav Holst.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXOanvv4plU>