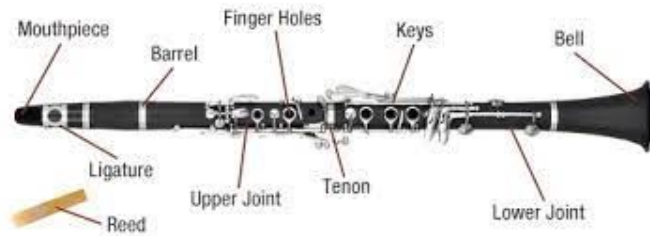




Whole class instrument learning - clarinet and saxophone

Key composer and genre	Significant piece of music and composer's life
Igor Stravinsky 1882-1971	Igor Stravinsky was a Russian composer, pianist and conductor. He is widely known as one of the most important composers of the early 20th century. The music he composed was called 'modernist'. This was orchestral music that was going through a change from how it had been for a very long time.
The Firebird	Stravinsky wrote more than 100 pieces of music for orchestras! He mostly wrote music for ballets. The Firebird is a ballet and was first performed in Paris, France in 1910. It is a magical tale of the legendary creature (the firebird) who helps two noble lovers overcome an evil sorcerer.

Key Skills
Hold the instrument correctly.
Know the names for the different sections of the instrument.
Know how to put the instrument together and take it apart.
Play simple tunes using 1-2 notes.
Recognise a crotchet and a minim.
Play in time with others.



Key Vocabulary	
clarinet	A woodwind instrument using a reed.
saxophone	A metal woodwind instrument associated with jazz music.
mouthpiece	The section to blow in.
reed	A small very thin piece of wood to be placed in the mouthpiece which creates the sound after blowing.
barrel	The part of the clarinet below the mouthpiece.
ligature	The metal fixture on a clarinet or saxophone which holds the reed in place.
bell	The bottom section of a clarinet or saxophone where the sound comes out.
keys	Fingers are placed over the keys to create different pitched sounds when blowing.
crotchet	A one beat note. 
minim	A two beat note. 
woodwind	A group of instruments which includes flutes, piccolos, recorders, clarinets, saxophones, bassoons and oboes.



The firebird theme is played by the piccolo and soprano clarinet. The soprano clarinet is smaller than the standard clarinet which most instrument players begin with. It plays very high notes.

