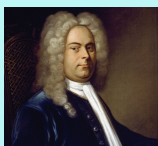


# Grange Park Primary School Year 5 Spring 2 Music

## Learning songs to perform at Voice in a Million

### Key composer, genre and instruments



#### George Friedrich Handel (1685-1789)

Georg Friedrich Händel was born in Germany. But since he spent most of his professional life in England, he's better known as George Frederick Handel.

Even though Handel was very interested in music, his father (who was a barber and surgeon) was not. There's a story that Handel smuggled a clavichord -- a VERY quiet instrument -- into the house so that he could practice in secret. Handel's father insisted that his son become a lawyer, until the day that Handel sat down at the keyboard and dazzled a duke. The duke convinced Handel's father to let his son study music.

#### Famous works

The **Water Music** is a collection of orchestral movements, often published as three suites, composed by George Frideric Handel. It premiered on 17 July 1717, in response to King George I's request for a concert on the River Thames. Handel also wrote **The Messiah** and **Music for the Royal Fireworks**. These have been performed by orchestras all over the world ever since they were composed and are still famous today.



By contrast, a more contemporary (modern) piece of music about water we will listen to is by Lee Ru-Ma, better known by his stage name Yiruma. He is a South Korean pianist and composer. He is 43 years old.

#### Famous works

Yiruma attended Kings Music College in London and in 2001 he wrote **The River Flows in You**, a beautiful, now hugely popular piece for piano. It is written in A major and has lots of smooth running notes to sound like water flowing.

### Key Skills

Sing from memory with confidence.

Know and practise appropriate breathing exercises and why this helps with singing.

Use voices with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.

Perform with controlled breathing.

Sing a harmony part of a song and hold your tune.

Sing with expression.

Perform actions as part of the songs.



### Relevant songs and music for listening

Champion  
Uptown Funk  
Let me Entertain You  
Fix You  
Human  
Don't give up on Me  
Unstoppable  
Try Everything  
Giant  
The Show must Go on  
Chosen Family

Linked to Geography topic - Rivers:  
Handel's Water Music

The River Flows in You-  
Yiruma

### Key Vocabulary

#### vocals

Voices.

#### backing

Music without vocals.

#### posture

A way of standing to enable good breathing and singing.

#### solo artist

A singer on their own.

#### contemporary

Modern.  
Contemporary classical is classical (orchestral) music written in the 1900s onwards.

#### 90s pop

Popular music of the 1990s.

#### upbeat

Music which is uplifting and positive, often with a strong pulse.

#### harmony

Singing in different parts which sound nice together.

