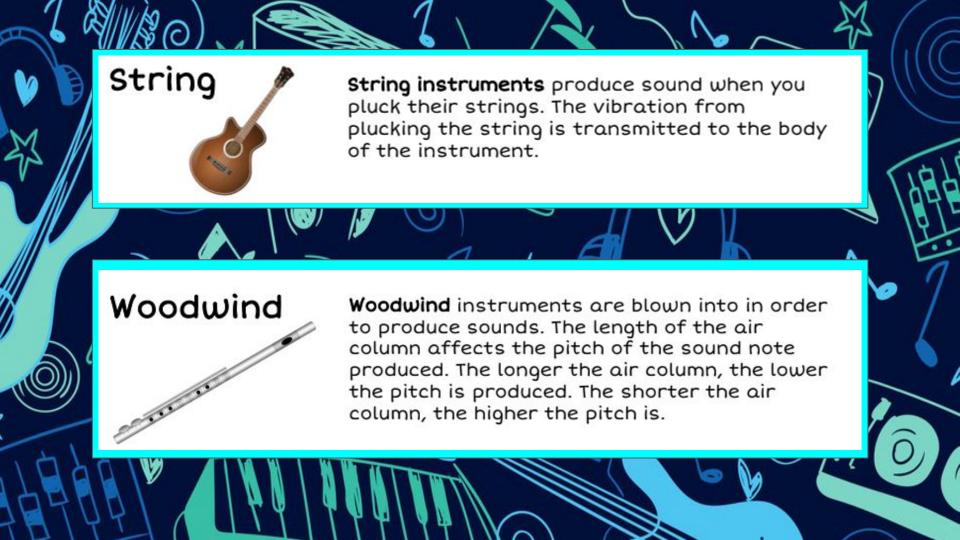




This month you will '2 - step' into the world of country





#### Brass



Similar to woodwinds, **brass** instruments you blow into in order to produce sound. They create a much different type of sound than woodwind (more of a buzzing sound you hear in jazz and blues music). These instruments are made of brass or other types of metal material.

#### Percussion



Percussion instruments produce sound when someone beats or strikes the surface. They can also be shaken. Some instruments are beaten with hands or sticks.



### **Overview:**

Country music originates from <u>early</u>
American folk and Western music.
In country music, you often hear
<u>simple ballads</u> using string
instruments such as banjo and
guitar.

### **History**:

Country music is a genre that originated in southern United States and the Appalachian Mountains around the 1920's.

Music from Atlanta helped launch country music of today.



#### Famous musicians and bands:

1920's - Jimmie Rodgers, the Carter family, Cliff Carlisle 1930's - Patsy Montana, Bob Wills, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers 1950/60's - Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins 1970's - Dolly Parton, Kenny Rogers, Ray Price, Hank Williams 1980's till now - Shania Twain, Dixie Chicks, Keith Urban, Faith Hill

## Common elements of country music:

In country music, you will often <u>hear a story being told.</u>
String instruments are often used, such as the <u>guitar</u>, <u>fiddle</u> <u>and banjo</u>.

Have a listen to the Banjo boys perform - can you tell the difference between the three instruments?

Look carefully at how each instrument is held and played.

Country music also has a <u>simple musical structure</u> compared to other genres of music.

## Listening to country music:

- While listening, describe what you hear.
- What story is being told?
- Listen for specific instruments, beats and rhythms.

If anything stands out then write it out!

There are no wrong answers!

**Dolly Parton - Coat of many colours** 

# Country music

What I learned!
My favourite thing about country music is (and why)...



One fun fact I learned about country music was...



A question I have about country music is...

Make sure you collect a 'What I learned' sheet from Mrs Weston. It contains the questions above and space for you to draw!

Remember to hand it in once complete, ready for display!