

Learning the D String Task Pack

Hello Primary 4!

This pack of tasks is intended to keep you entertained until the end of term and into the summer holidays, so take your time! One task per week is a good amount to aim for but if it takes longer that's fine too. I've included all the backing tracks, have some fun playing along with them!

We are going to be learning about the D string notes. This is tricky- don't worry if it takes you a while to get the hang of.

All the D string fingers have names.

- First finger is called E
- Second finger is called F#
- Third finger is called G



Have a look at the D string worksheet before you start each task and study the differences between the notes on the stave closely.

Listen to the track and follow along with the music before you try to learn the notes of each piece.

Task 1 - P26 Fiddle Time Starters

- This is G- this piece uses only your third finger on the G string.
- Jogging in the city- uses the note G (three fingers on D) and open A (no fingers) - they look very similar, be careful!
- Perfect Match- uses the open G string, and third finger on the D string which is also called G!
- Don't forget to play along with the tracks once you have mastered them 😊

Task 2 - P27 Fiddle Time Starters

- F sharp now- uses only your second finger on the D string.
- Venice and Vivaldi- try to notice the difference between F# and G! They are very close together.
- Here comes E- uses only your first finger on the D string.
- Starlight- try to tell the difference between E and G.
- Don't forget to play along with the tracks once you have mastered them 😊



Task 3 - P29 Fiddle Time Starters

- Fit as a Fiddle- uses all fingers on the D string as well as your open A string! Use the lyrics to help you learn the notes- there are lots of clues!
- Once you've learnt Verse 1 and the Chorus of Fit as a Fiddle, use the track to play along and see if you can figure out Verse 2 and 3.

- Finger-tapping cha-cha- you'll be getting good at reading the D string notes by now, have fun getting this as fast as you can.

Task 4 - p30 Fiddle Time Starters

- You should be really good at reading the D string notes now! Have some fun learning two new pieces- **Lost Shoe Blues** and **Missed it!**
- Don't forget to play along with the tracks once you have mastered them 😊

Task 5 - Performance!

- Choose your favourite D string piece. Practice it lots until you can play it the best you think you can.
- Try to perform to somebody in your house, this can be family, a pet, or even a friend over a video call! Don't forget to use the backing track for your performance.
- Sharing the music that you've worked really hard at, will spread lots of joy to those around you. I can't wait to hear about these performances when we get back to school!

