

Learning the A String Task Pack

Hello Primary 5!

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 A string notes. This is tricky- don't worry if it takes you a while to get the hang of.

All the A string fingers have names.

- First finger is called B
- Second finger is called C#
- Third finger is called D

Have a look at the A 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 - P31 Fiddle Time Starters

- **This is D-** this piece uses only your third finger on the A string. The note sits on the line.
- **C sharp now-** uses only your second finger on the A string. The note sits in the space.
- **Knock Knock-** try to notice the difference between D and C#! They are very close together.
- Don't forget to play along with the tracks ☺

Task 2 - P32 Fiddle Time Starters

- **Here comes B-** uses only your first finger on the A string.
- **Off to school-** try to tell the difference between D and B. They look very similar, be careful!
- At the end of **Off to school** the piece says 'LH pizz' above your final two notes. Can you remember what it means? We played a piece of music called popcorn that used this technique.
- **Wake up-** Uses the notes B, C# and D! Are you beginning to be able to tell the difference between them? Remember you can always use your A string sheet to help.
- Don't forget to play along with the tracks ☺



Task 3 - P33 Fiddle Time Starters

- A **string activity page**- try drawing the A string notes yourself at the top of the page. Draw them as neatly as you can.
- **Be an A string composer**- Using only A string notes, have some fun writing your own tune.
- You might like to use your violin to help you compose. Or you might like to write the whole song and see how it sounds after!

Task 5 - p34 Fiddle Time Starters

- You should be really good at reading the A string notes now! Have some fun learning two new pieces- **Get aboard** and **Clear Blue Sky**.

Task 5 - Performance!

- Choose your favourite A 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!

