

# Learning the E String Task Pack

Hello Primary 6!

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

All the E string fingers have names.

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



Have a look at the E string worksheet before you start each task and study the differences between the notes on the stave closely. All the music is from Fiddle Time Joggers.

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

## Task 1 - Ready Steady Go Now

- Learn lines 1 and 2. Most notes are on the E string, use the E string worksheet to help you.
- Now have a go at lines 3 and 4. There are lots of D and A string notes here, so these should be easy!
- D.C al Fine means you go back to the start and play until you see Fine.
- Try playing along with the track ☺

## Task 2 - Li'l Liza Jane

- Listen to the track and follow along with the music before you try to learn the notes, it is a lively American tune.
- This piece is a duet, what does that mean?
- You are going to learn the first violin part (top lines) of the duet.
- Split the piece into bitesize chunks- only learn 4 bars at a time. Each section uses fingers on both the A and E string!
- Play along with the track once you have mastered the whole song.
- **Extra:** Can you also learn the lower part of the duet?



### Task 3 - Fiddle Time

- This piece is the hardest so far!
- Lines 5 and 6 have a new technique called slurs. This is where you play two notes in one bow! Can you try playing two different notes in the same bow stroke?
- Once you can play the whole piece don't forget to play along with the track.

### Task 4 - 4th fingers

- Carrion Crow- This piece has a new note- 4<sup>th</sup> fingers on E. The note looks like this:



- Can you spot the 4<sup>th</sup> fingers in this piece?
- You are going to learn the first violin part (top lines) of the duet.
- There are lots of dynamics in this piece which tell you how loud and quietly to play. Can you find out the meanings of f, mf, mp, p? Try to follow these instructions in the music once you're confident with the notes.
- Extra: Can you also learn the lower part of the duet?

### Task 5 - Flying High

- You should be getting really good at the E string notes now. Learn to play this piece with all the slurs too!
- Don't forget to play along with the track.



### Task 5 - Performance!

- Choose your favourite E 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!

