

# 5 Step Music Activities

## CONDUCTING MUSIC

Teaching children how to conduct helps give them a sense of the elements of music, specifically pulse, tempo and dynamics.

01

**Listen** to a piece of classical music that varies in dynamics. A good example of this would be Beethoven's 5th



02



**Show** the pupils a video of a conductor. Demonstrate what they do to keep the orchestra in time. As well as keeping pulse, show the pupils the following actions: **Clenched fist = Stop. Raised Palm = Louder. Lower Palm = Quieter**

03



**Conduct** along to the music **as a class**, emphasising the clouds and the quiet

04

**Introduce** other songs, allowing class members to choose to conduct to songs that they already know



05

Finally, the class should perform a song together, with the conductor controlling the **pulse and dynamics**. The music could be anything from a pop song to a nursery rhyme

