

**Music Focus:**

Composer Study: Bach

**Year 1**

**Term: 2**

## Key Knowledge

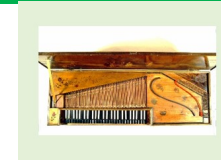
Johann Sebastian Bach was a famous German composer of orchestral and church music.

Born on March 21, 1685.

Died in 1750

His work is considered to be some of the finest examples of a style of music known as baroque.

Baroque – The name given to a style of music written in western Europe between 1600-1750



A harpsichord is played by pressing keys which pluck strings inside the main body of the instrument. Unlike other keyboard instruments, you can't change the volume of a note on a harpsichord by pressing a key harder or more gently.

A clavichord is similar to a harpsichord but instead of the strings being plucked they are hit, like in a piano. The main difference is that they are very small and quiet. People like Johann Sebastian Bach would have used them to practise organ music at home.

## Key Objectives Covered In This Unit That You Can Also Do At Home

- ◇ Listen to a range of music and talk/write about the emotions they evoke.
- ◇ Research the composer Bach, and find out about the era in which he was born, to know what influenced him in his work.
- ◇ Listen to a range of music by Bach, talk about emotions, which instruments can they identify
- ◇ Talk about what is in an orchestra in Bach's time and today.

