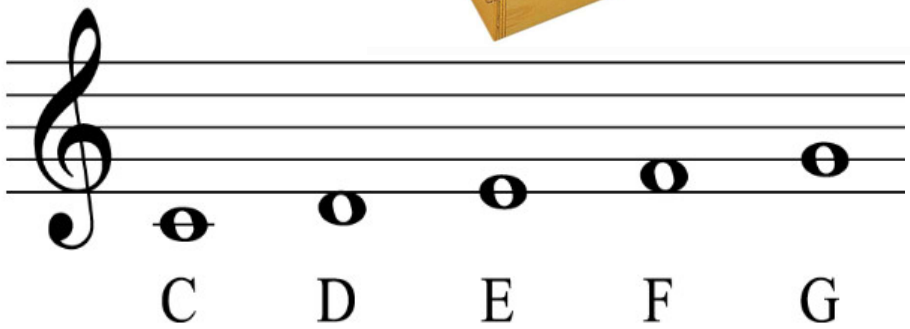
Topic Fact Sheet – Glockenspiels – Year 5 – Summer Term

The glockenspiel is a percussion instrument similar to the xylophone but with metal bars instead of wood.

To make a sound, strike the bars with beaters.

Vocabulary

Pitch	How high or low a note is.
Crotchet	A note worth 1 beat.
Minim	A note worth 2 beats.
Semibreve	A note worth 4 beats
Rest	A silent beat where no sound is made.
Pulse	The steady beat in a piece of music that you might clap along to.
Stave	The 5 horizontal lines on which music notes are written.
Improvise	To play without planning or practising.



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Listen to two musicians playing glockenspiels here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vabzPYLDDPs