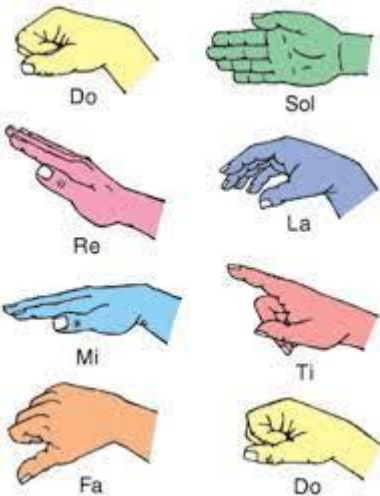




Year 4

Scales and Melody



Scales are sets of musical notes ordered in ascending or descending pitch. Music is based on scales. The Sol-fa scale is used by singers. Each syllable of the scale represents a note in the scale. Each note is also represented by a hand sign. The Sol-fa scale and signs are known as Kodaly.

The Sol-fa scale helps singers to be able to sight-sing a melody. This means that they can sing by reading the syllables of the scale rather than relying on hearing a melody first.

Zoltan Kodaly was a Hungarian composer. He developed this system of notation.



Songs and games explored in this topic

- The Sol-fa Scale
 - Jibber Jabber
 - Doe a deer
- The Skye Boat Song
 - Gavotte

Vocabulary

Tempo - the speed of the music

Pitch - whether notes are high or low

Rhythm - a pattern of beats

Dynamics - the volume of the music

Step - moving up or down one note at a time

Leap - moving several notes at a time

Scale - a set of notes ordered in ascending or descending pitch

Interval - the distance between two notes