



**FUTURE YARD
SCHOOLS**

TURN UP THE VOLUME

SOUND STORIES

Future Yard presents a six-session creative music project helping pupils discover the stories, sounds and voices within their own communities and transform them into music.

Created by Future Yard, a not-for-profit community music venue and industry-aligned skills, training and education organisation, Sound Stories brings the energy, creativity and collaboration of real music-making into primary schools.

Across six sessions, pupils explore their community and sounds from the world around them, build rhythms and hooks, experiment with lyrics and musical ideas, and work together to develop a class piece.

The six-session journey prepares pupils to share what they have created through a final performance, whether that happens in the classroom, school hall, community or a live music space.

WHY SOUND STORIES?

Music doesn't only begin on a stage or through a screen.

Music starts with people.

It starts with ideas, stories, places, conversations and experiences.

Every community has its own sounds and stories. Sound Stories gives pupils the tools to notice them, explore them and turn them into something musical, bringing different ideas and voices together along the way.



SIX SESSIONS. ONE SHARED CREATION.

1. Sound Hunters

Explore the sounds, places and experiences that make our communities distinctive.

2. Beat Builders

Turn everyday sounds and ideas into rhythm and groove.

3. Hook Lab

Experiment with words, lyrics and memorable musical hooks.

4. Develop Musical Parts

Build melodies, rhythms and instrumental ideas into the piece.

5. The Arrangement Game

Decide how different sections fit together and shape the music as a class.

6. Sound Check

Rehearse, refine and prepare the finished piece for performance.

Schools can follow the main creative pathway, with additional musical scaffolds and Future Yard resources available where pupils or teachers need more support.

A COMPLETE CREATIVE MUSIC JOURNEY

DIGITAL CLASSROOM RESOURCES

Schools receive:

- Six curriculum-aligned creative music sessions
- Video lesson resources
- Lesson plans and teacher guidance
- Creative games and practical classroom activities
- Supporting music and resources
- Assessment and progression materials

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT

Sound Stories is designed to make high-quality, modern and engaging creative music-making achievable for non-specialist teachers as well as music specialists.

Participating schools are supported through practical CPD, helping teachers explore the activities themselves, understand the creative process and build confidence in leading music in the classroom.

A SHARED CREATIVE OUTCOME

By the end of the project, pupils will have brought together their own sounds, words and musical ideas into a shared class piece.



After the six sessions, schools can bring that work to an audience through a performance or sharing opportunity in school, in their community or through wider Sound Stories opportunities.

The emphasis is not simply on the finished performance. It is on pupils experiencing the process musicians use every day:

LISTEN

Notice the sounds, stories and experiences around us.

CREATE

Turn ideas into rhythm, melody, lyrics and musical moments.

COLLABORATE

Listen to other people and bring different ideas together.

DEVELOP

Make choices, arrange ideas, rehearse and improve.

PERFORM

Share what you have created with an audience.

DISCOVER MORE WITH TURN UP THE VOLUME

Sound Stories is part of Future Yard's wider approach to music education: Turn Up The Volume.

Turn Up The Volume opens up a world of music for pupils: creating, performing, learning instruments, experiencing live music and discovering where music can take them through careers in the music industry.

Alongside creative, curriculum-aligned classroom resources, schools can access **live music experiences, instrumental learning, creative workshops, careers activity, school trips and opportunities for pupils to make and perform music together.**

It is designed to help schools build a richer music offer and boost school culture, giving children opportunities to experience music from different perspectives: as listeners, creators, performers and potential future music-makers and professionals.

WANT TO SEE WHAT TURN UP THE VOLUME LOOKS LIKE IN THE CLASSROOM?

Explore some of our free sample resources:

KS1 SAMPLE LESSON 1

KS1 SAMPLE LESSON 2

KS2 SAMPLE LESSON 1

KS2 SAMPLE LESSON 2



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