

TEACHERS TV

Have you managed to watch Teachers TV yet? Most of the music programmes are not being transmitted anymore but you can download or watch them online.

<http://www.teacherstv.co.uk>



Other programmes include 'Primary music showcase' which explores how teachers can use TV to support teaching using music programmes from the BBC and Channel 4.

Two other programmes explore the songs 'Anansi, Cat and Rat', and 'Building' (refers to a building site) which are taught through Karaoke, based on the channel 4 series 'Stop look listen'.

Managing Music at KS2

15 minutes

Primary teachers are often required to teach music despite having had little or no musical training. In this programme, primary music advisor Helen MacGregor offers teacher Steve Owen support and advice as he teaches two Year 6 music classes.

Using pop songs as a starting point for composition, Steve's class is shown working on the early lessons of this unit as they create the verses and chorus of their new song using simple rhythmic patterns. The pupils work on beat and rhythm and are given the opportunity to perform their patterns on percussion. Owen is then able to assess the pupils' rhythmic skills before they move onto recording using notation software.

Managing Music at KS1

15 minutes

Many Primary teachers are required to teach music despite having had little or no musical training. Primary music advisor Helen MacGregor offers teacher Louise Harvey Wells some valuable tips for managing music at Key Stage 1.

Her class explores quiet and loud body sounds, which Louise develops into a notation activity that the pupils work on in pairs, creating musical scores which they later perform.

You may recognise the name Helen MacGregor from many music books from A & C Black and as one of the authors of Music Express. The programmes are not threatening and could be good support for teachers who are not so confident teaching music.